

We have already shown from Daniel that beasts are empires, but the Scalet beast is different. It cannot be pinned to the Middle East like the Leopard-Bear-Lion, and it appears to control more than a set geographic area.

Rev 17:1 "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:"

From Rev 17:15, those many waters represents many peoples tongues and nations.

Rev 17:2 "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

So the whole known world and it's kingdoms (at the time John penned this) will associate with this harlot.

Rev 17:3 "So he carried me away IN THE SPIRIT into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

When you see, "in the spirit" you know the prophet is seeing a vision and all biblical visions are figurative. So we need to determine what these figures mean.

First, this beast has a color, scarlet, and the Bible tells us what scarlet means . . .

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

So this beast is a totally sinful empire and it has seven heads and ten horns with a figurative harlot sitting on it's back. . .

Rev 17:4 "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:"

This woman is described as a harlot, and throughout scripture the apostate church is described as a harlot. Here is an sample verse . . .

Isa 1:21 How is the faithful city (Jerusalem) become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

Rev 17:6 "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."

Earlier in the Christian Era, the established church (apostate at the time) killed or had killed somewhere between 4,000,000 and 8,000,000 Christians (depending on which authority you read) for refusing to accept papal authority or Catholic dogma.

[More Christians have killed Christians than the heathen ever did.](#)

But the established Church is not this beast and the Pope is not the antichrist. This beast existed thousands of years before the Catholic church was established. Here is how we can know that . . .

Rev 17:8 "The beast that thou sawest WAS, and IS NOT; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder . . . when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

OK, the beast "was and is not." To understand that verse we need to put ourselves in the shoes of the

Apostle John in 95AD when he penned Revelation.

In 95AD, Rome was the empire in power, so the Scarlet beast came before John's time, was not visible in John's time, but it would resurface later.

Rev 17:10 "and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while".

During John's time, five of the kingdoms belonging to this scarlet beast had already fallen. "One is," and what kingdom was in power when this was written? Rome, so Rome is the empire that "IS."

So did five empires rule the Holy Land before Rome? If so, who were they and were there just five empires that did so?

1. Egypt until 1406BC
2. Assyria 721-606BC
3. Babylon 606-536BC
4. Medo-Persia 536-332BC
5. Greece 332BC-65BC

Five empires really did rule the Holy land before Rome so those past empires are the "five are fallen."

After Rome, no major empires controlled the Holy Land and Jerusalem until the Moslems invaded in 649AD. Then in 688AD Moslems built the Dome of the Rock on God's temple site. A fulfillment of Rev 11:2

Jerusalem was freed of Gentile control in 1967AD. 42 Months are 1278.34 days. If those days are viewed as prophetic years then . . .

1967AD - 1278.34 years = 688AD

688AD and the construction of the Islamic Dome of the Rock right to the year. From that construction until the Jews took control of Jerusalem was 1278 years to be exact, so the Moslem beast did remain in control of Jerusalem "a little while,"

Rev 17:11 "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition."

Ah, and here is where we can identify the Scarlet beast, itself. Satan is the "son of perdition" and Satan told Jesus that the kingdoms of the world were given into his hand:

Luke 4:5-6 "And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it."

Satan owned those ancient kingdoms and controlled them, they were part of his empire. So Satan himself has to be the Beast that WAS, and since he "was, and is not," then his 8th kingdom has to come out of the five who are fallen.

Now which of those fallen empires are still alive today as an image or likeness of past empires? The Leopard-Bear-Lion, the Islamic states of the Middle East.

Ergo: Satan's empire is Islam and his throne is in the Middle East. Islam is the 8th empire and the final enemy of Israel and the Church. So to repeat . . .

The "five are fallen:"

- 1st. Egypt until 1406BC
- 2nd. Assyria 721-606BC
- 3rd. Babylon 606-536BC
- 4th. Medo-Perisa 536-332BC
- 5th. Greece 332BC-65BC

"One is:"

- 6th. Rome 65BC-649AD

"The other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while."

- 7th. The Moslem control of Jerusalem between 688AD and 1967AD

"And then cometh the eighth"

- 8th. The new and 2nd rise of Islam we see before us today.

Rev 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

These are not "kingdoms" or "kings" in the ordinary sense because they have visible kingdom and no crowns.

From Rev 13, they are probably 10 economic leaders and there are 10 in the world today.

Rev 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

These are the earth's final leaders and they will give their authority to Satan.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

That is the end of all things and also the end of this study.

The room is now open for questions or comments.

Rev 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Rev 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Rev 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.