

CHAPTER XII

THE SEVEN KINGS

Your attention is called to verses 10 and 11 of chapter 17 of Revelation; it references: **“AND THERE WERE SEVEN KINGS; FIVE IS FALLEN, ONE IS, AND ONE IS YET TO COME.”** Here the prophet is giving us the history of nations, which had to do with the *true church* of God. Now along with the scripture on them, we ask you to notice again the history of Babylon, the Meade and Persians, Greece and Rome. These were universal kingdoms of world-rule and there were seven different types of kings that ruled them in history. We notice the first four kings in Daniel 7:15-17; then notice two more in Daniel 8:3-6 [*see appendix*]. Now we have six kings before us, which ruled the world before Christ; and at the time of the Prophet John, already we know that there were four universal kingdoms of world-rule. The Beast symbolized the type of government. The type of government here is more important than the individuals themselves, for one king can carry the other’s policies; therefore, the difference in the Beast indicates the type of governments, which there were seven.

- The *lion* is **Babylon**; the type of government was lion-like.
- The *bear* is the **Meade** and **Persians**. (Note: The *ram* in Daniel 8th chapter again, is the king of the Meade and Persians, which were military governments.)
- The *four-headed leopard* is **Greece**. (The *goat* again, is Greece and the horn in its head is “Alexander-the-Great”.)

All of these five kings at one time ruled the whole world, but in the day of the Prophet John all five of them had fallen.

Now the *great iron Beast* in chapter 7, verses 19-26, is **Rome**, which was in power at the time of the Prophet John; for the Beast “was”. Here you have history of persecution under Pagan Rome. The ten horns in his head are the ten persecutors of Rome; beginning with Nero, for the ten rulers to the horn of the Beast had the same type of government. You do well to notice the history of Pagan Rome; at this point we have six kings: the five that had fallen in the time of the Prophet John and the one that was in power in his time...which was Rome.

We wish it understood that as long as the same type of government exists, regardless to how many kings that carried out the same policies, the same beast typifies him until a change came in the policies of the government, having to do with the church. This brings us to one more king and type of government, which will make up the seven kings. So again we take you to the Prophet John and have a repeat on his words (Revelation 17:10): **“AND THERE WERE SEVEN KINGS; FIVE ARE FALLEN, ONE IS, AND THE OTHER IS YET TO COME AND WHEN HE COMES HE MUST CONTINUE A SHORT SPACE.”** Next, your attention is drawn to Revelation 13:1-10 [*see appendix*]. This is Papal Rome; a religious power, which ruled the world through the church, which is Catholicism – who, like Pagan Rome – that slaughtered the saints of the “Dark Ages”...but did it by orders of the church.

Now we have all seven of the kings. The Beast of Revelation 13:1 was not in the time of the Prophet John, but this type of government was set up between the fifth and sixth century; and it was still later when its kings started to slaughter the saints of God in the “Dark Ages”. **This is the mystery of the seven (7) kings!!!**