

The cup—Abominations and filthiness of her fornication. From murder to intrigue to pedophilia and homosexuality, Rome's excesses and corruption are innumerable and historically irrefutable.

Nebuchadnezzar, referred to as a lion, in Jeremiah 4:7, was made to eat grass like an ox for seven years, because of his high, haughty look. In Daniel 7:4 we are told the Chaldean potentate had eagle's wings that were plucked, while the beast stood up and a man's heart was given him. After a seven-year absence from his kingdom, Nebuchadnezzar was returned to his former self and his understanding renewed . . . All this

because he acknowledged the biblical God as Creator.

Her behavior reveals she's intoxicated—with the blood of the saints and with the martyrs of Christ. Her despicable acquisition of lands, money, and title, have earned Rome the appellation, "Babylon the Great." Her inquisitorial methods have disclosed a system of antichristian religion as revealed in John's gospel, his letters, and the Book of Revelation. From the spiritual heresy known as Gnosticism, with its denial of Jesus' humanity, to Nicolaitanism, as well as a syncretistic blend of Judaism and Christianity (the old with the new), Rome has acquired all these doctrines of devils for the sake of her survival as well as her legitimacy in a progressively pluralistic society.

The seven heads represent the seven hills of Rome, as well as seven earthly kingdoms, six of which have already come and gone. The ten horns are ten future kings, which may be ten kings contemporaneously or not. The waters this beast rises from represent peoples, nations, multitudes and tongues

From her forehead to her neck it says, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

This title describes Rome's origins. Rome is mysterious. Mystery, intrigue, and deceit gives us an accurate portrayal of Rome's true nature. She is masked and unrecognizable to most. Mystery speaks of her esoteric nature. To her initiates she is rabidly antichristian and therefore antibiblical. From Nimrod's clandestine empire spawned at Babel in the plain of Shinar, to the rise of the Roman Empire and its decline as the implacable enemy of the early Christian church, Rome and Babylon share the same spiritual ancestry—religious, totalitarian, collectivism.

This creature was and is not and yet is. Scripture records for us that this creature, "Shall ascend out of the bottomless pit." Do not lose heart as scripture tells us that this creature will go into perdition. The king, or the angel of the bottomless pit, is called Abaddon in Hebrew. In the Greek his name is Apollyon. His seven heads, representing seven kings, speak of a future king that has not risen to power yet. He is a king, with the power [spiritual and temporal] and persuasiveness of two temporal entities—the beast and false prophet while the two act as one (of the eighth), and is of the seven--Rev. 9:11; Rev. 17:8, 9, 11

Greek Empire

The swift and cunning military campaigns engineered by Alexander the Great speak of the quickness of a leopard with wings. The four heads are his four generals. His kingdom split into four.

Medo-Persian Empire

The bear, raised up on one side speaks of the duality of the kingdom. The Persians subjugated the Medes. The three ribs in the bear's mouth speak of the empire's conquests of Lydia, Egypt and Babylon.

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Rome's root, and therefore her behavior, influenced by:

- Medo--Persian Empire (feet of a bear-deliberate, calculating, and cunning) This has been, and continues to be, Rome's method of operation. Whereas before the three ribs in the bear's mouth were Lydia, Egypt, & Babylon, they have recently been revealed to be Washington D.C. (apex of global military-intelligence), London (center of international banking), & Vatican City (world religious center). Recently, these entities reflect three sovereign territories within subjugated countries they rule
- Babylon--Possessing a mouth of a lion, this ravishing predator's appetite and prowess within the animal kingdom is evident in Babylon's totalitarian pursuit of spiritual power and unquestioned dominance. Before his abasement, Nebuchadnezzar was the embodiment of all tyrants—his word was law, his judgment was unequivocal, and his punishment was cruel and decisive
- Body, or torso, which are hidden in this illustration, reveal Greece and how her enemies underestimated Macedonian military might and the swiftness by which Alexander the Great came to power