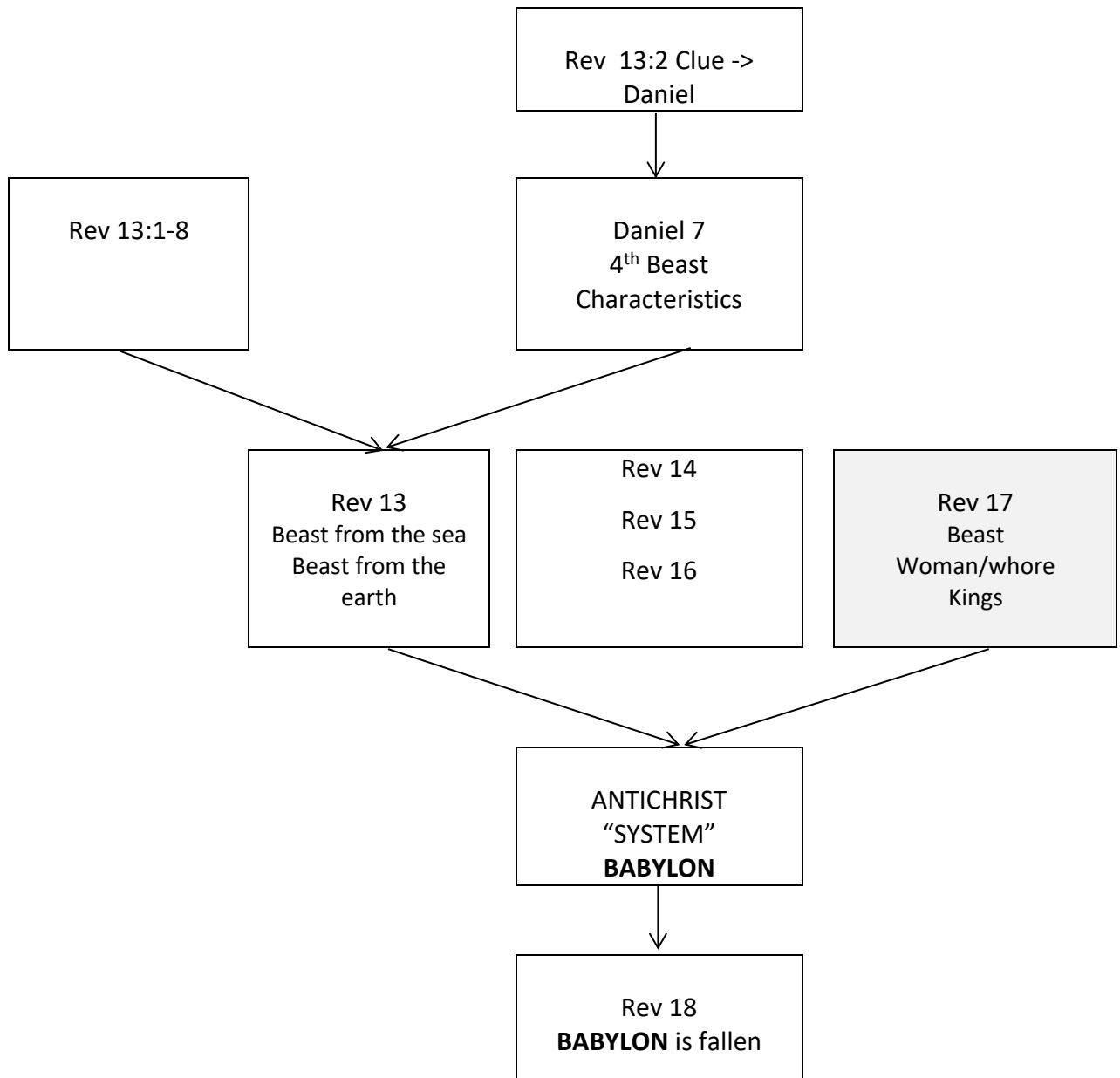


REVELATION 17:



1. The WHORE/WOMAN:

Refer to Table A:

- a) What is the angel going to show John? (Rev 17:1)
- b) What does the whore look like? (Rev 17:3-6)
- c) What do you think are the "names of blasphemy" on the beast? (Rev 17:3, John 10:33, Rev 13:6)
- d) "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev 17:5)

- i) Part of the whore’s name is: “Mother of harlots”. Do you think this implies that there are “child harlots” or “little harlots”?
- ii) How would you biblically explain the meaning of “abomination”? (Rev 21:27)
- iii) The following things are an abomination to God:
 - Idolatry and false gods (Deut 17:2-5, Deut 27:15, Deut 29:17)
 - Occult practices (Deut 18:9-12)
 - Ungodly sexual relationships like homosexuality, fornication and adultery (Lev 18:22-29)
 - Cross-dressing (Deut 22:5)
 - Imperfect sacrifices (Deut 17:1)
 - Dishonest business dealings (Deut 25:13-16)
 - Wickedness (Prov 15:9)
 - Injustice (Prov 17:15)
 - A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness, one who sows discord among brothers (Prov 6:16-19)

To what abominations do you think would the “abominations of the earth” refer to?
- iv) The name of the whore starts with “Mystery”? Do you think we may be able to figure out what or who the whore is? (Rev 17:7, Mark 4:11, 1 Cor 2:7)

e) Examine the following verses in Revelation:

Rev 14:8	“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. ”
Rev 17:2	“With whom the kings of the earth <i>have committed fornication</i> , and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. ”
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 <i>abominations and filthiness of her fornication:</i> ”
Rev 18:3	“For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication , and the kings of the earth <i>have committed fornication with her</i> , and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.”
Rev 18:9	“And the kings of the earth, <i>who have committed fornication</i> and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,”
Rev 19:2	“For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which <i>did corrupt the earth with her fornication</i> , and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.”

- i) Why is Babylon fallen? (Rev 14:8, Rev 19:2)
- ii) What do you think is the meaning of “fornication” in this context? (2 Chron 21:11, 2 Kings 17:9-15)
- iii) How can the nations or the kings of the earth commit fornication with the “whore”?
- iv) What nations are involved here? (Rev 14:8, Rev 18:3)
- v) It says all nations etc. “drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” or “made drunk with the wine of her fornication”?
 Read Is 29:9-14. Do you think this could refer to a type of spiritual drunkenness?
 Do you think “made drunk with the wine” has a literal or symbolic meaning? (Is 51:21, Jer 48:26, Jer 51:37-39)

- vi) The woman is drunk in a different way. Why? (Rev 17:6)
 - f) The great whore sits upon many waters (Rev 17:1)
The woman sits on the scarlet coloured beast (Rev 17:3)
The woman sits on 7 mountains [which are the 7 heads of the beast] (Rev 17:9)
 - i) What are the “waters” the whore is sitting on? (Rev 17:15)
 - ii) What do you think are the 7 mountains the woman is sitting on? (Rev 17:9)
Are these mountains literal or symbolic?
 - iii) Why would Rev 17:9 state that we need wisdom? (Dan 12:3,10)
 - g) Refer to Table B: (The WHORE in contrast to the BRIDE in the book of Revelation)
What are the differences between the whore in Rev 17 and the bride in Rev 19 and Rev 21?
2. THE BEAST/ANTICHRIST
Refer to Table C (Comparison Rev 13, Dan 7 and Rev 17) and to Table A (Summary Table of Rev 17).
- a) What does the “kingdom of the beast” look like? (Rev 13:1-2, Dan 7:4-7, Dan 7:23-25)
 - b) Is the beast a system or a man ruling over a kingdom? (Table A)
 - c) How and when will the Antichrist (beast) come on the scene? [his political rise] (Dan 7:19-25, Rev 6:1-2, Dan 9:27(a), Also Dan 11:21-23, Matt 24:3-15, Mark 13:4-14)
 - d) When does the Antichrist (beast) come into power? [his physical rise] (Matt 24:15-22, Rev 13:3-8, Rev 17:12-13)
 - e) Where does the Antichrist (beast) get his power from? (Rev 12:9, Rev 13:4, Eph 6:10)
 - f) For how long will the Antichrist (beast) reign? (Rev 13:5, Dan 7:25)
 - g) Who will the Antichrist (beast) rule over? (Rev 13:7-8)
 - h) What will happen to Christians (believers, saints, the saved, the elect) while the Antichrist (beast) is ruling? (Rev 13:7, Matt 24:9-12, Matt 24:21-25)
 - i) When do you think will the Antichrist (beast) receive a deadly wound? Do you think he will physically die? (Rev 13:3-8, Rev 17:8)
 - j) Discuss the sequence of events of how you think the Antichrist (beast) will come into power. (Matt 24:3-15, Mark 13:4-14, Rev 6:1-11)
 - k) Who will worship the Antichrist (beast) and why? (Rev 13:4, 8)
 - l) ¹⁰“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.” (Rev 17:10-11)

- i) What do you think is the meaning of “he is of the seven”? (Rev 12:3)
 - ii) What do you think is the meaning of “he is the eighth”? (Dan 7:24)
 - iii) What do you think is the meaning of “he goes into perdition”? (2 Thess 2:1-4)
Who in the Bible was called the son of perdition? (John 17:12, John 13:27)
3. The KINGS:
- a) What or who are the 10 horns on the scarlet coloured beast? (Dan 7:24, Rev 17:12-13)
 - b) What do you think is the meaning of “These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast”? (Rev 17:13)
 - c) “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” (Rev 17:14)
 - i) Who are “these” people that will make war with the Lamb?
 - ii) When will this war occur? (Rev 16:16-19, Rev 19:11-21)
 - iii) Why are “the called, the chosen and the faithful” with Him? (Rev 17:14, 1 Cor 1:2, 1 Tim 6:12, 2 Tim 1:9, Mark 13:20, 2 Thess 2:13-14, 1 Pet 2:9-10, 1 Tim 1:12, Rev 2:10)
 - d) What is the “will of God to be fulfilled” in this context in Rev 17:16-17?
 - e) What city do you think is that “great city” which reigns over the kings of the earth? (Rev 17:18)
4. THE DRAGON, the BEAST and the FALSE PROPHET:
Refer to the verses in Table D:
- a) What are the differences and similarities between the dragon and the beast?
 - b) Do you think the 7 heads of the dragon are the same as the 7 heads of the beast?
 - c) Do you think the 10 horns of the dragon are the same as the 10 horns of the beast?
 - d) What do you think is the meaning of “and he spoke as a dragon”? (Rev 13:13-14)
 - e) It looks like a lamb i.e “angel of light” (2 Cor 11:14-15). Is there a possibility that the false prophet will be a popular preacher?
 - f) Why do you think does the false prophet have 2 horns?
5. To think about:
- a) From what time has the dragon (Satan) deceived the earth? (Gen 3:14-15)
 - b) How did Satan (the serpent) deceive Eve in the garden of Eden? (Gen 3:1-5)
How does Satan deceive us today? Has his tactic changed?

TABLE A:

SUMMARY :- The WOMAN, The BEAST & The KINGDOM of the BEAST (Revelation 17):

THE BEAST	THE KINGS / KINGDOM	THE WOMAN (WHORE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ANTICHRIST SYSTEM -> One World Political System -> One World Currency (Rev 13:1-2) • THE ANTICHRIST [*] (Rev 13:3-7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BABYLON 	<p>THE WORLD Nations , peoples, multitudes, tongues – Influenced by the BEAST system.</p> <p>7 Mountains are the 7 spheres of society: Education, Religion, Family, Business, Government/Military, Arts/Entertainment, Media</p>	<p>ONE WORLD RELIGION -> False Religions -> Apostate Christianity</p> <p>○ BABYLON</p>
<p>Woman sits on a scarlet coloured BEAST, full of names of blasphemy, Having 7 heads and 10 horns. (v3)</p> <p>The BEAST with 7 heads & 10 horns carries the WOMAN. (v7)</p> <p>The BEAST was and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition. (v8) [*]</p> <p>They that dwell on the earth shall wonder (worship the BEAST that was, and is not, and yet is), whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world. (v8) [*]</p> <p>BEAST's 7 heads are 7 mountains. Woman sits on 7 mountains (v9)</p> <p>BEAST that was, and is not. He is the 8th and is of the 7, goes into perdition. (v11) [*]</p> <p>10 Horns are 10 Kings, received no kingdom yet, but receive power as kings for 1 hour with the BEAST. (v12) [*]</p> <p>BEAST gets power and strength from the 10 kings which have one mind. (v13) [*]</p> <p>BEAST with kings will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them. (v14) [*]</p> <p>The 10 horns on the BEAST shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire. (v16)</p> <p>God put in the their (the 10 kings) hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the BEAST, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. (v17) [*]</p>	<p>KINGS OF THE EARTH committed fornication and THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH made drunk with the wine of the whore's fornication (v2)</p> <p>THEY THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH shall wonder (worship the beast), whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world. (v8)</p> <p>7 KINGS - 5 are fallen (1,2,3,4,5th) & one is (the 6th), the other is not yet come (the 7th); and when he comes, he must continue a short space (the 7th). (v10). The beast that was, and is not, he is the 8th and is of the 7, goes into perdition. (v11)</p> <p>The 10 Horns are 10 KINGS, received no KINGDOM yet; but receive power as KINGS for 1 hour with the beast. (v12)</p> <p>The 10 KINGS have one mind, and shall give their power and strength to the beast. (v13)</p> <p>The beast with KINGS will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them. (v14)</p> <p>10 Horns (10 KINGS) on beast will hate the whore, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. (v16)</p> <p>God put in the THEIR (10 kings) hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their KINGDOM unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. (v17)</p>	<p>Judgement of the great WHORE that sits on many waters .(v1)</p> <p>Kings of the earth committed fornication & the inhabitants of the earth made drunk with the wine of the HER fornication (v2)</p> <p>WOMAN sits on a scarlet coloured BEAST, full of names of blasphemy having 7 heads and 10 horns. (v3)</p> <p>WOMAN clothed in purple and scarlet colour, gold, precious stones & pearls having a golden cup in HER hand full of abominations and filthiness of HER fornication. (v4)</p> <p>On HER forehead name written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (v5)</p> <p>WOMAN drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. (v6)</p> <p>The beast carries HER which has the 7 heads and 10 horns. (v7)</p> <p>WOMAN sits on 7 mountains. 7 heads are 7 mountains. (v9)</p> <p>WHORE sits on waters - peoples, multitudes, nations & tongues (v15)</p> <p>WHORE shall be hated by the 10 horns (on the beast, 10 Kings), and shall make HER desolate and naked, and eat HER flesh and burn HER with fire. (v16)</p> <p>WOMAN is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth. (v18)</p>

TABLE B:

The WHORE in contrast to the BRIDE in the book of Revelation:

THE WHORE/WOMAN	THE BRIDE/WIFE
<p>Rev 17:1-3 1 <i>And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:</u> 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. <p>3 <i>So he carried me away in the spirit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. <p>Rev 17:4 4 <i>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:</i></p> <p>Rev 17:15 15 <i>And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.</i></p>	<p>Rev 21:9-10 9 <i>And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>the bride, the Lamb's wife.</u> <p>10 <i>And he carried me away in the spirit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <p>Rev 19:7-8 7 <i>Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and <u>his wife</u> hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is <u>the righteousness of saints.</u></i></p> <p>Rev 21:2 2 <i>And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as <u>a bride adorned for her husband.</u></i></p> <p>Rev 21:24 24 <i>And <u>the nations of them which are saved</u> shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.</i></p>
<p>THE WHORE</p> <p>= A counterfeit of the real thing when it comes to biblical Christianity. Therefore False Religion, Apostate Christianity = Unbelievers</p> <p>= Great city, Babylon? (Rev 17:18, Rev 14:8)</p>	<p>THE BRIDE/the Lamb's WIFE</p> <p>= Biblical Christianity – Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16-18, John 5:24, John 6:40, John 11:25-26)</p> <p>= Saints, Saved, Believers on the Lord Jesus Christ (Righteousness of saints). = Great city, the holy Jerusalem</p>

TABLE C:

THE BEAST/ANTICHRIST:

Comparison between Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 (From the Revelation 13 study) with Revelation 17:

Revelation 13 & <i>Daniel 7</i> :	Revelation 17:
A beast came out of the sea (Rev 13:1, <i>Dan 7:3</i>)	
Upon his heads the name of blasphemy (Rev 13:1)	Heads full of names of blasphemy (Rev 17:3)
Like a leopard (Rev 13:2, <i>Dan 7:6</i>) Feet of a bear (Rev 13:2, <i>Dan 7:5</i>) Mouth of a lion (Rev 13:2, <i>Dan 7:4</i>) <i>4th Beast = 4th kingdom on earth (Dan7:23)</i> <i>Shall be diverse from all kingdoms (Dan 7:23)</i> <i>Shall devour the whole earth (Dan 7:23)</i> <i>Shall tread it down (Dan 7:23)</i> <i>Shall break it into pieces (Dan 7:23)</i>	
Having 7 heads and 10 horns (Rev 13:1)	Scarlet coloured BEAST, 7 heads & 10 horns (Rev 17:3) 7 heads are 7 mountains, woman sits [7 kings - 5 are fallen (1,2,3,4,5th), and one is (6th), the other is not yet come (7th); when he comes, continue a short space (7th). (Rev 17:10) – 7 CROWNS OF DRAGON???)
<i>10 horns are 10 kings shall arise (Dan 7:24)</i>	10 horns are 10 kings, received no kingdom as yet; receive power one hour with the beast. (Rev 17:12)
Upon his horns 10 crowns (Rev 13:1) <i>Another little horn shall rise after them (Dan 7:24)</i>	10 Crowns (are 10 kings and their kingdom) 10 Crowns + 1 (Antichrist) = 11
<i>Little horn shall be diverse from first (Dan 7:24)</i> <i>Little horn shall subdue three kings (Dan 7:24)</i>	Beast was, is not, is the 8th (-> 11 - 3 = 8th) & is of the 7 [7 heads -> 5 fallen, 1 is, 7th short space -> 7th kingdom](Rev 17:10), goes into perdition (Rev 17:11)
Dragon gave beast power, his seat and great authority (Rev 13:2)	Kings have one mind, shall give their kingdom, their power and strength to the beast (Rev 17:13)
One of his heads as it were wounded to death (Rev 13:3)	BEAST was, is not, shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition (Rev 17:8)
Worshipped the dragon and the beast (Rev 13:4) Mouth speaking great things and blasphemies against the most High (Rev 13:5, <i>Dan 7:25</i>) <i>Think to change times and laws (Dan 7:25)</i>	
Power given to him to continue 42 months, <i>A time, times and the dividing of time</i> (Rev 13:5, <i>Dan 7:25</i>)	10 Horns on beast -> therefore kings will hate the whore, make her desolate, naked, eat her flesh, burn her with fire (Rev 17:16) God put in their hearts, to give kingdom to beast, until words of God shall be fulfilled (Rev 17:17)
Blasphemy against God, His name, His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven (Rev 13:6)	
Power given to make war with saints, and to overcome them. <i>Shall wear out the saints of most High. Shall be given into his hand</i> (Rev 13:7, <i>Dan 7:25</i>)	
Power was given him over all kindreds, tongues and nations (Rev 13:7)	
All whose names are NOT written in the book of life shall worship him. (Rev 13:8)	
	10 Kings & the Beast make war with the Lamb, the King of kings, the Lord of lords (Rev 17:14)

TABLE D:

THE DRAGON, the BEAST and the FALSE PROPHET:

Rev 12:3	“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red <u>dragon</u> , having <u>seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.</u> ”	DRAGON	7 Heads 10 Horns 7 Crowns on heads
Rev 13:1	“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a <u>beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.</u> ”	BEAST (Out of the sea)	7 Heads 10 Horns 10 Crowns on Horns Heads -> the names of blasphemy
Rev 17:3	“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a <u>scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.</u> ”		
Rev 17:7	“And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the <u>beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.</u> ”		
Rev 13:11	“And I beheld another <u>beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.</u> ” (Rev 19:20, Rev 13:12-17)	FALSE PROPHET (Out of the earth)	2 Horns (like a lamb) Spoke as a dragon