THE BEAST STRUCTURE

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SCRIPTURES CONCERNING ALL THE BEASTS

The following are notes and commentary on the scriptures that mention ALL the beasts.

Dan 7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

Note: The entire Beast structure represents the rule of Satan the Devil especially over God's people. Rev 13:1 says that there is ONE beast who has seven heads- and ten horns. Rev 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a 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.

But the above verses say that there are FOUR beasts. This problem is solved by noticing as we proceed with discussion of the beast structure, that the FOUR beasts have between them SEVEN HEADS and ten horns. The First Beast has ONE HEAD. The Second Beast has ONE HEAD. The Third Beast has FOUR HEADS. The Fourth Beast has ONE HEAD AND TEN HORNS. This adds up to SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS.

Daniel 7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

Note: Previous verses (not shown here) are speaking about the Fourth Beast who is slain and thrown into the lake of fire. The REST of the beasts (the first three) are not slain and burned up like the Fourth Beast is, but have their dominion taken away and their lives prolonged.

Daniel 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

Note: The Hebrew word for 'kings' in this verse is 'malek' which specifically means 'kings', not 'kingdoms'. In other words, the word 'king' is not interchangeable with 'kingdom' as we were once taught. 'King' and 'kingdom' are distinct Hebrew words. The Hebrew word for 'kingdom' is 'malkuw'. The four 'kingdoms' are mentioned in Dan 2 in the vision of the great image. So this verse is speaking of four specific 'kings' who shall arise as rulers of the prophesied kingdoms. The first king was Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom Babylon; the second was Cyrus and his kingdom Medo Persia; the third was Alexander the Great and his kingdom Greece. The 'kingdom' in each case outlived the specific 'king' going on to include his successors. This verse tells us that, like the first three kings, there will be one specific Fourth King (an individual - malek) also who shall rule the coming Fourth Kingdom (malkuw) of iron.

Rev 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a 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.

Note: The one specific characteristic common to each of the seven heads is the 'name of blasphemy'. Blasphemy basically means vilification, evil speaking, or railing against God.

Compare also these other scriptures that give examples of blasphemy:

* Ezek 20:27-28 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Yet in this your fathers have <u>blasphemed</u> me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savour, and poured out there their drink offerings.

Note: Here, worship of idols is blasphemy against God

* 1Tim 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not <u>blasphemed</u>.

Note: Here, a rebellious attitude against masters is blasphemy against God

* Tit 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Note: Here, womens' behavior if not in accordance with these principles is blasphemy against God.

* Rev 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the <u>blasphemy</u> of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Note: Here, to claim that you are something good is blasphemy if it is not true.

* Mt. 12:27-32 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and <u>blasphemy</u> shall be forgiven unto men: but the <u>blasphemy</u> against the holy spirit shall not be forgiven unto men.

Note: Jesus was casting out demons by the power of the holy spirit. The Jews were saying here that he was casting out demons by Satan. Jesus said that speaking evil against the holy spirit is blasphemy that shall not be forgiven.

Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet-colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Note: The entire Beast is said to be scarlet-colored. This is elaborated on in Isa 1:18 which says, "Though your sins be as <u>scarlet</u>, they shall be white as snow." So the 'scarlet-colored' beast is full of sins that have never been repented of or corrected.

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 Beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. Rev 17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth.

Rev 17:10 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.

Note: The prevailing opinion concerning the seven mountains is that they represent seven literal hills upon which Rome and the Vatican sits. However, if we let the Bible interpret itself, verse 9 tells us what the mountains are. Read verse 9 carefully. The woman is sitting on the beast. So the mountains she is sitting on must be the seven heads or kingdoms of the beast structure. Notice that the kingdom of Babylon (the first head of the beast) is said to be a mountain in Jer 51:25

Jer 51:25 Behold, I [am] against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

Then verse 10 tells us that there are seven kings that pertain to these seven mountains on which the woman sits. These are the kings of the Beast structure:

The Beast Structure

- 1. First Beast: Nebuchadnezzar and the Kingdom of Babylon (one head)
- 2. Second Beast: Cyrus and the Kingdom of Medo-Persia (one head)
- 3. Third Beast: Alexander the Great and the four divisions of the Kingdom of Greece (Ptolemy Lagus Egypt one head) (Seleucus Nicator Syria one head) (Cassander Macedonia one head) (Lysimachus Thrace one head)
- 4. The Little Horn of the Third Beast (Dan 8)
- 5. Fourth Beast: The coming end time king and kingdom of iron (one head)
- 6. The Ten Horns of the Fourth Beast (The ten kings Dan 7:24, Rev 17:12)
- 7. The Little Horn of the Fourth Beast (The False Prophet Rev 13:11-18, 19:20)

At the point when this was understood, five of these kingdoms have fallen.

Nebuchadnezzaar has fallen

Cyrus has fallen

The four divisions of Alexander's kingdom have fallen except for the little horn of the Third Beast. He is the one who IS. This will be discussed in a later bible study.

The last head of the Beast is not yet come. And when he comes he must continue a short space. The short space is three and a half years. He is the final end time Beast of iron