

What is the Beast? (Rev 17)

1. The Beast is an Empire or Union of Countries

The Beast is obviously an empire of some kind since it consists of many kings and kingdoms combined into a single entity. So we should not think of the Beast as a person, but rather as a federation or union of countries. (All the previous beasts, described in the book of Daniel, were empires.). However the leader of that federation might be thought of as the Beast.

2. The beast is described as having 7 hills and 7 kings

Rome was built upon 7 hills and founded by a succession of 7 kings

3. A woman sitting on 7 hills

The image used in Rev 17 is of a woman sitting on a Beast with 7 heads that are 7 hills. During the time that Revelations was written – during the reign of Vespasian, Rome was depicted on coins as a woman sitting upon 7 hills.

There are Roman coins with Vespasian on one side and goddess Roma sitting on Rome's seven hills on the other.



4. A Succession of Kings

The Beast is described as having a succession of kings. Only an empire or country can have a succession of kings.

5. Rev 17 says that 5 kings have passed, one is and one will come. Then an eight who was and will come again.

This approximates to the succession of the Roman emperors

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| 5 emperors have fallen | – Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero. |
| 1 emperor is current | – Vespasian. |
| 1 will come later | – Titus. |
| 1 was and will come again | – Domitian reigned in his father's place for a while then later on after his father. |

6. 10 horns

These are 10 kings have no kingdom but are part of the Beast = 10 conquered kingdoms
Western Roman Empire divided into 10 parts –

1. Franks
2. Huns
3. Visigoths
4. Ostrogoths
5. Heruli
6. Lombards
7. Anglo-saxons
8. Suevi
9. Vandals
10. Burgundians



7. A city which reigns over the kings of the earth

The woman who sits on the 7 hills is described as a city that reigns over the kings of the earth. The Vatican in Rome was the only such city to have power over the kings of Europe, since the Pope was regarded as the representative of God.

Conclusion

So the Beast is an empire consisting of the unification of those kingdoms that were part of the Roman Empire - Western Europe. This empire will be under a leadership that might also be referred to as the Beast.

Assassination attempt

The leader is a ruler of one of the participating countries, and suffers a mortal wound – assassination attempt – but recovers.

Worship

The Beast will demand total obedience – overriding any moral, religious, or legal considerations. We can see this already, in the way that leaders and collaborators in the pandemic agenda have been willing to suspend all constitutional, moral and legal rights of subjects.

The Beast will also demand self-sacrifice and economic sacrifice - a form of total worship. We can see this in the way that leaders were willing to destroy their own businesses by locking down economies.

Financial Control

And the Beast will enforce this obedience with a system of total financial control.

Fire from Heaven

It will provide demonstrations of its might - its ability to take-out any resistance - by demonstrating the use of a laser weapon mounted on satellites that can bring fire down from heaven.

“He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven in full view of men.”



Media and Surveillance

It will use moving and speaking images (TV, video) as an object of worship, and use surveillance to see who refuses, criticises or speaks against this image, or refuses to worship it. This will be a method for filtering out dissidents to the system based on their attitude rather than upon their actions of compliance.

“And he was granted power to give breath to the image of the Beast, that the image of the Beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed”

What this means is that those who watch moving images of the Beast will be registered as supportive, whilst those who watch media that is critical, will be registered as dissidents.

The Beast will use attendance to media (aka moving and speaking images) as a means of identifying dissent people.

The Collaboration of the Church

The Church will compromise its values, and lend its support to the Beast's agenda, as we have already seen with the Catholic Church recommending poisonous vaccinations and masks. However, the Beast will bring the Church of Rome to ruin – since it is ultimately opposed to the Church and all it stands for.

The Church supports the Beast, and uses its influence to support the agenda of the Beast, but is ultimately discarded and destroyed when it is of no further use.

Anti-theist and Anti-Christian

The Beast requires worship of itself and total obedience to itself, so will persecute those who follow any other God. It probably has an atheistic, secular philosophy since it adopts the social system of China (the Dragon that gives authority to the Beast) which is also atheistic.

The fall of The West (Rev 18)

Babylon was the world's first empire after the Flood. Every one spoke one language and gathered in one place to build a tower to heaven.

Now, all the countries of the globe are again united under one authority – the authority of the Beast. And the empire of the Beast is referred to as Babylon.

Rev 18 describes Babylon as a place of

- luxury
- fornication
- self-glorification and presumed superiority
- sin
- responsible for innocent blood

Babylon does not last long though. The Bible describes it as perishing from plagues, famines, lockdowns (no travel or trade – turning it into a prison), cessation of production, and fires.

Plague and Famine

Rev 18 says that Babylon will be destroyed by plagues and famines. In fact God calls upon people to leave Babylon or suffer those plagues and famines.

“Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues”

No Trade or Travel

- Trade will cease – causing shortages
- No one will travel there. And merchants will no longer deliver there

“every shipmaster, , all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many who trade on the sea, stood at a distance”

A Prison and a Cage

“a prison for every foul spirit, , and a cage for every unclean and hated bird”

No Productivity or Marriages

- Complete cessation of any work
- Complete cessation of any marriages

Fires

Perhaps these fires are caused by the meteor showers of burning hail.

(Such meteor showers would destroy all the telecom masts – which would mean no more surveillance and no more CBDC. The meteor showers would also take out every one of the 12,000 satellites that orbit our planet, so they can no longer be used for surveillance or for mounting laser weapons.)

Destruction of the Armies of the East (Rev 19, 20)

After the Fall of Babylon (Europe), the armies of the East is gather together – perhaps to invade a devastated Europe. However they are met by the armies of Christ and destroyed.

Beast and False Prophet are captured and cast into the Lake of Fire. The Dragon is imprisoned.

First Judgement (Rev 20)

First Resurrection :

These live and reign with Christ for 1000 years. The second death has no power over these people.

1. Those who have been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for their witness to the Word of God
2. Those who had not worshipped the Beast or his image
3. Those who had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands

But the rest of the dead do not live again until the 1000 years are finished.

Final Judgement (Rev 20, 21)

People are judged – each one according to his works. They are either given everlasting life or death (this is the second death)

The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolators, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Notes

List of the Emperors of Rome

[List of Roman emperors - Wikipedia](#)

At the time of writing of Revelations there had been 5 previous emperors, Vespasian was in power.

- [Augustus](#) (31 BCE–14 CE)
- [Tiberius](#) (14–37 CE)
- [Caligula](#) (37–41 CE)
- [Claudius](#) (41–54 CE)
- [Nero](#) (54–68 CE)
- [Galba](#) (68–69 CE)
- [Otho](#) (January–April 69 CE)
- [Aulus Vitellius](#) (July–December 69 CE)
- [Vespasian](#) (69–79 CE)
- [Titus](#) (79–81 CE)
- [Domitian](#) (81–96 CE)

The woman is the city of Rome – and the Vatican that rules over the kings of the Earth