

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #65)

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Revelation 12:18 Then the dragon took his stand on the shore beside the sea. **13:1** Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. **2** This beast looked like a leopard, but it had the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion! And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority. **3** Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. (NLT)

◆ Similar description in Daniel.

- Remember Daniel is looking forward, John is looking backward

Daniel 2:31 "In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight. **32** The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, **33** its legs were iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay. **34** As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. **35** The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth. (NLT)

_____ Of A Man

- Head of Gold
 - Kingdom of Babylon
- Chest & Arms of Silver
 - Kingdom of Medes & Persians
- Belly & Thighs of Bronze
 - Kingdom of Ancient Greece
- Two Legs of Iron
 - Kingdom of Ancient Rome
- Feet of Iron & Clay
 - Kingdom of Restored Rome
 - ▶ 10 toes = 10 horns
- Crushing Rock
 - Kingdom of God

- ◆ Other names for Antichrist (13 in NT, 33 in OT)
 - Assyrian (References to Nimrod; 1st Dictator)

The Man Called _____

- Where does he come from?

Genesis 10:1 This is the account of the families of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the three sons of Noah. Many children were born to them after the great flood. (NLT)

Genesis 10:1 The descendants of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. **7** The descendants of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The descendants of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. **8** Cush was also the ancestor of Nimrod, who was the first heroic warrior on earth. **9** Since he was the greatest hunter in the world, [*a great hunter before the Lord;*] his name became proverbial. People would say, "This man is like Nimrod, the greatest hunter in the world." **10** He built his kingdom in the land of Babylonia, [*Shinar*] with the cities of Babylon, Erech, Akkad, and Calneh. **11** From there he expanded his territory to Assyria, [*From that land Assyria went out.*] building the cities of Nineveh, Rehoboth-ir, Calah, **12** and Resen (the great city located between Nineveh and Calah). (NLT)

- What do we know?
 - Greatest warrior in the world
 - Built the kingdom of Babylonia
 - Pride was his downfall
 - ▶ Pride was also the downfall of Lucifer.

Isaiah 14:14 I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' (NLT)

- Matthew Henry Commentary
 - ▶ Great _____: "He was a mighty hunter, that is, he was a violent invader of his neighbours' rights and properties, and a persecutor of innocent men, carrying all before him, and endeavouring to make all his own by force and violence. He thought himself a mighty prince, but before the Lord (that is, in God's account) he was but a mighty hunter. Note, Great conquerors are but great hunters. Alexander and Cesar would not make such a figure in scripture-history as they do in common history; the former is represented in prophecy but as a he-goat pushing, Dan. 8:5. Nimrod was a mighty hunter against the Lord, so the LXX; that is, (1.) He set up idolatry, as Jeroboam did, for the confirming of his usurped dominion. That he might set up a new government, he set up a new religion upon the ruin of the primitive constitution of both. Babel

was the mother of harlots. Or, (2.) He carried on his oppression and violence in defiance of God himself, daring Heaven with his impieties, as if he and his huntsmen could out-brave the Almighty, and were a match for the Lord of hosts and all his armies. As if it were a small thing to weary men, he thinks to weary my God also, Isa. 7:13."

- ▶ Great _____: "Some way or other, by arts or arms, he got into power, either being chosen to it or forcing his way to it; and so laid the foundations of a monarchy, which was afterwards a head of gold, and the terror of the mighty, and bade fair to be universal. It does not appear that he had any right to rule by birth; but either his fitness for government recommended him, as some think, to an election, or by power and policy he advanced gradually, and perhaps insensibly, into the throne. See the antiquity of civil government, and particularly that form of it which lodges the sovereignty in a single person."
- ▶ Great _____: "Probably he was architect in the building of Babel, and there he began his kingdom; but, when his project to rule all the sons of Noah was baffled by the confusion of tongues, out of that land he went forth into Assyria and built Nineveh, etc., that, having built these cities, he might command them and rule over them. Observe, in Nimrod, the nature of ambition.
 1. It is boundless. Much would have more, and still cries, Give, give.
 2. It is restless. Nimrod, when he had four cities under his command, could not be content till he had four more.
 3. It is expensive. Nimrod will rather be at the charge of rearing cities than not have the honour of ruling them. The spirit of building is the common effect of a spirit of pride.
 4. It is daring, and will stick at nothing. Nimrod's name signifies rebellion, which (if indeed he did abuse his power to the oppression of his neighbours) teaches us that tyrants to men are rebels to God, and their rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft."

Genesis 11:1 At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. **2** As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia [*Shinar*] and settled there. **3** They began saying to each other, "Let's make bricks and harden them with fire." (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) **4** Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world." **5** But the Lord came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. **6** "Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! **7** Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each

other.” **8** In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. **9** That is why the city was called Babel, [*or Babylon. Babel sounds like a Hebrew term that means “confusion.”*] because that is where the Lord confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world. (NLT)

Micah 5:1 Mobilize! Marshal your troops! The enemy is laying siege to Jerusalem. They will strike Israel’s leader in the face with a rod. **2** But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

- Who is the ruler? _____

3 The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land.

- Who is the woman? _____

4 And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord’s strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world.

- When will this happen? _____

5 And he will be the source of peace. When the Assyrians invade our land and break through our defenses, we will appoint seven rulers to watch over us, eight princes to lead us. **6** They will rule Assyria with drawn swords and enter the gates of the land of Nimrod. He will rescue us from the Assyrians when they pour over the borders to invade our land.

- When will the Assyrians invade? _____

7 Then the remnant left in Israel will take their place among the nations. They will be like dew sent by the Lord or like rain falling on the grass, which no one can hold back and no one can restrain. **8** The remnant left in Israel will take their place among the nations. They will be like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a strong young lion among flocks of sheep and goats, pouncing and tearing as they go with no rescuer in sight. **9** The people of Israel will stand up to their foes, and all their enemies will be wiped out.

- Who is the remnant? _____

10 "In that day," says the Lord, "I will slaughter your horses and destroy your chariots. **11** I will tear down your walls and demolish your defenses. **12** I will put an end to all witchcraft, and there will be no more fortune-tellers. **13** I will destroy all your idols and sacred pillars, so you will never again worship the work of your own hands. **14** I will abolish your idol shrines with their Asherah poles and destroy your pagan cities. **15** I will pour out my vengeance on all the nations that refuse to obey me." (NLT)

- When will God pour out His vengeance? _____
- All idolatry and false worship was founded in Babylon
 - It is the fountainhead of all forms of false ideas.
 - ▶ Every false concept has its origin in Babylon
 - ▶ The Mazzaroth (zodiac) before Genesis Chapter 11 had Hebrew names. After chapter 11 it becomes corrupted.

The _____ (Constellations)

- 360° (complete circle just like a rainbow)
 - 30 deca groups / 3 decan (10°) in each 12 main constellations
- Every civilization used the same symbols
 - They all start with the same constellation (Virgo)
 - Babylon, Egyptian, Inca, Mayan, Navajo, Norse, Islam
- Symbols / Idioms have meaning
 - Sun: _____
 - Moon: _____
 - Stars: _____ of Abraham (Gen 15:5 / Rev 12:1)
- Satan takes God's creation and corrupts it.
 - We do not worship the stars
 - We do not use them to predict the future
 - We recognize them as God's creation and telling His story

Genesis 1:14 Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. (NLT)

Psalms 19:1 The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. **2** Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. **3** They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. **4** Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. **5** It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. **6** The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat. (NLT)

Psalm 147:4 He counts the stars and calls them all by name. *(NLT)*

Job 38:31 "Can you direct the movement of the stars—binding the cluster of the Pleiades or loosening the cords of Orion? **32** Can you direct the constellations (*Mazzaroth*) through the seasons or guide the Bear (*Arcturus*) with her cubs across the heavens? *(NLT)*

- Virgo
 - The Seed of the Woman
 - ▶ The virgin holding a 4 sectioned branch and an ear of corn; the promised seed of the woman.
 - ▶ In the Old Testament, Jesus is named the Branch of David (Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15), the Branch of My Servant (Zechariah 3:8), the Branch of Man (Zechariah 6:12), and the Branch of Jehovah (Isaiah 4:2).
 - ▶ Many scholars think the Sphinx is a mnemonic device, which reminded Egyptians (Israelites??) to start with the woman and end with the lion.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.
- Libra
 - The Required Price Paid
 - ▶ The scales; the price deficient balanced by the price that covers.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.
- Scorpio
 - The Mortal Conflict
 - ▶ The scorpion; the attack of the enemy; the redeemer's conflict. (is being crushed by Ophiuchus, Scorpio is also attacking Ophiuchus on the other heel. Ancient Egypt uses a snake rather than a scorpion, but we're to tread on both of those).
 - ▶ Meanwhile, in a nearby constellation, Serpens is going after the Crown, and Ophiuchus is holding him down.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.

Luke 10:19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. *(NLT)*

Genesis 3:15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." *(NLT)*

- Sagittarius
 - The Final Triumph
 - ▶ The archer; the gracious one; the redeemer's triumph.
 - ▶ Aiming directly at the heart of Scorpio and lifting his forefoot in a limp.
 - ▶ Lyra the harp represents the rejoicing in heaven. Ara the fiery altar is tipped over and heading downward as God's wrath is being poured out on Satan. The last decan is Draco the dragon, whose head is being stomped on by Hercules, who again, has a hurt foot.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.

- Capricorn
 - Life Out of Death
 - ▶ The sea goat; the goat of atonement slain for the redeemed.
 - ▶ The goat represents Christ's sacrifice. (Goats and lambs were sacrificial animals, which is where we got the term "scapegoat.") The fish represents his nature as a man. (Fish have typically been the sign of God's people.)
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.

- Aquarius
 - Blessing Out of Victory
 - ▶ The water bearer; the living waters of blessing poured forth for the redeemed.
 - ▶ Water often represents the Holy Spirit and baptism.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.

- Pisces
 - Deliverance Out of Bondage
 - ▶ The fishes; the multitudes who will follow; the blessings of the redeemed.
 - ▶ Two fishes tied together with a band, and they are swimming in different directions. People interpret this differently, but all agree that the fish represent people going in two different directions, typically, before and after Christ. It could also represent two different streams of believers within the church, or a believer's relationship with God and moving out into the world as evangelism. They are bound to Cetus the sea monster, but Aries is intervening.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.

- Aries
 - Glory Out of Humiliation
 - ▶ The ram or lamb; wounded and slain, the blessings of the redeemed consummated.
 - ▶ This is the one who was slain before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8) and who is worthy to open the seals (Revelation 5). This is an overcomer, crushing the head of the sea monster and claiming the fish as his own.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.
- Taurus
 - His Glorious Coming
 - ▶ The bull; the congregation of the judge; the coming judge of all the earth.
 - ▶ Taurus the bull is coming out of Aries and raging toward his enemy. He has to step on Cetus the sea monster too.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.
- Gemini
 - His Rule on Earth
 - ▶ The twins; two natures; the reign of the prince of peace.
 - ▶ They are sitting peacefully unified, their weapons at the ready but not actively positioned. This is likely after their hard won battle. The harp in the hand of one represents worship and rejoicing.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.
- Cancer
 - His Possessions Held Secure
 - ▶ The crab; assembled together; the redeemer's possessions held fast.
 - ▶ We don't have a Hebrew word for this constellation. When we consider star meanings, we can possibly deduce that it has something to do with a pastoral setting with cattle-folds, sheepfolds, and two donkeys. The main consensus is that it's a final resting place for the church. Peter had a vision of the unclean animals and recognized this meant the salvation of Gentiles too. The crab is a creature born of water as is the church with many legs. The translation of sheepfolds might apply as Jesus did say that he had other sheep not of this fold (John 10:16).
 - ▶ Messiah the _____.
- Leo
 - His Enemies Destroyed
 - ▶ The Lion of the tribe of Judah; the consummated triumph of the redeemer in the end.
 - ▶ Messiah the _____!

To Beginning?

- Babylon is influential in spreading false doctrine.
- Overrun by Persia
 - Babylonian priesthood migrated to central Persian empire
 - ▶ Always follows the money
 - ▶ Money = influence and power

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money." (NLT)

- Persians are conquered by the Greeks - the Babylonian doctrine moves again
- The Greeks are conquered by Rome - where does the doctrine go?
 - If you study pagan Rome (before Constantine)
 - ▶ All the strange things they do is repackaging in Latin what was done in Chaldean (Babylon). New Names, same Gods.
 - ▶ Greek and Roman mythology.
- Constantine the Great
 - Roman emperor 306 to 337 AD
 - ▶ Becomes a Christian, makes Christianity legal.
 - ▶ Builds a new imperial residence at the city of Byzantium and renamed it Constantinople (now Istanbul) after himself. It subsequently became the capital of the empire for more than a thousand years (til about 1299 AD), the later Eastern Roman Empire being referred to as the Byzantine Empire by modern historians.
 - ▶ Creates split between Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Church (neither want to submit to the other).
- Theodosius the Great
 - Roman emperor from 379 to 395 AD
 - ▶ Makes Christianity the state religion of Rome.
 - ▶ Outlaws all other religions.
 - Biggest catastrophe of the Christian Church.
 - ▶ Pagan traditions repackaged into "Christian" ones.
 - ▶ No longer about the work of God / Holy Spirit
 - ▶ "Christianity" is now a political movement
 - ▶ Most of our traditions (if not defined in scripture) come from Babylon.

◆ Is the system returning to where it started to get its final judgment?