

THE BEAST OF REVELATION

EXAMINING SCRIPTURES

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Rev 17: 7-18 (The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast)

"But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18 And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

City over the seven hills & a false prophet

In contemporary Pentecostal Eschatology, the City of the Seven Hills is traditionally referred to as Rome. It is for this predominant reason, among others, that many Pentecostals have pointed to the Vatican as a possible location where the Beast will come. This alludes to interpretations of Revelations 17:9 *"And here is the mind which hath wisdom: The seven heads **are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth.**"* The woman mentioned in verse 9 is the Harlot described in Chapter 17, *"**the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth. And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered with great amazement.**"* This is further described in verse 18 as *"... the woman whom thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth."* However, did you know that there are several other cities also known as the *City over the Seven Hills* or mountains? To determine the *right* city, and leave conjecture and speculation, the context of Chapter 17 **must** be congruent (in agreement and harmony).

[This is a link to a ["List of cities claimed to be built on seven hills"](#)]

However, which of these cities built on seven mountains or hills, meet the criteria of the “woman” delineated in Chapter 17 of Revelation? We understand from Revelations 17 that a criterion for such city is that it has a Monarchy and today we still have [ten countries where royalty still rules](#). Nonetheless, only two cities out of the ten were built over seven hills. This narrows it down to Rome, Italy, and Mecca, Saudi Arabia, the only two possible candidates. Based on this fact, we can understand why Pentecostal Eschatology has always pointed to Rome. This city must also have a False Prophet that will be with the Eighth King, the Beast ([Rev. 16:13](#); [19:20](#); [20:10](#)). We must point out, that many Pentecostals consider the Pope of Rome, ruler or monarch of the Vatican in Rome, a false prophet. However, the [Vatican has seen a total of 266 Popes](#) or rulers and to make such claim would be a total dismissal of the rest of the context of Chapter 17, which requires no more than Eight Kings. Therefore, this eliminates the City of Vatican, like the one mentioned in Chapter 17, while allowing us to comprehend why many for so many years in Pentecostal Theology made such eschatological mistake.

Henceforth, we are hermeneutically forced by the context of chapter 17 to look not only for a city over seven mountains/hills, or a city with a False Prophet but for the city that also has had **Seven Kings**, and where the Eighth King will be the Beast mentioned in [Revelations 17:10-11](#). By process of simple elimination, the only City of Seven Hills with a False Prophet (the Prophet Mohammed - the father of Islam), the same city established by their very same false prophet, Prophet Mohammed, is the City of Mecca, Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is the country that precisely has had “[Seven Kings](#),” and its King’s main role is to be the [protector of the Sacred Mosque, Al-Masjid al-Haram](#). This Sacred Mosque is the most sacred site in Islam. It is important also to note that Mecca, is also the city that every Muslim [must face as they pray](#).

In conclusion, the only city that meets all criteria as delineated in Revelations 17, is Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Who were the kings of Saudi Arabia?

The kings of Saudi Arabia were, (#1) Abdulaziz bin Saud. (#2) Saud bin Abdulaziz. (#3) Faisal bin Abdulaziz. (#4) Khaled bin Abdulaziz. (#5) Fahad bin Abdulaziz. (#6) [Abdullah bin Abdulaziz](#) and the present king, with fragile health is the (#7) King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud. Please read the [news on January 23, 2015](#), regarding the death of the Sixth King Abdullah and the rise of the Seventh King, King Salman:

"King Abdullah's death may also open up a bigger power vacuum in Riyadh than first believed. His successor, 79-year-old half-brother Prince Salman, had recently taken on some of the ailing Abdullah's responsibilities. However, the Journal reports that U.S. officials do not consider him to be a strong or healthy ruler in his own right, which raises the possibility that others in the royal family could come to the forefront."

The Eighth King

“And the angel said unto me, “Why dost 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.” [...] “And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other has 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, yet is one of the seven and goeth into perdition.” Rev 17: 7, 10-11

The Crown Prince and successor on the line to the throne of Saudi Arabia is a charismatic young man named Mohammed bin Salman. He is expected to be the Eighth King of Saudi Arabia or keeper of the Sacred Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia., the City of the Seven Hills. Why emphasize the word “Mohammed” in his name, as many Muslims carry this name? Again, it is strictly necessary to follow Revelations 17, where we see the second Mohammed rise. “... the beast that was, and is not, and yet is” (verse 8).



What relationship does the Crown Prince have “today” to Rev. 17:7, previously quoted? Verse 11 says, “*And the beast **that was, and is not**, even he is the eighth, yet is one of the seven and goeth into perdition.*” By the time John the Apostle wrote this, he was not, but this Beast is a “type” of someone who “was” or existed in the past, as Antioch Epiphanes or Emperor Nero, who utterly destroyed Israel and profaned the Holy Temple. We follow the Deuteronomic law of repetition, and we see in a few centuries the birth of an antichrist, the false prophet, Mohammed. However, it is not until the seventh king appears, that the Beast meets the criteria.

Let us get deeper into the specific details of Chapter 17 as it relates to endtimes. Not coincidentally, the present King of Saudi Arabia, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, had a total of thirteen sons, of which prior to his ascension as king, three of his sons died in 2001, 2002, and 2011 – this leaves him with precisely **ten sons**, which are, by definition, all princes. We find the explanation of verse 7 by looking at verses 12 and 13: “*And the **ten** horns which thou sawest are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet, but will receive power as kings for one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*” *Ten kings, who have received no kingdom yet*, are none other than these ten princes. Is it coincidental that King Salman happens to have ten sons who are princes? There are no coincidences capable of adding every single detail as seen in Chapter 17, as these facts. One of these sons happens to be the heir to the throne of [Saudi Arabia, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman](#). Obviously as brothers we can expect them to be of one front and “one mind” and with their brother taking over as the King they will provide the support to make their nation and brother powerful – “*These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*” This brother will be the Eighth King, the Beast of the Book of Revelation. The epitome of everything Anti-Christian (Antichrist) and everything Anti-Israel is represented by Islam, not Rome. While to many Evangelicals Rome’s leadership is questionable, they do not represent an antichrist, as they do not deny the father, nor the son. “*Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, **he who denies the Father and the Son.***” 1 John 2:22. Again, Islam, on the other hand, epitomizes and embodies antichrist thought, denying the divinity of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

What is the status of the present King of Saudi Arabia? King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud is very ill and not expected to reign for too long. Unfortunately, he suffers from [Dementia, specifically Alzheimer’s](#), and is [suspected of abdicating](#) his throne to his trusted son -- the Eighth King. It must be noted that when Revelation speaks of the Seventh King, it states that “... when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth ...” will come.

Beheaded - A deeper matter

*“And I saw thrones and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them. And I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus and the Word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast, nor his image, nor had received his mark upon their foreheads or on their hands ...”
Revelation 20:4 (KJ21).*

I surrendered my heart to Christ on February 15, 1980, in a hometown church of Orocovis, PR. Back then, when I read the Bible speaking of Christians being “*beheaded for the testimony of Jesus,*” I thought such a gory statement had to be a completely symbolic message. It had to be as back then such practice was not “commonly” known. But no longer is it a symbolic matter today. It is obviously and painfully “literal” as we see Christians in the Middle East being beheaded for their belief in Jesus Christ. [Christian persecution by the hands of Islam](#) has increased as never before around the globe. Yet, many of us are still preaching poor theological roman speculation of the end times, while the prophecy unfolds before our own eyes. I believe we need to wake up as a Church. It saddens me that many Evangelical theologians go blind because of our personal religious prejudices – as believing that the beast comes from Rome as they oppressed many Christians who left the religion of their fathers and became Evangelicals – while the obvious end time events unfold before our very own eyes. The coming of Christ is no longer a thing of a distant future; it is unfolding before us.

The Mark of the Beast

*“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him; and he causeth the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast, saying to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword and lived. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause to be killed as many as would not worship the image of the beast. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads, that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name. **Here is wisdom:** Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six.”
Revelations 13: 11-18 (KJ21)*

It is regretful that for so many years, evangelical Christians have seen the Mark of the Beast described in this passage so superficially. We have applied a book filled with obvious symbolism, as no other book in Scriptures, to an extreme hyper-literal interpretation or as we call in Spanish “Interpretación al-pie-de-la-letra.” Unfortunately, such hermeneutical mistake has caused much theological shame as we have created nothing but unfounded conspiracies, reducing the Holy Scriptures to UPC barcode labels, The Common European Market, microchip implants, etc. Not hoping to insult our dear brothers and sisters on the subject, but this action is reprehensible from a Biblical and Theological stand. We have turned to an extrabiblical

interpretation of Scriptures. We have added ideas with absolutely no biblical foundation or biblical precedence. But God warned us to leave this practice. *“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:18-20.*

For example, let us examine Revelation 22:3-5:

*“No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, **and his name will be on their foreheads**. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”*

We also see a similar and more specific reference in Revelation 7:2-3:

*“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have **sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads**.”*

If we were to interpret these passages using the same hermeneutical “literal” technique that some Christians have applied to chapter 7 and 22, to refer to a literal mark, does it mean when it says, **“and his name will be on their foreheads”** that we will have a literal mark or seal, or that Christ or in our churches we must use a Godly magic marker, tattoo, microchip, to write or seal the name of Christ in our foreheads so that God would not make a mistake? Does an omniscient God know, with or without a mark, who are his children and who is not? To simply suggest this idea would automatically ridicule and minimize God in his omniscient and almighty sovereignty. Therefore, as Revelation 13:18 says, let us “have wisdom” on the matter. To use a hyper-literal application of what Chapter 13 says, has deterred many from seeing the obvious and led us to an unsurmountable shame of false hermeneutical application. The reference to chapter 7 and 22 is a reference to “identity” unrelated to literal marks, just as Chapter 13, it is a reference to a cultural and preterist typology or symbolic reference.

The right arm and forehead

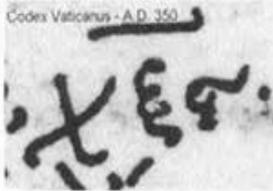
What then is a more plausible application in context to Scriptures, or from a better systematic theology approach? Scripture speaks of the Tefillin custom and ordinance by God taken from Deuteronomy 6:6-8:

*“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**”*

MIRRORED CHECHEN ISLAMIC MILITARISTIC FLAG



NOTE HOW 666 WAS WRITTEN BY THE APOSTLE JOHN WHICH MATCHES THE ISLAMIC CROSSED SWORDS AND ALLAHU AKBAR



According to Alexander Cohen, Chabbad.org, the Jewish *"Tefillin"* consists of two small leather boxes containing portions of the Torah attached to leather straps. One is placed on the "left" arm, normally wrapped seven times starting by the hand and the other on the forehead. In contrast, in Arab traditions, the left hand is considered "unclean" and is not to play a part in social settings at all. Therefore, the right hand and arm are to be used for anything honorable. It is for this reason that ISIS members use the bandana, badge or sign of servitude on their right arm and/or their forehead.

In a parallel reality, the book of Revelation states that the mark of the Beast, the identifier of his followers is *"to receive a mark in their right hand or their foreheads ..."* The mark that they will use is none other than the image we see in the image of the Codex Vaticanus – AD 350, which is, in fact, the same symbol or word that spells "Bismillah" which means (literally) "In the name of Allah." Even more intriguing is the fact that the symbol that John saw, which means Bismillah or "In the name of Allah," has additionally two crossed swords. The two crossed swords we see in the emblem of Saudi Arabia and now at the Islamic Militaristic Flag.



However, when we examine the official flag of Saudi Arabia, we may see all symbols represented. *"There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of God."* The sword represents Abd-al-Aziz, one of the 99 names used for Allah, and the name carried by every King of Saudi Arabia to date – Abdulaziz means "Servant of the

Mighty One."

In conclusion, the Saudi Arabian connection as the City of the Seven Hills, the Seven Kings, a religion of a false prophet named Mohammed, the emblem described by the Apostle John found in their national emblem and flag. The mark of the beast used on the right and forehead. The barbaric use of beheading by the Islamic militants to kill Jews and Christians all point to the inevitable conclusion that we may have witnessed in our generation the rise of the Antichrist, the Beast of the book of Revelation.

FROM SAUDI FLAG (INVERTED)



SAUDI EMBLEM ALLAH INVERTED

