

REVELATION: Lesson 151

Chapter 17:7-13, Seven Mountains, Seven Kings

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REASONS WHY ROME IS NOT THE PLACE WHERE THE WOMAN SITS

1. Seven mountains are not given as the identifying mark of any city. These mountains are said to be kings (vs 10).
2. Rome sits on 10 hills, not 7 mountains.
3. The highest hill in Rome is Janiculum hill at 275 ft. (84 meters). That does not qualify as a mountain.
4. The woman sits on ten mountains (vs 9), but she's sitting upon a scarlet coloured beast (vs 3). The power and kingdom of this beast is comprised of other powers and other kingdoms.
5. The 7 mountains are called 7 heads of the beast (vs 3). The mountains are heads (leaders).
6. One of the seven heads is wounded (Rev 13:3), identified as the Antichrist. That head cannot also be a hill in Rome.
7. The mountains are clearly identified as kings. Mountains are used figuratively for kings in the Bible.
 - a. Psalm 30:7, David refers to his kingdom as "my mountain."
 - b. Jeremiah 51:24-25, God likens the Babylonian kingdom as the "destroying mountain."
 - c. Daniel 2:35, 44-45, the great mountain that will fill the whole earth (vs 35) after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ refers to His Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed (vs 44).
8. History and scripture support seven mountains referring to seven kings.
 - a. Seven kings, five are fallen (vs 10). This matches the world empires of (1) **Egypt**-Pharaoh (2) **Babylon**-Nebuchadnezzar (3) **Assyria**- Sennacherib (4) **Medo-Persia**-Ahasuerus, and (5) **Greece**-Antiochus Epiphanes. Five historical kingdoms that have come and gone.
 - b. One IS. This will match **Rome**.
 - i. The same kingdom that was in power when God stopped dealing with Israel will be in power when God, once again, works with His people, the Jews.
 1. From the time Messiah was cut off until the time Jesus Christ comes again, the clock has stopped on God's prophetic timetable concerning the Jews.
 2. The Roman system (false religion) will be in place during the Tribulation as it was in when Christ was crucified.
 3. The Roman language of Latin is still used in law, medicine, science, and even military terms.
 - c. The other "mountain" (number 7) is not yet come and is identified as "he." The last kingdom revolves around one person, the Antichrist.

A COMMON PURPOSE: GENOCIDE / EXTERMINATION OF THE ISRAELITES

1. **Egypt**: Kill all the baby boys (Exodus 1:15-22).
2. **Assyrians**: Sennacherib wanted to get rid of Israel (2 Kings 18).
3. **Babylon**: Get rid of the seed of the Hebrew nation (Daniel 1:1-7).
4. **Medes and Persians**: Haman had a plot to annihilate all the Israelites (Esther 3:6).
5. **Greece**: Secular history (Josephus, 1 Maccabees, etc.) records the attempts of Antiochus IV Epiphanes to destroy the Jews.
6. **Rome**: In 70 AD Titus destroyed Jerusalem and killed most of the Jews. The rest were scattered.
7. **The Antichrist**: His goal will be to destroy the Jews.

GOD'S PATTERN FOR PROTECTING HIS PEOPLE

1. **EGYPT:** God raised up a prophet named Moses to lead His people out of Egypt.
 - a. In the Tribulation time, a prophet like unto Moses (Jesus Christ) will lead the Jewish remnant to safety. (Deuteronomy 18:15). (Revelation 12).
 2. **Assyria:** God's angel slaughtered the Assyrian Army (1 Kings 19:35).
 - a. Tribulation time: destroying angels distribute judgments (plagues, vials, trumpets) upon the enemies of Israel.
 3. **Babylon:** the Jewish remnant went through the fire, but were not harmed (Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-nego in the fiery furnace).
 - a. Tribulation time: the Jewish remnant will go through the fire of judgment. The wicked will burn, but the just will be spared (Matthew:13:49-50).
 4. **Medo-Persia:** The Jews did not acknowledge God, but God spared them because of His promise to their forefathers.
 - a. Tribulation time: Unbelieving Jews will be spared because of God's promise.
 5. **Greece:** Jews were spared because Jesus was coming (First Advent).
 - a. Tribulation: Jews will be spared because Jesus is coming (Second Advent).
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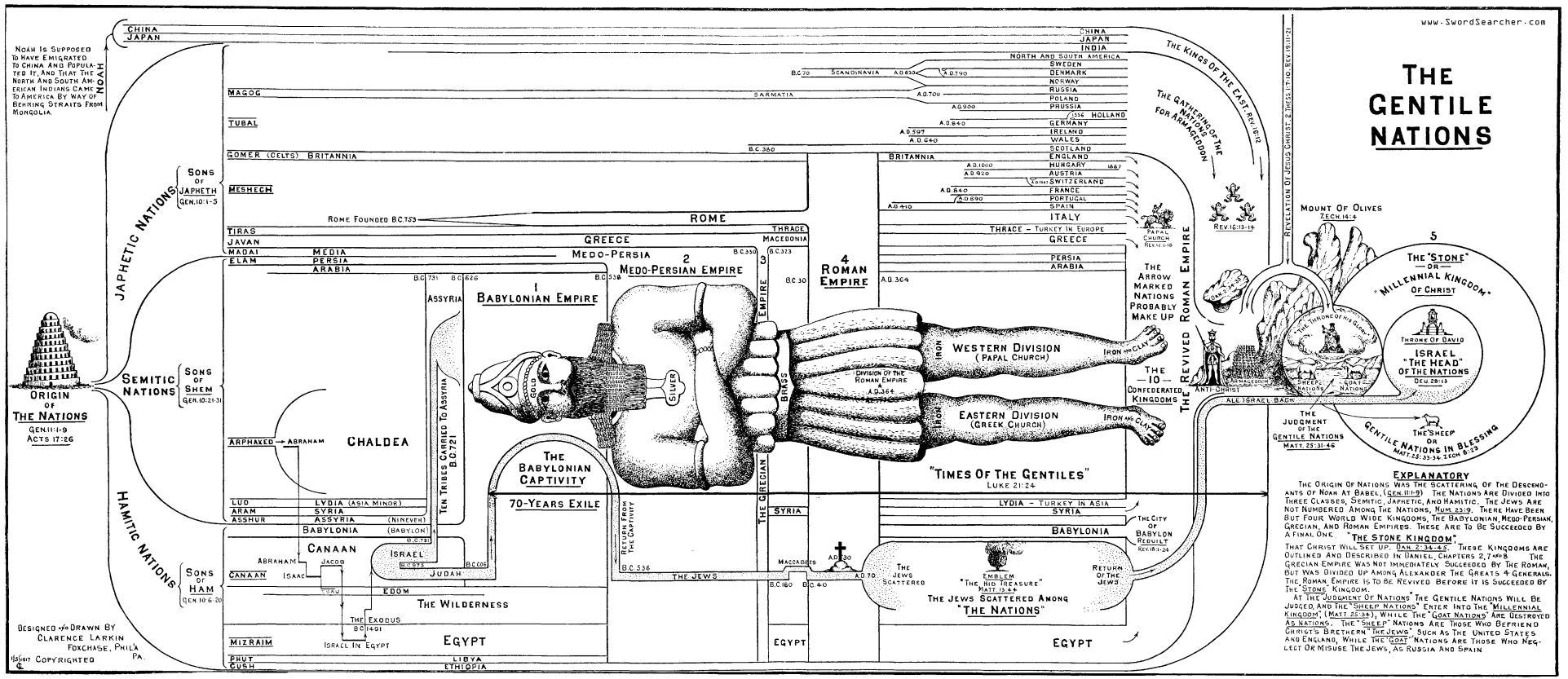
Ecclesiastes 3:15 History repeats itself.

Each successive kingdom received greater judgment than the previous kingdoms.

Each successive kingdom had the benefit of learning from the previous kingdoms, but still did evil against Israel. Therefore, more judgment was required (Luke 12:48).

"Blessed is that nation whose God is the LORD" (Psalm 33:12).

THE GENTILE NATIONS



EXPLANATORY

THE ORIGIN OF NATIONS WAS THE SCATTERING OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH AT BABEL (GEN 11:1-9). THE NATIONS ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES: SEMITIC, JAPHETIC, AND HAMITIC. THE JEWS ARE NOT NUMBERED AMONG THE NATIONS, NUM 23:9. THERE HAVE BEEN BUT FOUR WORLD WIDE KINGDOMS: THE BABYLONIAN, MEDO-PERSIAN, GREEK, AND ROMAN EMPIRES. THESE ARE TO BE SUCCEEDED BY A FINAL ONE.

"THE STONE KINGDOM"

THAT CHRIST WILL SET UP (DAN 2:34-35). THESE KINGDOMS ARE OUTLINED AND DESCRIBED IN DANIEL, CHAPTERS 2, 7, & 8. THE GREEK EMPIRE WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDED BY THE ROMAN, BUT WAS DIVIDED UP AMONG ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S 4 GENERALS. THE ROMAN EMPIRE IS TO BE REVIVED BEFORE IT IS SUCCEEDED BY THE "STONE KINGDOM."

AT THE "JUDGMENT OF NATIONS" THE GENTILE NATIONS WILL BE JUDGED AND THE "SHEEP NATIONS" ENTER INTO THE "MILLENNIAL KINGDOM" (MATT 25:34), WHILE THE "GOAT NATIONS" ARE DESTROYED AS NATIONS. THE "SHEEP" NATIONS ARE THOSE WHO BEFRIENDED CHRIST'S BRETHREN, THE JEWS, SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND, WHILE THE "GOAT" NATIONS ARE THOSE WHO NEGLECT OR MISTREAT THE JEWS, AS RUSSIA AND SPAIN.

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