

## The People of The Apocalypse “The Ten Kings”

These Ten Kings are first indicated in Scripture as part of the “*great image*” in Nebuchadnezzar’s vision:  
*“Thou, O king, saw, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image’s head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms silver, his belly and his thighs brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay” (Daniel 2:31-33).*

Daniel gave Nebuchadnezzar a detailed interpretation telling him that he [king of Babylon] was “*this head of gold*” (Daniel 2:38). Then Daniel revealed the next three kingdoms:

*“And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee [Medes and Persians/Silver Breast and Arms], and another third kingdom of brass [Grecian/Brass Belly and Thighs] which shall bear rule over all the earth [Alexander the Great]. And the fourth kingdom [Roman/legs of iron and feet of iron and clay] shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise” (Daniel 2:39,40).*

Then, this Roman kingdom becomes the primary focus and is explicitly detailed down to the [ten] toes of the feet, which parallels the ten kings of the revived Roman empire that will rise at the end of the age as attested to by Daniel at the beginning of his interpretation:

*“But there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets, and makes known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days” (Daniel 2:28).*

Daniel also indicated this same truth at the conclusion of his interpretation:

*“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom (Revelation 11:15), which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms (Revelation 19:11-21), and it shall stand forever” (Daniel 2:44).*

1. The purpose of this vision is to provide information concerning “*the latter days*” (Daniel 2:28, 44).
2. These four kingdoms will be active during “*the latter days*” (Daniel 2:44).
3. The Kingdom of God will be set up on earth “*in the days of these kings*” [*the latter days*] (Daniel 2:44a, Revelation 11:15).
4. The Kingdom of God will “*never be destroyed nor left to other people*” (Daniel 2:44b).
5. The Kingdom of God will “*break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms*” (Daniel 2:44c, Revelation 19:11-21).
6. The Kingdom of God will be eternal. “*It shall stand forever*” (Daniel 2:44d).

The ten kings are later introduced as “*ten horns*” in Daniel’s first vision:

*“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first [ten] horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this [little] horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things” (Daniel 7:7,8).*

When the ten kings [ten horns] are mentioned, immediately “*there came up among them another little horn*” who is the Antichrist as the remaining visions of Daniel clearly affirm. He [*the little horn*] conquers three of the ten horns during his rise to power.

Daniel is told during the interpretation of this vision just exactly what these “*ten horns*” are:

*“And the ten horns out of this kingdom [4<sup>th</sup> Beast/Revived Roman Empire] are ten kings that shall arise: and*

*another [little horn/Antichrist] shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first [ten], and he shall subdue three kings” (Daniel 7:24).*

These ten kings of the revived Roman empire are not mentioned again in the book of Daniel but they are clearly indicated in the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ:

*“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.”  
(Revelation 13:1)*

In this reference the Antichrist is described as having seven heads which represent the seven beast kingdoms of history with the eighth beast kingdom yet future:

#### THE EIGHT BEAST EMPIRES OF THE AGES:

1. Egypt: (Exodus 1:15-22; Acts 7:19,20)  
1800-1445 B.C. [Ancestor of Ham]
2. Assyria: (II Kings 17:6)  
722 B.C. [Ancestor of Shem]
3. Babylonia: (Daniel 1:4)  
586 B.C. [Ancestor of Shem]
4. Medo-Persia: (Daniel 2:39; Esther 3:10)  
445 B.C. [Ancestor of Japheth]-----Beginning of 70 Weeks  
of Daniel (Daniel 9:24)
5. Greece: (Daniel 2:39)  
330-175 B.C. [Ancestor of Japheth]
6. Rome: (Daniel 2:40)  
63 B.C.-70 A.D. [Ancestor of Japheth]
7. Germany/The Third Reich: (Revelation 17:10)  
1938-1945 A.D. [Ancestor of Japheth]
8. WorldRuler/Antichrist/TenKings:(Revelation17: 3, 11-13)  
[Ancestor of Shem]-----End of 70 Weeks  
of Daniel

This list unfolds in world history and the pages of Scripture and is encapsulated in Revelation 17:

*“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast [Antichrist], full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

*And the woman [false religion/Romanism] was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (Revelation 17:3-5).*

The Antichrist, who is the head of the revived Roman empire, will be heavily allied with false religion during his meteoric rise to power. The political and religious authorities of that day will unite during the initial days of the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel. However, as this chapter reveals, this unity will not last throughout the Antichrist’s rule:

*“And the ten horns which thou saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive [from Satan] power [authority] as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength [authority] unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords and King of kings: and they that are with Him [the 144 Thousand] are called, and chosen, and faithful” (Revelation 17:12-14).*

Satan gives the ten kings authority which they in turn give to the Antichrist when they go to war against the Lord Jesus Christ at Armageddon. However, before that event comes to pass, these ten kings will be used to destroy Babylon bringing upon her the devastating judgment of Almighty God:

*“And the ten horns which thou saw upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God has put in their hearts to fulfill His will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled” (Revelation 17:17).*

When the judgment of Babylon and its aftermath are surveyed, three different groups will lament her destruction:

1. The kings of the earth (Revelation 18:9,10)
2. The merchants of the earth (Revelation 18:11-17a)
3. The merchants of the sea (Revelation 18:17b-19)

Within their laments each of these groups of men emphasize the brief period of time it took for Babylon to be destroyed:

*“For in **one hour** is thy judgment come...For in **one hour** so great riches is come to nought...For in **one hour** is she made desolate” (Revelation 18:10, 17, 19).*

This brief time reference corresponds to the same short period of time that the ten kings give their full allegiance to the Antichrist:

*“[The ten kings] receive [from Satan] power [authority] as kings **one hour** with the beast” (Revelation 17:12).*

The ten kings will also make war with the Lamb as recorded above, which occurs at Armageddon ending the Day of the Lord (Revelation 19:11-21). Therefore, it appears that the judgment of Babylon (Revelation 17,18) which is accomplished by the ten kings will occur just before Armageddon, right after the seven vial judgments have ended (Revelation 15,16).

Although these ten kings are identified with the Antichrist throughout Scripture, they evidently will not give him their full allegiance until near the end of the Day of the Lord when God puts it in their hearts to accomplish His work of judgment upon Babylon, which is followed by their continued allegiance to the Antichrist at the battle of Armageddon.