

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 42 – Rev. 17:7-8

I. Revelation 17:7-18 The Interpretation of the Vision (Part 1)

A. Vss. 7-8 – The Spiritual Realm

1. The RED Beast w/ 7 heads and 10 horns = Satan – Rev. 12:3-4

a. Satan has had free reign to rule (since Adam's fall), having dominion over the whole earth.

b. Satan has been defeated by Christ, and is now restrained – John 16:7-11; Eph. 2:2; Col. 1:13; esp. 1 John 5:18-21 – *“We have observed that the whole collective having been begotten out of God does not sin, but the One who was begotten out of God guards him, and the Wicked One does not touch His. We have observed that we are out from God, and the whole world is lying in the Wicked One. Yet we have observed that the Son of God is present and has given to us understanding, so that we may know the True One, and we are in the True One, in His Son, Jesus the Anointed. This one is the True God and the age enduring life. Children, guard yourselves from the idols, Amen.”*

c. Will rule again (will ascend from the deep) – Rev. 12:12

1. Note the contrast:

a. Man child concealed (caught up to heaven & concealed by clouds & sky)

b. Satan himself is concealed (symbolized by “the deep”) because He is restrained by Michael (2 Thess. 2:1-8; Dan. 10:12-13,20 – 11:1; Dan. 12:1).

d. Will be utterly destroyed (Isa. 30:33; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10)

2. People marvel observing the Beast (Satan) arising again to power

a. Not written in the Book of Life since Satan's casting down the world by deceiving Eve (Gen. 3:4-6,13-15).