

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 43 – Rev. 17:9-11

Review: “Satan” (Kingdom) is the red beast w/7 heads and 10 horns.

1. Satan is “not now,” having been restrained by the Kingdom of Light:

a. literally by Michael & his messengers

b. the domain of the holy Breath – God’s presence in the assemblies

2. Satan uses the “Woman” as a surrogate to persecute and corrupt the ‘heirs,’ which is why the “Woman” has been riding the Beast during this age.

a. the full manifestation of this could not take place until Constantine

I. The Interpretation of the Vision Continued

A. Vss. 9-11 The Physical Realm – Kingdom of Darkness:

1. Satan’s “seven heads” = “seven hills/mountains” – 2 meanings

a. Rome is seated on seven mountains (city on seven hills), occupies the space of time while Satan himself is restrained.

b. Satan’s “7 heads” represent 7 phases of the Kingdom of Darkness

1. 5 of Satan’s former dominions fell by divine intervention

2. The 6th dominion existed at the time John wrote (AD 96)

3. The 7th was yet to come (to rule for a short time)

4. The Beast of Rev. 13 (Antichrist’s Kingdom) is the 8th, and is one of the previous seven.

a. “Kingdoms” begin with great kings and continue with their successors (eg. Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Alexander, Caesar Augustus)

c. Identification of the first 5 Kings (heads): **OPINION**

1. Serpent’s seizing the initial dominion of the land from Adam by tempting Eve (Luke 4:6). Satan ruled the pre-flood world through “Tyrants” (Heb. Nephilim, or “Men of Renown” – Gen. 6:4). Civilization of Cain (Gen. 4:17; Matt. 13:36-43; John 8:37-44; 1 John 3:12).

God destroyed that violent kingdom with the flood.

2. Nimrod’s Babel, replacing God with pagan mythologies and false deities/demons (Gen. 10:8-12; 11:1-9).

3. Egypt under Pharaoh who attempted to kill all of the Hebrew boys (Ex. 1:8-22).

4. King of Tyre in Ezekiel’s day, who sinned formerly in the Garden of Eden (Ezek. 28:12-19).

5. Antiochus Epiphanies (Seleucid {Syrian} Empire), caused Israel to abandon God and adopt Greek gods (Dan. 8:9-12; 10:21-39).