

The Beast: Mystery of Seven Mountains

Apostle John languished in exile on the dusty Isle of Patmos, yet from that very place of solitary confinement, the Lord gave to John visions and understanding which we now know to be the *Book of Revelation*. Did John's revelation add further identification to the notorious final "Beast" of Daniel?

After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns. (Daniel 7:7)

The interpretation given to Daniel of the fourth beast gives yet more insight into its nature. Daniel revealed that from this beast would come the notorious Antichrist, son of perdition, man of sin:

He gave me this explanation: "The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time. (Daniel 7:23-25)

Enter Apostle John, his dust-ridden body weary from imposed isolation – yet his spirit and soul were greatly moved and inspired – on fire from being present with his Lord, on the Lord's day. The Lord revealed to John what would come; a prophetic word that gives hope and understanding to every subsequent generation – especially ours – a world seeming to unravel before our very eyes:

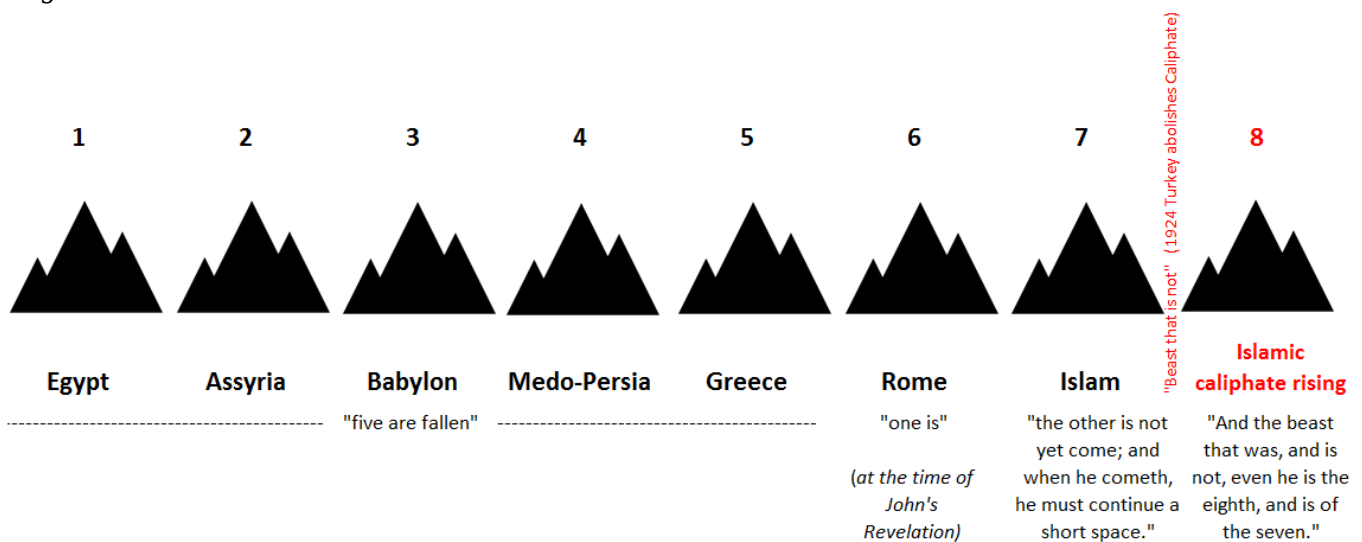
But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth 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. ¹⁰ 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." (Revelation 17:7-14)

What are the seven, or eight mountains which John saw? What is the meaning behind John's revelation? Walid Shoebat adds valuable clarity from a middle-eastern perspective:

Many of the symbols used during Biblical times are still commonly understood in many cultures today, but they are not easy for many Westerners. Thus, we need a little background information. The Bible often uses mountains as a symbol representing a kingdom or an empire: "It shall come to pass in the Last-Days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains," (Isaiah 2: 2-4). In other words, God's Kingdom will be over all other kingdoms, this is pretty simple. In the east, this language is common...listen to

Ahmadinejad of Iran in one of his "I have a dream" speeches: "Do not doubt, Allah will prevail, and Islam will conquer mountain tops of the entire world." The mountaintops Ahmadinejad is speaking of are the great kingdoms and governments of the West— Great Britain and America. This is the proper eastern allegoric usage for the word "Mountain". Many passages in the Bible confirm the usage of this word "mountains" as kingdoms: "My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them," (Ezekiel 34: 6). God's sheep, the Jews, were scattered in the Diaspora into many different nations. The word "mountain" is symbol for a nation, empire, or kingdom: "Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, says Jehovah, which destroys all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain," (Jeremiah 51: 25). Here, God rails against the Babylonian Empire— the "destroying mountain," which he will make into a "burnt mountain".¹

Shoebat went on further to give specific understanding for the seven mountains of Revelation. They are the seven kingdoms which controlled Israel - the people or the land. And from this understanding we would come to know Islam as the final revived caliphate - the "beast rising up out of the sea". While Rome controlled Jerusalem during the Apostle John's day, Islam would later claim the land of Israel under the Damascus-based Umayyad dynasty wherein the Al-Aqsa Mosque was built in Jerusalem in 715 AD. The Crusades fought back, but ultimately Islam regained their stronghold via Saladin and his descendants who were known as the Ayyubid dynasty. Muslims continued to claim Israel as their own for centuries, when under the Ottoman empire in 1537-41, Suleyman the Magnificent rebuilt the city walls of Jerusalem. The British took control of Israel briefly in 1917, and the United Nations granted the land of Israel back to the Jewish people in 1948. For more information on the Islamic claim to Israel, see [Daniel Pipes' article, The Muslim Claim to Jerusalem](#). Why is all of this history relevant or important to Biblical prophecy? Because one must understand that Islam is the seventh mountain or kingdom which followed the Roman empire. And the eighth, or the final antichrist kingdom, is "of the seven" - it will come back from the dead after suffering a mortal wound (which occurred in 1924 when Turkish President Mustafa Kemal Ataturk abolished the office of *Caliph*). How does John's prophecy relate to these facts, consider this diagram:



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Walid Shoebat had occasion to teach this mystery of seven mountains at a 2012 prophecy conference in southern California. To go straight to the teaching, go to ~32 minute mark, otherwise Shoebat first discusses the prophetic statue of Daniel 2, - for more see my blog: <http://endtimesaltandlight.com/islamic-antichrist-a-kings-statue-part-1-a/>:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIzyji-eVdY#t=0m33s>

Shoebat explains what will be the final “mountain” when God restores the kingdom to His people.

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. (Daniel 2:44-45)

And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. (Daniel 2:35b)

Shoebat explains:

From the stone (Messiah) will come the “great mountain” which is the Kingdom of God. The mountain will fill the whole earth. In other words, the Kingdom of God will rule over all the earth. “Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging... Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts,” (Psalms 46: 2-3, 6). If one reads these passages replacing the word mountain with kingdom and waters or seas with peoples, tribes, and different ethnic backgrounds, then it is easy to understand the picture. In verse 6 above, the Bible even gives the explanation— mountains falling (v. 2) are kingdoms falling (v. 6)...Christ spoke of having the faith of a mustard seed, that we can move mountains. Are these literal mountains? No. These are governments and kingdoms. Exactly what the disciples and the first believers did. They eventually changed the Middle East which was all converted to the faith. ²

To this, we say AMEN! Let us move mountains - governments and kingdoms for the kingdom of God. Let us bring in the prophesied harvest to the glory and honor of the Lord we love.

The world is spinning out of control, but Jesus is our fortress - and whether we live or die, He is our blessed hope for life eternal.

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

by Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God
A stronghold never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Conspires to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with bitter hate
On earth is not his equal

If we in our own strength confide

Our striving would be losing
Unless God's man is on our side
The man of God's own choosing
You ask who that may be
Christ Jesus, it is He
The Lord of Hosts, His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world, with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo, his doom is sure
God's word shall overthrow him

That word above all earthly powers
Is evermore abiding
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Jesus with us siding
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth is with us still
His kingdom is forever

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADamVJaXZMg>

¹ Shoebat, Walid. God's War on Terror (p. 289). Top Executive Media. Kindle Edition.

² Ibid., page 290