

Chapter 12

The Great Red Dragon

Satan

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The Sea Beast

Political Power
of Rome

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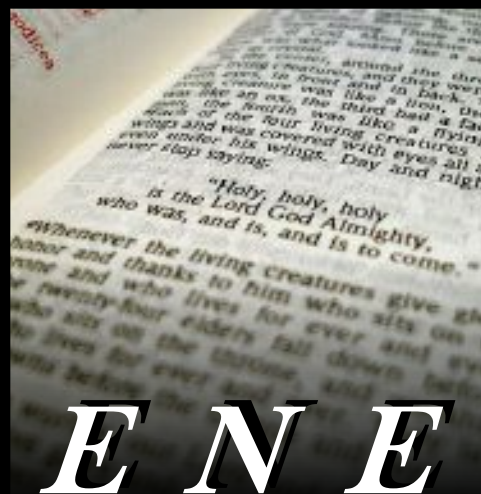
The Earth Beast

False Religion
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Babylon, The Harlot

Immorality
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- 2. The sea beast represents the political power of the Roman Empire.**
- 3. The earth beast represents the emperor worship system. The emperor used this system to oppress the Christians.**
- 4. The Christians faced all sorts of persecution from these beasts (economic; imprisonment; death; etc)**
- 5. Despite their apparent victory over God's people, God will eventually defeat both of these enemies (verses 10 and 18).**

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2. BEAR
MEDO-PERSIA
(SILVER)

3. LEOPARD
GREECE (BRASS)

1. LION
BABYLON (GOLD)

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Summary of the chapter:

In this chapter we learn that Rome's power is limited. She may have been powerful, but not more powerful than God! God's people may have been suffering, but God will vindicate them and bring judgment upon the empire. God saw everything that was taking place and was ready to bring down the enemies of His people.

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THE REVELATION

The background image is a dramatic illustration of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. They are riding their respective horses (white, red, black, and pale) across a landscape that appears to be a giant, unrolled scroll. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds. The title 'THE REVELATION' is written in large, stylized, metallic letters at the top.

**Two kingdoms still compete for the
hearts of men.
Which will we choose?**