world powers 1. Images

In the Scriptures, a number of world powers are described and represented as beasts and there is spoken of a new 8th world power, which will come in the last days. This article provides an unraveling, step by step, to the 8th world power, so we can recognize the 8th world power. In Scriptures, we are warned for this 8th world power, because during this period a great tribulation will occur.

In this article, the Scriptures are considered that describe this as well as the Scriptures that support or are treated with this in harmony. Many passages in the book of Revelation are symbolic, so a certain amount of assumptions is not ruled out..

The giant statue in the Book of Daniel:

In this first section Daniel explains the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. The dream is about a huge statue and Daniel explains the dream and then describes a number of successive kingdoms.

NKJV (Daniel 2:31,35-44) 31 You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome...35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. 36 "This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. 37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; 38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all--you are this head of gold. 39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. 41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. 43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44 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.

The wild beasts (powers) in the Book of Daniel:

Nebuchadnezzar represented the Babylonian Empire (head of gold). It is followed by the Medo-Persian Empire, followed by the Greek empire. The Greek empire is followed by the Roman Empire, an empire that is composed in two parts (East and West). In Daniel 2:35 is spoken of a stone that will crush the statue - the composition of all these kingdoms - and this stone will become a big mountain, which will fill the whole earth. Daniel 2:44 shows that this will be a powerful kingdom that will never be destroyed, God's kingdom.

NKJV (Daniel 8:19-24) 19 And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be. 20 The ram which you saw, having the two horns--they are the kings of Media and Persia. 21 And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king. 22 As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power. 23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes. 24 His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

NKJV (Daniel 7:3-7) 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. 4 The first was like **a lion**, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. 5 And suddenly another beast, a second, like **a bear**. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' 6 After this I looked, and there was another, like **a leopard**, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong**. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

In Daniel, the 4 world powers described God's people into the promised land was suppressed by. The lion (the Babylonians), the bear (the Medo-Persians), the leopard (the Greeks) and the fourth beast (the Romans). Daniel 7:3-7 allows a comparison of wild beasts with their properties for these kingdoms, while Daniel 8 describes the composition and the ratio of the power of the kingdoms.

The wild beasts (powers) in the book of Revelation:

NKJV (Revelation 13:1-2) 1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

The wild beast with 7 heads and 10 horns, the joint characteristics of the beasts described in Daniel 7:3-7, the leopard, the bear and the lion. Rev. 13:1,2 depicts the wild beast - as well as in Daniel 7 - as the world powers.

The difference between the description of world powers in Daniel and Revelation:

In Revelation, another count of the kingdoms is held as in Daniel. In Daniel, the world powers are described that suppressed God's people, during that time the Jewish people, to begin with the times of Daniel. The saints, spoken of, were at first only Jews who had joined the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ. Sanctification began in Pentecost (AD 33), 10 days after Jesus had ascended to heaven.

NKJV (Daniel 7:17-18) 17 'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. 18 But **the saints** of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

There have been more than 7 world powers in history, but the seven heads of the beast symbolize the seven major world powers, which have oppressed God's people. There are six world powers in the entire history to biblical times John played a role, namely Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. In the prophecy: "Five of them died, one is now" (Op.17: 10) and in that time of John it was the Roman Empire.

NKJV (Revelation 17:9-11) 9 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. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

The 4th king of Daniel - the Roman Empire - is the 6th king in Revelation. In the subsequent section, we will continue keeping the order of the world powers as described in Revelation.

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The sixth king, the Roman Republic

Democracy:

The oldest known democracy was that of Cleisthenes in Athens in ancient Greece, although it did not strongly resemble of that what we now propose by the word democracy. So were women, slaves, metoiken (strangers, "inmates") and poor in Athens not decision-making. Source: Wikipedia

Organization of the Roman Republic:

The Roman Republic was originated in 509 BC according to tradition, when the last king of Rome was expelled. To make sure that from that moment a person could never have a long period the power of Rome, the Senate was chosen. The Senate consisted of patricians (aristocracy), the original families from the city-state Rome.

At the time of the Roman Republic, from the Latin "res publica" what something means like the public realm (nation), the Senate was at the height of his power and was the only administrative and governing body. Besides the Senate there was also a People's Assembly needed, the Comitium. Laws had to be made by the Senate and approved by the Comitium. Since then, every measure and law came with the abbreviation SPQR: Senatus Populus Que Romanus: The Senate and People of Rome (decided). It was decided to choose annually two consuls. These consuls were no longer than one year in

It was decided to choose annually two consuls. These consuls were no longer than one year in power. The consuls were a kind of uncrowned kings for one year. Over time difficulties arose: The farmers and the common people (the plebs or the plebeians) were tired of their fights for Rome, while their farm work was neglected.

It was decided that the interests of the people were defended in the Senate. There came a number of tribunes, tribuni Plebis in the Senate who had to speak for the people. They had the right of veto. During the "civil wars" in the first century BC, the Senate lost much of its power

and status to the warring generals, and especially when they, more or less forced, named Julius Caesar as "dictator for life". (Partly from source Wikipedia)

Classification of the Roman Empire:

In the Roman Empire was already a cultural divide between the western, Latin part and the by Greek dominated Eastern part. This was partly the cause of the split of the Roman Empire in 395 in the Western Roman Empire and the Eastern Roman Empire, where after these areas would grow further apart culturally. In the spread of Christianity in Europe outside the (former) Roman empire, areas that became Christianize from Rome - namely Western Europe, most of Central Europe and Scandinavia - were counted to 'the West' and countries that were converted from Constantinople - such as Russia and Bulgaria - were counted to 'the East'. The Western Roman Empire stopped to exist in 476. (Source Wikipedia)

The imitation of the Roman Republic:

Following the (classical) Roman republic with a representative of the people, this political form of government would be mirrored around the world. In the 18th and 19th centuries the ancient Roman republic served as a model for setting up a republic and is still to be found among others in the United States, where the president is not directly elected by the people but by the electors. These electors are a sort of equivalent of the Roman assembly, and of course, there is the Senate in the United States. After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, this democratic government is also introduced in several countries in Central and Eastern European countries. (Source Wikipedia)

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The seventh king, the American Empire

NKJV (Revelation 17: 10) 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.

If the sixth king (according to the census of Revelation) represents the Roman Empire, the seventh king is undisputed **the American empire**. This former colony derived its power to an enormous military potential. However, this empire will remain only a short time (Rev. 17:10)

America is becoming a problem. For decades it was the stability for Europe in the Cold War, but now that battle has been won convincingly, balance is likely to be hit. With the image of the "axis of evil" America has given itself a license to act as world policeman, and after the attacks of September 11, 2001, America has actually declared war on all the unwelcome elements. (Emmanuel Todd - World Power America).

The current financial situation of the seventh king:

With the printing of paper money there was initially arrested a callable gold supply that represented all printed paper money and could be accessed. Later on, the choice was made for fractional reserve banking. Because the gold was hardly claimed by redeeming paper money this has also been left and there is no longer reserve. Confidence in the currency consists of confidence in the economy, a floating currency follows.

The U.S. debt is about 14,300 billion and the ceiling is on August 2 2011 increased to 16,400 billion dollars. The British newspaper Financial Times reported Feb. 2 2011 that the Federal Reserve, the U.S. central bank, has overtaken China as the largest owner of U.S. debt or government bonds. The Federal Reserve has \$ 1600 billion dollars in bonds.

Officially, China is the largest foreign creditor of the United States, with approximately \$ 1,160 billion in debt. Japan has about 907 billion government bonds. This huge debt can put pressure on the dollar.

The central banks including the Fed, are practically around the world funded by private bankers. There has been much criticism to the central banks because they have pumped trillions into the economy during the recent crisis of 2008. A statement about the former chairman of the Fed, Mr. Greenspan: "The Fed is an independent agency, there is no government which can overrule actions that we take."

According to researchers, the credit exposure of the Rothschild's covers "half the wealth of the world". (Source: http://jubilee2012.50webs.com/the_house_of_rothschild.htm)

The entire financial system is thus controlled by private bankers.

For America the Chinese technology is particularly threatening. Because of their current financial situation and because their technological advantage fades, the power for the seventh king *decreases*.

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Curing one of the heads of the beast

NKJV (Revelation 13: 3) 3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

Where heads of state or people are fully seized by building an empire of power, there is no room for charity. Such was the case with the 'Roman' head of the wild beast.

However, in the fifth century the imperialist Western Roman Empire fell apart as a result of acquired wealth, decadence and bad governance. Vandals, Huns, Ostrogoth's, Visigoths, Arabs and Egyptians attacked the empire from all sides and it ceased to exist. The 'Roman' head was therewith mortally wounded.

Curing the head (Rev. 13: 3) can thus be interpreted, as imperialism (the extension of power) was continued after many centuries by the Western countries.

From 1415 Portuguese and from 1492 Spaniards traveled by sea to the shores of West Africa, islands in the Atlantic, America, and from 1498 they reached by sea the areas in Asia. Until 1870, the European influence in Asia and Africa was still relatively low. Europeans limited themselves to the founding of trading colonies in coastal areas. In the period after 1870 this changed dramatically. This territorial expansion (imperialism) by European powers was made possible by large-scale industrialization and a dramatic increase in technical, military and economic knowledge. By 1900 Britain had the largest colonial possession in the world and one quarter of total world population was British citizen. (source Wikipedia partially)

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The great fiery-colored dragon

Who is the dragon that gave the wild beast with seven heads and ten horns his power, throne and authority?

NKJV (Revelation 12:3, 7-9) 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads....7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The great fiery-colored dragon appears to be Satan. (Rev. 12:9). This great fiery-colored dragon also has seven heads and ten horns. From the above it turns out, that the seven heads propose political powers. Satan can give throne and great authority to whom he will according to Revelation 13:2. So, behind the scenes, he is the real ruler.

NKJV (Revelation 13:2) 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

This power of Satan is reflected in the offering of him to Jesus, in Matthew 4:8,9;

NKJV (Matthew 4: 8,9) 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

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The origin of the wild beast with two horns

The wild beast with seven heads and ten horns rose up from the sea, which means so much as the empires have been established from the waters, the human world.

NKJV (Revelation 17:15) 15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

This other beast with two horns, which rises **from the earth**, is not founded by the 'people'. This leaves only the possibility, that this beast with two horns is originated by "Satan". This is also supported by the fact that the wild beast began to speak like a dragon, so is speaks Satan's words.

NKJV (Revelation 13:11-13) 11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 He **performs great signs**, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

That the wild beast with two horns is also "the false prophet" is shown by the signs he performed as described in Rev.13:14 and Rev.19: 20.

NKJV (Revelation 13:14) 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

NKJV (Revelation 19:20) 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him **the false prophet who worked signs in his presence**, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The wild beast with two horns, the false prophet, can perform signs as fire to descend. It deceives the inhabitants of the earth and wants the people to make a "picture" for the first wild beast, or an image, something that looks like the first wild beast. Then it gives breath to the image so it can speak. Who does not adore this picture or image will be killed.

NKJV (Revelation 13:15) 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Concerning the worship of the image, see:

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Jesus warned us of misleading prophets, false prophets that will come in sheep's clothing to us, but inwardly are ravenous wolves:

NKJV (Matthew 7:15) 15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

This wild beast, the false prophet, with two horns also occurs as an innocent lamb.

NKJV (Revelation 13:11) 11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb.....

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An "image" for the first wild beast

The image, which must be made by the Earthlings for the wild beast with seven heads, looks like the image that Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream. Nebuchadnezzar's statue represented the world powers. (See: the giant statue in the book of Daniel). The image of the beast represents - just like the image of Nebuchadnezzar - world power. This image or picture, which must be made by the Earthlings, may at the hands of "the beast with two horns" speak and has the power to kill those who do not worship the image. (Rev.13:14-17).

What we know about this image by Revelation 13: 14-17:

NKJV (Revelation 13:14-17) 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on

their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

1. It forms an image of the complete wild beast > represents all the world powers

2. This image receives breathe and can speak > it is made viable

3. It can kill those who do not worship him > it has received a lot of power

4. Does coercion > it has a mission

5. Edited that one can only (re) sell by marking > it has financial interests

6. It's made viable by Satan > it is a product of Satan

For further info about the image, see:

Idolatry 5. Worship of the 'image' http://www.dojc.nl/?p=5272&lang=en

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The wild beast with two horns

The wild beast with two horns, the false prophet:

Not everyone wants to just give up sovereignty and culture and it is obvious that much opposition will come to a new world order. Therefore, Satan brings heavy artillery. A false prophet who will perform powerful signs. This false prophet will convince people that a new world order is necessary, even the elect will be able to deceive.

NKJV (Revelation 13: 12,13) 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

NKJV (Matthew 24:23-25) 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. Not only the elect will be deceived, the other earthlings will also be misled.

NKJV (Revelation 13:14) 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast,....

The number of the beast is the number of a man, six hundred sixty-six:

NKJV (Revelation 13:18) 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

The second wild beast, the false prophet, has the number 666, the number of a man. In the Scriptures, this number appears again in 1Kings 10:14.

NKJV (1 Kings 10:14) 14 The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

Solomon had a great financial wealth in his kingdom, he received 666 talents of gold per year. If we make a direct comparison with Solomon, the man represented by the number 666 is a powerful person in his time - like Solomon - with major interests in finance.

We know that "the false prophet" will do powerful signs and is the initiator of the "image" of the beast.

NKJV (Revelation 13: 15) 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

The false prophet:

Occurs as a messiah (Rev 13:11)
Will do powerful signs (Rev 13: 13)
Is the initiator of the NWO (Rev 13:14)
Is a powerful person as Solomon (1Kings 10:14,15)
Is worshiped as God (2Tess 2:3-6) (Daniel 11:38)
Being showered with richness, see Signs 1. (Daniel 11:38)

With this comparison the false prophet is not yet precisely identified. The number 666 can therefore get a more detailed interpretation later.

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The woman and the scarlet colored wild beast

NKJV (Revelation 17:3-5) 3.....And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH..

Who is this woman? According to Rev. 18:9, "the kings of the earth" are mourning after the destruction of the whore. It is because of this fornication with the kings not logical that she is a political power.

NKJV (Rev. 18:9) 9 "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

As the merchants of the empire become rich of her, it is not logical that she portrays the business world.

NKJV (Rev. 18:15) 15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

However, we can read that she practices magic and sorcery:

NKJV (Rev. 18:23) 23....for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

We can also read that this woman has blood debt to the saints and martyrs of Jesus.

NKJV (Rev. 17:6) 6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus....

The woman has a name on her forehead, Babylon the Great, the mother of the prostitutes and of the abominations of the earth. Babylon was a city of sin with several temples dedicated to many forms of idolatry. This gruesome idolatry has subsequently spread throughout the world after the confusion.

NKJV (Jeremiah 50:2) 2 "Declare among the nations, Proclaim, and set up a standard; Proclaim--do not conceal it-- Say, 'Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed. Merodach is broken in pieces; Her idols are humiliated, Her images are broken in pieces.'

NKJV (Daniel 3:12) 12 There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up."

This makes it clear that the woman is the mother of the prostitutes, a picture of the global fornication by the adulterous relationship in relation to the Creator. Or **the** (**financial**) **idolatry in all its forms**. See for support the following Scriptures:

NKJV (Ezekiel 6:9) 9 Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols;...

NKJV (Jeremiah 51: 12,13) 12 Set up the standard on the walls of Babylon; Make the guard strong, Set up the watchmen, Prepare the ambushes. For the Lord has both devised and done What He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon. 13 O you who dwell by many waters, Abundant in treasures, Your end has come, The measure of your covetousness.

This idolatry in all its forms has as main base Satan and his demons, or as in Ephesians 6 is written, "spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places".

NKJV (Ephesians 6:11-12) 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

This idolatry will also be sown in the Christian communities:

NKJV (Revelation 2:20) 20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

The scarlet colored wild beast that carries the woman:

A new beast on stage, also the last. "The wild beast was, but is not" means that it stands for something, but is not the same as what was.

NKJV (Revelation 17: 7,8) 7...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. 8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition....

NKJV (Revelation 17:11,12) 11 And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. 12 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.

Because we are talking here, as with the previous wild beasts, again about a beast with seven heads and ten horns, this again concerns powers. It is not a power of a kingdom as before (it was, but is not), but it looks like such a kingdom.

It is noteworthy that there is no mention of crowns as a public identification of the kings as with the previous wild beast. It is also not known as a religious form of power, because the woman as a symbol of idolatry is carried on the back. Then remains **a financial power**. This scarlet-colored wild beast is the financial power. This scarlet-colored wild beast carries the woman, the idolatry in all its forms, on his back, which means that this woman is supported by the financial system.

world powers 10.

The eighth kingdom, the 10 kings

In general:

Power in politics is the influence that a person or organization has to other persons or organizations. Power over others' means that the ruler may instruct or compel them, to carry out his wishes. (Source Wikipedia)

One aspect to gain power is through knowledge. Knowledge is power or in other words, power is knowledge inequality. To become a world power or to stay a world power, knowledge has always been indispensable in the past. This knowledge includes not only the technological knowledge to give the economy, science and the military to a lead, but also includes information on other nations for a political strategy to be run.

Increase in Injustice:

The wild beast with two horns with the number of a man (Rev. 13:18), **the false prophet** is also called **the man of sin** (2Thess.2: 3), which will come when an obstacle is removed. This restriction is lifted when Christians en masse apostates from the faith in Christ and Christian values. This departure is an important marker in human history. This period is immediately followed by the arrival of the man of sin.

NKJV (2 Thessalonians 2: 3-6) 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless **the falling away** comes first, and **the man of sin** is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know **what is restraining**, that he may be revealed in his own time.

To understand how this new 'godless' world development will come, we first have to view the properties of Christians, because these properties will be the opposite of the properties of the apostate godless world:

No greed, Jesus speaks about this in Luke 12:15; Love your neighbor, Jesus gives the command in Matthew 7:19; Justice as a base to inherit the Kingdom in Luke 16:14; Have no sense of superiority as explained in Matthew 23:

NKJV (Luke 12: 15) 15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

NKJV (Matthew 19:19) 19 ... 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

NKJV (Luke 16:14-15) 14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. 15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

NKJV (Matthew 23: 2-7,29,33) 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. 4 For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers 5 But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi,'... 29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous... 33 Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?

The mentioned wicked world will have features, that imply the opposite. Instead of showing Christian values, there will be a period of critical times:

NKJV (2 Timothy 3: 1-4) 1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

NKJV (1 Thessalonians 5: 2-3) 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For **when they say, "Peace and safety!"** then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

Based on credits and a financial system, the scarlet beast with seven heads and 10 horns will reign as the 8th kingdom.

This eighth kingdom, the financial power or the 10 uncrowned kings, determines the financial rules and has therefore the "political power" in its grip.

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Characteristics of the last days

Through Jesus foretold earthquakes, famines and epidemics in the last days:

NKJV (Luke 21: 10,11) 10 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

Worldwide Earthquakes with a magnitude of 5 or higher do increase the last decades. http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eqarchives/year/eqstats.php



According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, there are food shortages in at least 40 countries.

Changes in climate cause on the southern half of our globe severe food shortages that result in environmental refugees: people who look for a better habitat. Scientists have now calculated that within a decade, their numbers will increase rapidly: in 2020 about fifty million southerners are expected to be up north. (Source: scientias.nl February 22, 2011)

God will send two witnesses who will prophesy for 1260 days before they are killed by the wild beast and the dragon, Satan the devil.

NKJV (Revelation 11:3,7) 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."... 7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

Babylon the great will be destroyed:

NKJV (Revelation 18: 15,16) 15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

See also: Idolatry 4. Worship of the 'image' http://www.dojc.nl/?p=5231&lang=en

Satan and his angels cast out of heaven and banished to earth:

NKJV (Revelation 12: 3,9) 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads... 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The abyss wil be opened, the unrepentant people will be tormented:

Be thrown down to earth is something totally different as to be cast into Tartarus. Angels who are thrown to earth still have the freedom on earth. But what is Tartarus? Tartarus is a prison for the Angels, an abyss, where they have to live in darkness. (2Petr.2: 4)

NKJV (2 Peter 2: 4) 4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

This is also supported in Luke 8, where the demons Jesus urge that they do not have to go into the abyss.

NKJV (Luke 8:30-33) 30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. 32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

As further support, that the jail was a cliff, is written in Rev. 20 Satan will be locked for one thousand years into the bottomless pit.

NKJV (Revelation 20:1-3) 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

In Joel, a numerous and powerful people are used by God, to bring back the apostates from his own people (Joel 2). According to Revelation 9, exactly the same will happen in the last days.

NKJV (Revelation 9:1-6) 1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. 3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

Angels can be given a restriction to only torture one group of people, those who don't have the seal of God on their foreheads . Also with Job there was a restriction not to kill him:

NKJV (Job 2:6,7) 6 And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life." 7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

The seven bowls in the last days:

NKJV (Revelation 15:1) 1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

These seven scales are 'as plagues' upon humanity poured out. It will be concluded with the final war at Har-Mágedon.

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The great war at Har-Mágedon

NKJV (Revelation 17: 12-14) 12 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. 13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 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."

The ten horns (kings, who are part of the new world order - NWO) received authority for one hour with the wild beast (financial rulers). They give their power and authority to the wild beast. Then they fight together (as the NWO) against the King Jesus Christ.

This battle is fought by Jesus with his army to free his disciples, who - despite the pressure of an egocentric, greedy and from God alienated world - stay faithful and loyal to their King, who are persecuted because they don't 'worship' the new world order and will not accept the mark of the beast under any circumstances.

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NKJV (Revelation 20: 4) 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

NKJV (Revelation 19:19) 19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Jesus and his Father are in such manner tuned to each other, so that Jesus could say:

NKJV (John 14: 9) 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

In Zechariah, God the Father declares, that who touches His people, touches His eyeball.

NKJV (Zechariah 2: 8) 8 For thus says the Lord of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

Jesus thinks exactly the same way about his disciples, who are also God's people.

Overview of the symbolic beasts and images in Revelation:

(Revelation 13:1) ... a wild beast with seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten diadems, but upon his heads blasphemous names

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(Revelation 12:3) ... a great fiery-colored dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads

Satan the Devil

(Revelation 13:11) 11 And I saw another beast rising from the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, but was speaking as a dragon.

The false prophet

(Revelation 13:15) 15 ... that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause as many as wouldn't worship the image of the beast to be killed.

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(Revelation 17:3) 3...on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

The financial world power, the 8th kingdom

NKJV (Revelation 17: 4,5) 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

The idolatry in all its forms, mainly the mammon (wealth)

Salvation for Christians:

Christians should keep themselves separated from the disbelievers.

NKJV (2 Corinthians 6: 14) 14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

Christians must avoid every aspect of idolatry. They receive in Revelation the warning to get out of all idolatry.

NKJV (Revelation 18: 2,4) 2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!...4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

Concerning Babylon the Great, see:

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When the Son of man appears in a cloud, then the liberation comes for Christians.

NKJV (Luke 21:26-28) 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

End

P.S. On the site 'Disciples of Jesus Christ' there are more substantive Christian articles.