



Revelation 73 Heads, Crowns and Horns

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REVELATION 12

Exegete or Eisegete: What is Your Purpose?

- To understand biblical metaphors and prophetic imagery, we must exegete by these guidelines:
 - Scripture defines Scripture
 - Words defined by the authors who used them as they would have defined them
 - Definitions shaped by historical, cultural, political and religious contexts of their times
- To push *modern* definitions or contexts onto ancient writings is to eisegete the Scriptures
 - This *legitimizes* sin's purposes rather than search out God's meaning in passages
 - One arrives at the *approved* meaning rather than God's meaning {Hermetic Dialectic}
 - Favorite tool of False Teachers/Prophets led by the Great Dragon
- God says, "Come, let us reason together...", exegete Scripture; begins with Law of Identity (Is 1:18)

Head:

Princeps Civitatis

- Head: The chief or *first* of a group whether that be a {Ancient Concept}
 - Family-Culture-Religion-Nation
 - Adam: Head of Mankind (1Co 15:20-22)
 - Abel: Designated as next *head* whom Cain assassinated and started his own clan (Ge 4:17)
 - Augustus: First Roman emperor, referred to himself as, *First Citizen* {*Princeps Civitatis*} emphasizing the leader representing the people from the people {Fraternity-Equality(ish)}
- Jesus: *head* of the Church, *First Fruit* of New Creation into New Eternity (1Co 15:23-28; Ep 5:23)
 - Christ *leads* by *servicing* though He, God, should be *served*; represents Father (Ph 2:5-11; He 2:14-18)
- Satan is the *Head* of Sinful Man through whom he seeks to expunge Saved from existence

Crown: *Delegated Authority – Submission*

- Crown: Symbol of delegated authority; worn on *head* showing submission: Crowns for Man only
 - High Priest's crown announcing, *Holy to the Lord...*; i.e., represents God (Ex 39:30-31)
 - God *allows* governments to rule; rebellion against them is rebellion against Him {Man uses government to replace God {Gives them up}} {Ex: Cain/Cyrus} (1Sa 8:4-20; Is 45:1-7; Ro 1:18-28; 13:1-7)
 - Jesus given *crown of thorns* by Rome-Satan mocking Him; taunting Him to sin (Is 53; Mt 27:27-31)
 - Jesus *shares* His Sonship with Saved represented by *crowns* {Adopted sons} (2Ti 4:8; Ja 1:12; 1Pe 5:4)
- Satan rejected Son's authority but he has no authority except through violent rebellion (1Sa 15:23; Is 14:13-14; Ez 28:14-18)
 - Christ allows governance so Man can declare his allegiance to Christ's government or to Satan's/Man's tyranny {Liberty-Equality-Fraternity} (Ex 2:23-25; Is 9:2-7)

Horn: Projection of Authority

- Horn: Projection of *delegated* authority to accomplish or obtain authority's goal
 - God's *horn* is Salvation which gives refuge from ravages of sin and judgment based on the *faithfulness* of Christ's sacrifice for those who believe (2Sa 22; Ro 10:9-17)
 - Faithful do not look to earthly kingdom but one to come in *New Earth* (Ga 4:21-31; He 11:8-10, 32-40; Re 21)
 - Christ's burden is light; He has carried the heavy load for us (Ps 23; Mt 11:28-30)
- Government uses *horn* to enlarge itself at the expense of others: citizens and foreigners (Ps 75)
 - *Horns* metaphor for war as governments vie against each other for supremacy (1Ki 22:1-28)
 - God said He will not strive with Satan's/Man's *horn* continually: Noah's/Tribulation Cataclysm (Ge 6:3)
 - Began with Cain and will continue until end of Third Age (Ge 4; Re 20)

The Mesmerizing Dragon: Heads-Crowns-Horns

- Satan left his *first estate*, his appointed task degrading himself; true of all sinners (Jude 1:6, 8-10)
 - Hence, Satan and sinners always depicted as animals; i.e., less than human (Ps 73:21-23; Re 12:9)
- Satan claims himself as The Authority; lie, Christ is source of all rule (Ro 13:1-7; Col 1:15-20; 2Th 2:3-12)
 - Governments, via their *Princeps Civitatis*, link to Satan vice Christ (Jn 18:38; Ro 1:18-28)
 - Satan delegates illegitimate authority to them, controlling them; hence, seven heads-crowns
 - Horns the projection of illegitimate Control exerting Satan's dominion; some are more equal than others, given more Control; hence, ten horns for seven *Princeps Civitatis*
 - Satan ruthlessly suppresses those who do not extend his dominance until only he remains and all are enslaved to Sin-Death (Da 7:7-8, 23-27; Jn 8:44)