

KINGDOM CULTURE

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I. 2 Thess 2:1-4 - Context of End Times and the Bible

- A. **Shaken** - *salēuō* - Waver back and forth; to become emotionally unsettled and distraught—to be deeply distressed, to be upset
- B. **Mind** - *nōus* - Way of thinking, attitude, reasoning and deciding
1. **James 1:5–8 (NKJV)** - A double-minded person is unstable and will not receive anything from the LORD.
- C. **Troubled** - *thrōēō* - Be in a state of fear, alarmed or frightened
1. **2 Kings 6:28–29 (NKJV)** - Fear causes irrational decisions
- D. **Falling away** - *apōstasia* - (apostasy, rejection) - Defection from the truth, abandonment, rebellion, defiance of authority, act in complete opposition to its demands.
1. **1 Tim 4:1** 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- a) **Depart** - *aphistēmi* - To abandon a former relationship or association, disassociate, remove, forsake
- b) **Giving heed** - *prōsēchō* - Turn one's attention to, occupy oneself with
- c) **Deceiving** - *planōs* - Deliberate deceptiveness, impostor, lead astray
- d) **Doctrines** - *didaskalia* - Instruction, teaching, information that is taught
- e) **Matthew 24:11 (NKJV)** 11 Then many **false prophets** will rise up and **deceive many**.
- E. **“And” the man of sin is revealed - the son of perdition**
1. **Sin** - *hamartia* - To act contrary to the will and law of God
2. **Revealed** - *apōkaluptō* - To uncover, unveil, reveal, make known
3. **Perdition** - *apōlēia* - To ruin, destroy, destruction beyond repair
4. **Opposes** - *antikēimai* - Opposite to, hostile towards; adverse, against
- F. **Exalts himself** - *hyperairomai* - Pridefully lift oneself up above a rival
- G. **In the temple of God** - Abomination of desolation
1. Mark 13:14, Dan 11:31, Matt 24:15
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- II. **Rev 13** - The Bible is a Jewish book, an Israel-Centric, Jerusalem-Centric, Middle Eastern-Centric book.
- A. **V1** - Beast rising up out of the sea w/ 7 heads and 10 horns
1. **Sea** - Mediterranean Sea - John writing from the Isle of Patmos off the coast of Turkey
 2. **Beasts** - Daniel had a vision in 553 BC of four great beasts coming up from the Great Sea.
 - a) Like a lion, Like a bear, Like a Leopard and a fourth beast dreadful and terrible
 - b) **Dan 7:17** 17 Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth.
 - c) **Beasts** - Kings/Kingdoms
- B. Beast has 7 Heads - 7 Empires that persecuted the nation of Israel - **Rev 17:9-11**
1. Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Macedonian Greek Empire, Roman Empire, Ottoman Empire (Turks) - Islamic Empire
 - a) **Daniel 7:23-25 (NKJV)** - Kings come out of Kingdoms
- C. **V2** - Beast Described in terms of kingdoms or regions:
1. "Like" a Leopard - Grecian Empire
 2. "Like" a Bear - Medo-Persian Empire
 3. "Like" a Lion - Babylonian Empire
 - a) **Arab** - Hebrew word that means mixed. Known as mixed people just as the beast is a "mixture" of nations.
 - b) **Daniel Statue** - Antichrist kingdom was a "mixture" of Iron and clay
 4. **Dragon give his power, throne and great authority**
 - a) **Power** - *dunamis* - force, miraculous power
 - b) **Authority** - *exousia* - delegated influence
 - (1) **Luke 10:19**
 - c) **Throne** - *thronos* - a stately seat - The Garden of Eden is thought to have been in either Turkey or Iraq and Adam and Eve had the "seat" of authority over the Earth until they gave it up.
 - d) **Rev 2:12-13**
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