

EIGHT KINGS / SEVEN KINGS

Revelation 17:7-11 — NLT — “Why are you so amazed?” the angel asked. “I will tell you the mystery of this woman and of the *beast* with seven heads and ten horns. The beast you saw *was alive but isn’t now*. And yet he will soon come up out of the bottomless pit and go to eternal destruction. And the people who belong to this world, whose names were not written in the Book of Life from before the world began, *will be amazed at the reappearance of this beast who had died*. And now understand this: The seven heads of the beast represent the seven hills of the city [Rome] where this woman [the Roman Catholic Church] rules. They also represent seven kings. Five kings have already fallen [by the 1st century A.D. five beastly kingdoms had already fallen], the sixth now reigns [the Roman Empire in the 1st century since this Scripture was written around 96 A.D.], and the seventh is yet to come [the final beastly king who will appear in the end-time], but his reign will be brief. [GNT:] And the [7th] beast that was once alive, but lives no longer [for he was killed], is itself an eighth king [because he will come back to life!] who is [also] one of the seven [for he was the 7th] and is going off to be destroyed [by Jesus Christ at His return].”

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