

7 Mountains & 3 Questions

[Revelation 17:3,5,7,9](#)... I saw a **woman** sitting on a scarlet-colored animal, full of blasphemous names, having **seven heads and ten horns**... 5 And **on her forehead a name was written, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."** ... 7 The angel said to me... 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. ... 9 Here is the mind that has wisdom. **The seven heads are seven mountains**, on which the woman sits.

It is commonly assumed that the "**seven mountains**" of Revelation 17 are literally real mountains, but are they really?

The woman, identified as BABYLON([Rev17:5](#)) is riding on a "beast"(vs3) which has 7 heads(vs3,9) which are 7 mountains(vs9). If we stop reading here, it truly appears that the 7 mountains are literal, rather than symbolic. However, the Bible raises some problems with that theory. First, for more context, **let's see what the beasts of Revelation chapters 12, 13, and 17 have in common =>**

[Revelation 12:3](#)... a great red dragon, having **seven heads and ten horns**...

[Revelation 13:1](#)... I saw a beast ... having **ten horns and seven heads**.

[Revelation 17:3](#)... a scarlet-colored beast... having **seven heads and ten horns**.

Even though each of these 3 beasts have additional and unique descriptors, please note that all 3 have the same "**seven heads**" and "**ten horns**". We also know from [Rev17:9](#) that "The seven heads are seven mountains". Now, I have 3 questions =>

1) [Rev13:3](#) tells us that "**one of his heads**", which is a mountain(17:9), was "**wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed**". So, I must ask the question, **how could one of those literal mountains be wounded to death and later be healed?**

2) let's consider [Rev12:3](#) where we learn that each of the seven heads, which are mountains(17:9), has **a crown upon it**. So, **how is it that the seven literal mountains each have a crown on it?**

3) let's consider [Rev17:9-10](#), where we learn that the seven heads, which are seven mountains really "are **seven kings; the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come...**" **We see here that these seven mountains(kings) are successive -- each following the previous. How could the seven literal mountains be successive?**

If there is no reasonable answer for each(all) of these 3 questions, I find it impossible for the "seven mountains" to be literal.

Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah ([Deut8:3](#); [Matt4:4](#))

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