

*“Then I would know the Truth
of the Fourth Beast”*



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Class Overview (Dan 7:15-22)

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Class I

Origin and Destiny of “the Dragon, that Old Serpent”

Introduction - The Serpent in Eden (Rev. 12:1-9; Gen. 3:1-6)



This system is not introduced by the Spirit as a *new serpent*, but rather an *old serpent*

Introduction - The Serpent in Eden

Thus, through subsequent generations the “Constitution of Sin” of the serpent world was developed, termed in Scripture the **“Kingdom of men”** or by implication **“the kingdom of the adversary, or Satan”**. The serpent, then, represents the underlying principle of hereditary sin-in-the-flesh manifested in the organizations of man’s system of self rule and religion, regardless of name, dominion, or duration.

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“For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD” (Jer. 29:8-9).

Introduction - The Serpent in Eden

*“Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is **known by his fruit.** O **generation of vipers,** how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matt.12:33-34).*

*“For there are many **unruly and vain talkers and deceivers,** specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake” (Titus 1:10-11).*

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Definitions

DRAGON - Hebrew *Tanin*
- Greek *Drakon*

“DRAGON, signifies a large fish, as the whale, or *crocodile, or a great serpent*. In some places it evidently means the deadly poisonous lizard called the Gecho by the East Indians. By the Egyptians, Persians, and Indians the dragon is regarded as the *established emblem of a monarch*. Sometimes it is used for monarchical despotism in general. *The Roman government, both in its pagan and Papal forms, as a persecuting power, is represented by this symbol.*”

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The Dragon in Egypt



The crocodile
god Sebek

“Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against all Egypt; Speak and say, Thus saith the LORD God; behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself” (Ezek. 29:2-3).

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The Dragon in Egypt and Assyria



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The Dragon assimilated into Babylon



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The Dragon assimilated into Assyria and Babylon

“Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent’s root [Egyptian and Assyrian] shall come forth a cockatrice [the Babylonian Serpent], and his fruit [in future manifestation] shall be a fiery flying serpent” (Isa. 14:29).

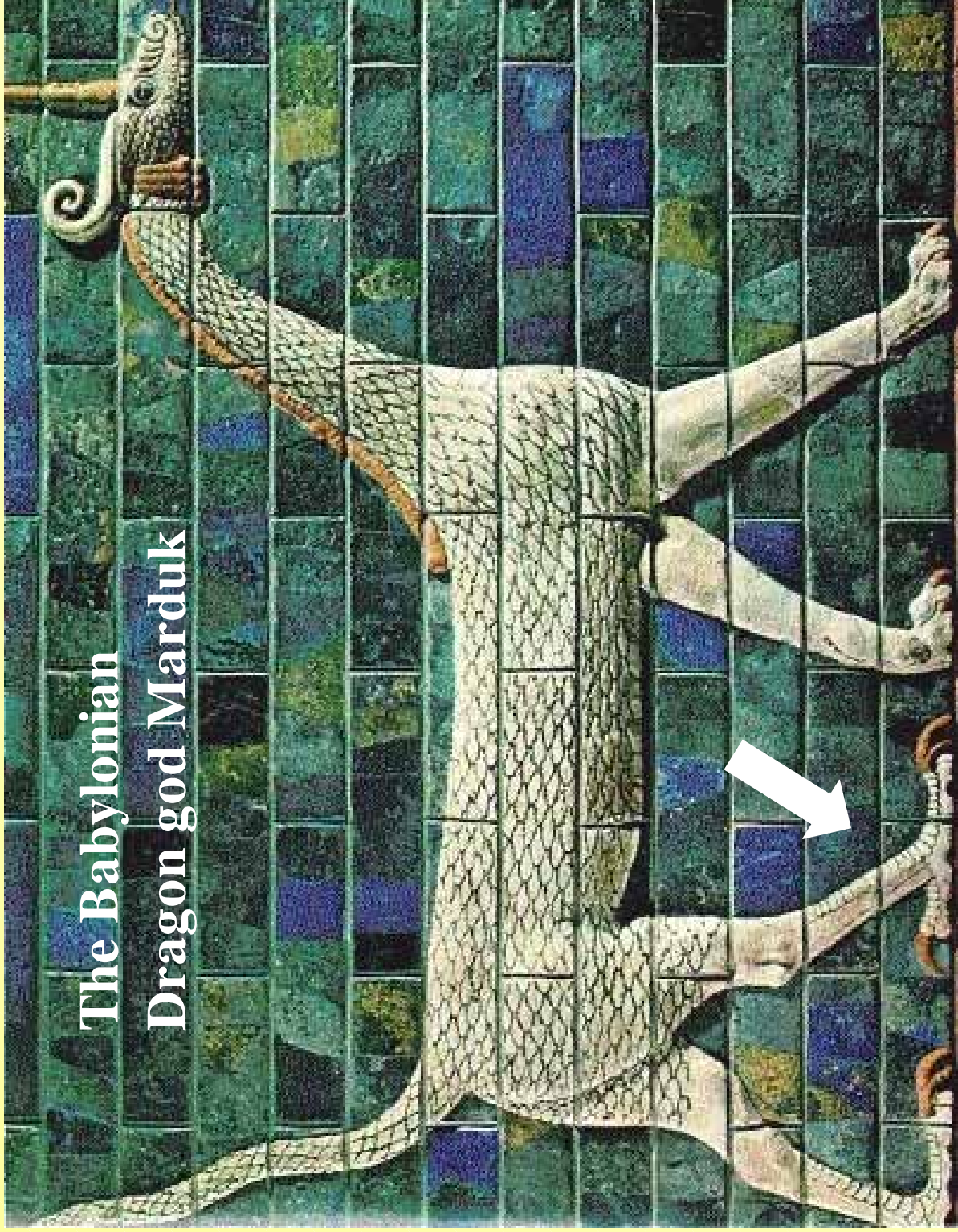
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The Dragon assimilated into Assyria and Babylon

*“For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; the daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor, it is time to thresh her; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, **he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out”** (Jer. 51:33-34).*

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The Babylonian
Dragon god Marduk



The Dragon in Rome and Beyond...

“The following extract from Salverte may cast some light upon it: *‘The dragon figured among the military ensigns of the Assyrians. Cyrus caused it to be adopted by the Persians and Medes. Under the Roman Emperors, and under the emperors of Byzantium, each cohort or centuria bore for an ensign a dragon’* (Des Sciences Occultes, Appendix, Note A, p. 476).”

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The Dragon in Rome and Beyond...

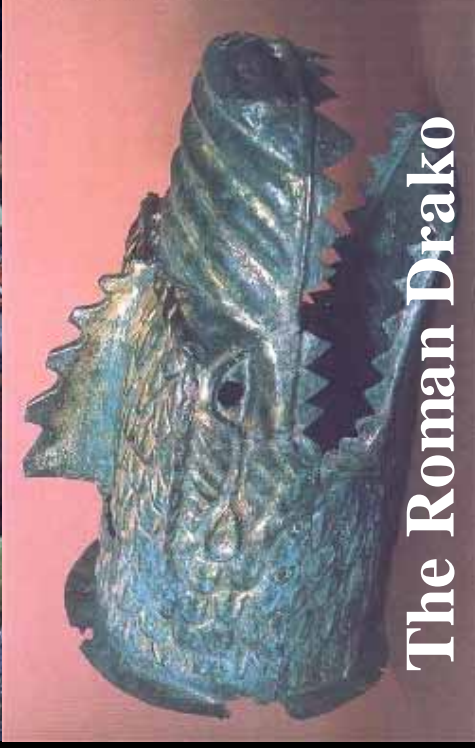
“Could the power of Pagan Imperial Rome — that power that first persecuted the Church of Christ, that stood by its soldiers around the tomb of the Son of God Himself, to devour him if it had been possible, when He should be brought forth, as the first-begotten from the dead, to rule all nations— be represented by a ‘fiery Serpent’? Nothing could more lucidly show it forth. Among the lords many and the gods many, worshipped in the imperial city (Rome), the two grand objects of worship were the ‘Eternal Fire,’ kept perpetually burning in the temple of Vesta, and the sacred Epidaurian Serpent”

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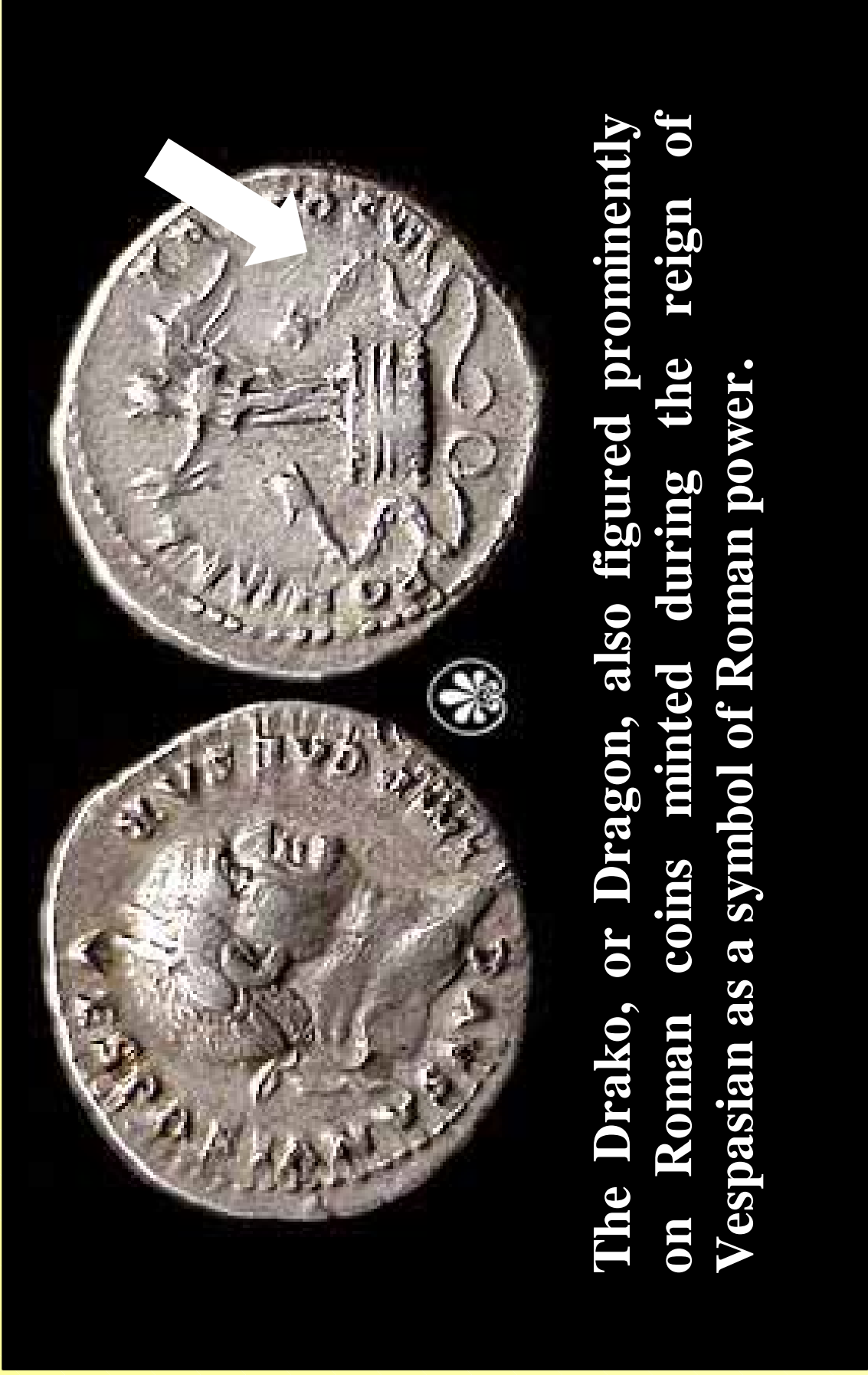
“The dragon was one of the military ensigns of imperial Rome. ..The dragon was covered with purple cloth, and fastened to the end of a pike gilt and adorned with precious stones: its wide throat being opened, so that the wind blew through it; and it hissed, as if in a rage, with its tail floating in various folds to the breeze.’”



The Roman Drako

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The Drako, or Dragon, also figured prominently on Roman coins minted during the reign of Vespasian as a symbol of Roman power.

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“Speaking of the procession of Constantine from Milan to Rome, Gibbon says, ‘he was encompassed by the glittering arms of the numerous squadrons of his guards and cuirassiers. Their streaming banners of silk, embroidered with gold, and shaped in the form of Dragons, waved round the person of the emperor.’”

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Assyrian King
Slays Marduk
the Dragon



Constantine
Slays the
Dragon



The Russian
Patron St. George
Slays the Dragon

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Coat of Arms of the
Romanovs



Coat of Arms of
Moscow

Conclusion

From Isaiah we read:

“In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea”
(Isa. 27:1).