

## ~HEAD (1029)

[Hebrew, *ro'sh*, Greek, *ke-pha-le*]

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• The top of the human body, the location of the brain and the senses of sight, hearing, smell, and taste. The head, Hebrew, *ro'sh*, Greek, *ke-pha-le* figures prominently in the Bible in both a literal and a figurative sense.

### • Crushing Or Bruising

• The book of Ecclesiastes contains a metaphoric description of the effects of old age, terminating in death.

- Remember, now, your Grand Creator in the days of your young manhood, before the calamitous days proceed to come, or the years have arrived when you will say; I have no delight in them. ([Ecclesiastes 12:1](#))
- Before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds have returned, afterward the downpour. ([Ecclesiastes 12:2](#))
- In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the men of vital energy have bent themselves, and the grinding women have quit working because they have become few, and the ladies seeing at the windows have found it dark. ([Ecclesiastes 12:3](#))
- And the doors onto the street have been closed, when the sound of the grinding mill becomes low, and one gets up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song sound low. ([Ecclesiastes 12:4](#))

- Also, they have become afraid merely at what is high, and there are terrors in the way. And the almond tree carries blossoms, and the grasshopper drags itself along, and the caper berry bursts, because man is walking to his long-lasting house and the wailers have marched around in the street. ([Ecclesiastes 12:5](#))
- Before the silver cord is removed, and the **golden bowl gets crushed**, and the jar at the spring is broken, and the waterwheel for the **cistern has been crushed**. ([Ecclesiastes 12:6](#))
- Then the dust returns to the earth just as it happened to be and the spirit itself returns to the true God who gave it. ([Ecclesiastes 12:7](#))
- The crushing of the golden bowl describes the breaking down at death of the brain and its functions in the bowl-like cranium of the **head**. Death or destruction are represented by the expression breaking the **head** or wounding the **head**.
- Indeed God himself will break the **head** of his enemies in pieces, the hairy crown of the head of anyone walking about in his guiltiness. ([Psalms 68:21](#))
- You yourself stirred up the sea with your own strength. You broke the **heads** of the sea monsters in the waters. ([Psalms 74:13](#))
- You yourself crushed to pieces the **heads** of Leviathan. You proceeded to give it as food to the people, to those inhabiting the waterless regions. ([Psalms 74:14](#))
- The Bible's first prophecy,
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the **head** and you will bruise him in the heel. ([Genesis 3:15](#))
- States that the seed of the woman, after himself suffering a bruising of the heel, will bruise the serpents **head**. In fulfillment, other texts show that the Serpent, Satan the Devil, is to be put into an abyss where he will be immobile for a thousand years and shortly thereafter is to be annihilated forever in the lake of fire, the second death.
- And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of

- the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (**Revelation 20:1**)
- And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:2**)
  - And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. (**Revelation 20:3**)
  - Now as soon as the thousand years have been ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison. (**Revelation 20:7**)
  - And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (**Revelation 20:10**)
  - And death and Hades were hurled into the lake of fire. This means the second death, the lake of fire. (**Revelation 20:14**)
  - So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)

## .. Lifting Up The Head

- King David, bowed in humiliation and trouble, looked to Yehowah as his Shield and the One **lifting up his head**, enabling him to hold his head high again.
- And yet you, O Yehowah, are a shield about me, my glory and the One lifting up my **head**. (**Psalms 3:3**)
- But as these things start to occur, raise yourselves erect and **lift your heads up**, because your deliverance is getting near. (**Luke 21:28**)
- In fulfillment of Joseph's interpretation of a dream, Pharaoh **lifted up the head** of his chief cupbearer by restoring him to his former office. But Pharaoh **lifted up the head from off** his chief baker, putting him to death.

- In three days from now Pharaoh will lift up your **head** and he will certainly return you to your office, and you will certainly give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, according to the former custom when you acted as his cupbearer. (**Genesis 40:13**)
- In three days from now Pharaoh **will lift up your head** from off you and will certainly hang you upon a stake, and the fowls will certainly eat your flesh from off you. (**Genesis 40:19**)
- Now on the third day it turned out to be Pharaoh's birthday, and he proceeded to make a feast for all his servants and to lift up the **head** of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers in the midst of his servants. (**Genesis 40:20**)
- Accordingly he returned the chief of the cupbearers to his post of cupbearer, and he continued to give the cup into Pharaoh's hand. (**Genesis 40:21**)
- But the chief of the bakers he hung up, just as Joseph had given them the interpretation. (**Genesis 40:22**)

#### .. **Blessing, Anointing, Swearing**

- The **head** was the member of the body on which blessings were placed.
- Joseph now took the two of them, Ephraim by his right hand to Israel's left, and Manasseh by his left hand to Israel's right, and brought them close to him. (**Genesis 48:13**)
- However, Israel put out his right hand and placed it on Ephraim's **head**, although he was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's **head**. He purposely laid his hands so, since Manasseh was the firstborn. (**Genesis 48:14**)
- And he proceeded to bless Joseph and to say; The true God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked. The true God who has been shepherding me during all my existence until this day. (**Genesis 48:15**)
- The angel who has been recovering me from all calamity, bless the boys. And let my name be called upon them and the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac. And let them increase to a

multitude in the midst of the earth. (**Genesis 48:16**)

- When Joseph saw that his father kept his right hand placed on Ephraim's **head**, it was displeasing to him, and he tried to take hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. (**Genesis 48:17**)
- Hence Joseph said to his father; Not so, my father, because this is the firstborn. Put your right hand on his **head**. (**Genesis 48:18**)
- But his father kept refusing and said; I know it, my son, I know it. He too will become a people and he too will become great. But, just the same, his younger brother will become greater than he will, and his offspring will become the full equivalent of nations. (**Genesis 48:19**)
- And he continued to bless them on that day, saying; By means of you let Israel repeatedly pronounce blessing, saying; May God constitute you like Ephraim and like Manasseh. Thus he kept putting Ephraim before Manasseh. (**Genesis 48:20**)
- The blessings of your father will indeed be superior to the blessings of the eternal mountains, to the ornament of the indefinitely lasting hills. They will continue upon the **head** of Joseph, even upon the crown of the **head** of the one singled out from his brothers. (**Genesis 49:26**)
- God's favor, guidance, and wisdom are likened to a lamp shining on the **head** and a wreath of charm on the **head**.
- When he caused his lamp to shine upon my **head**, when I would walk through darkness by his light. (**Job 29:3**)
- Wisdom is the prime thing. Acquire wisdom, and with all that you acquire, acquire understanding. (**Proverbs 4:7**)
- Highly esteem it, and it will exalt you. It will glorify you because you embrace it. (**Proverbs 4:8**)
- To your **head** it will give a wreath of charm, a crown of beauty it will bestow upon you. (**Proverbs 4:9**)
- **Anointing oil** was poured on the **head**.

- Finally he poured some of the anointing oil upon Aaron's **head** and anointed him so as to sanctify him. (**Leviticus 8:12**)
- It is like the good oil upon the **head**, that is running down upon the beard, Aaron's beard, that is running down to the collar of his garments. (**Psalms 133:2**)
- In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus counseled to **grease the head** when fasting, so as to appear well groomed and not make a sanctimonious show of self-denial for public acclaim.
- But you, when fasting, grease your **head** and wash your face. (**Matthew 6:17**)
- That you may appear to be fasting, not to men, but to your Father who is in secrecy, then your Father who is looking on in secrecy will repay you. (**Matthew 6:18**)
- Greasing the **head** of a guest with oil came to be one of the essential marks of hospitality.
- You did not grease my **head** with oil, but this woman greased my feet with perfumed oil. (**Luke 7:46**)
- The Jews developed a custom of **swearing by their head**, or life, a practice Jesus condemned.
- Nor by your **head** must you swear, because you cannot turn one hair white or black. (**Matthew 5:36**)
- Just let your word Yes mean Yes, your No, No, for what is in excess of these is from the wicked one. (**Matthew 5:37**)

**See Also OATH**

## •• **Representing The Person**

- The **head** as the governing member of the body was also used to represent the person himself. Jesus Christ's having nowhere to lay down his **head** meant he had no residence that he could call his own.
- But Jesus said to him; Foxes have dens and birds of heaven have roosts, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay down his **head**. (**Matthew 8:20**)

- The **head of a Nazirite** was under a vow, his long hair attesting to the fact.
- All the days of the vow of his Naziriteship no razor should pass over his **head**, until the days that he should be separated to Yehowah come to the full, he should prove holy by letting the locks of the hair of his **head** grow. (**Numbers 6:5**)
- And the Nazirite must shave the **head** of his Naziriteship at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and he must take the hair of the head of his Naziriteship and put it upon the fire that is under the communion sacrifice. (**Numbers 6:18**)
- And the priest must take a boiled shoulder from the ram and one unfermented ring-shaped cake out of the basket, and one unfermented wafer, and put them upon the palms of the Nazirite after he has had the sign of his Naziriteship shaved off. (**Numbers 6:19**)
- And the priest must wave them to and fro as a wave offering before Yehowah. It is something holy for the priest, along with the breast of the wave offering and the leg of the contribution. And afterward the Nazirite may drink wine. (**Numbers 6:20**)
- The sins or errors of a person were spoken of as being **over his head**.
- And I went on to say; O my God, I do feel ashamed and embarrassed to raise my face to you, O my God, for our errors themselves have multiplied over our **head** and our guiltiness has grown great even to the heavens. (**Ezra 9:6**)
- For my own errors have passed over my **head**, like a heavy load they are too heavy for me. (**Psalms 38:4**)
- So the principal court official said to Daniel; I am in fear of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink. Why, then, should he see your faces dejected-looking in comparison with the children who are of the same age as yours, and why should you have to make my **head** guilty to the king? (**Daniel 1:10**)

- David showed appreciation for reproof from the righteous, calling it **oil that his head would not want to refuse**.
- Should the righteous one strike me, it would be a loving-kindness, and should he reprove me, it would be oil upon the **head**, which my head would not want to refuse. For still there would be even my prayer during their calamities. (**Psalms 141:5**)
- When judgment catches up with the wicked person, he is said to be recompensed by having his **evil or his punishment come upon his own head**.
- And all the evil of the men of Shechem God made come back upon their own **heads**, that the malediction of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal might come upon them. (**Judges 9:57**)
- And David got to hear that Nabal had died, and so he said; Blessed be Yehowah, who has conducted the legal case of my reproach to free me from Nabal's hand and has kept his servant back from badness, and the badness of Nabal Yehowah has turned back upon his own **head**! And David proceeded to send and propose to Abigail to take her as his wife. (**1 Samuel 25:39**)
- Look! The windstorm of Yehowah, rage itself, will certainly go forth, even a whirling tempest. Upon the **head** of the wicked ones it will whirl itself. (**Jeremiah 23:19**)
- Look! A windstorm of Yehowah, rage itself, has gone forth, an onward-sweeping tempest. Upon the **head** of the wicked ones it will whirl. (**Jeremiah 30:23**)
- And, also, what do you have to do with me, O Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia? Is it the treatment that you are giving me as a reward? And if you are giving such treatment to me, swiftly, speedily I shall pay back your treatment upon your **heads**. (**Joel 3:4**)
- Here I am arousing them to come from the place where you have sold them, and I will pay back your treatment upon your own **heads**. (**Joel 3:7**)
- For the day of Yehowah against all the nations is near. In the way that you have done, it will be done to you. Your sort of treatment will return upon your own **head**. (**Obadiah 1:15**)

- Hear, O our God, for we have become an object of contempt, and make their reproach return upon their own **head**, and give them to the plunder in the land of captivity. (**Nehemiah 4:4**)
- Ones **blood being on his own head** meant that an individual pursuing a wrong course of action worthy of bringing the death sentence was personally responsible for the loss of his life.
- David then said to him; The bloodguilt for you be upon your own **head**, because your own mouth has testified against you, saying; I myself definitely put the anointed of Yehowah to death. (**2 Samuel 1:16**)
- And it must occur that on the day of your going out and when you do pass over the torrent valley of Kidron, you should unmistakably know that you will positively die. Bloodguilt for you will itself come to be upon your own **head**. (**1 Kings 2:37**)
- Son of man, speak to the sons of your people, and you must say to them, As regards a land, in case I bring upon it a sword and the people of the land, one and all, actually take a man and set him as their watchman. (**Ezekiel 33:2**)
- And he really sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the horn and warns the people. (**Ezekiel 33:3**)
- And the hearer actually hears the sound of the horn but he takes no warning at all, and a sword comes and takes him away, his own blood will **come to be upon his own head**. (**Ezekiel 33:4**)
- But after they kept on opposing and speaking abusively, he shook out his garments and said to them; Let your **blood be upon your own heads**. I am clean. From now on I will go to people of the nations. (**Acts of Apostles 18:6**)
- To **bring back on his head the blood of those a person killed** would be to bring him to judgment for bloodguilt.
- And Yehowah will certainly **bring back his blood upon his own head**, because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he was, and he proceeded to kill them with the sword, when my father David himself had not known of it, namely, Abner the son of Ner the chief of the army of Israel and Amasa the son of

**Jether the chief of the army of Judah. (1 Kings 2:32)**

- **And their blood must come back upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his offspring to time indefinite, but for David and for his offspring and for his house and for his throne there will come to be peace to time indefinite from Yehowah. (1 Kings 2:33)**
- **Each year, the sins of the people were confessed by Israel's High Priest, with his hands on the head of the goat for Azazel, transferring the sins to the goat, after which the animal was led into the wilderness to carry these errors off into oblivion.**
- **And he must take the two goats and make them stand before Yehowah at the entrance of the tent of meeting. (Leviticus 16:7)**
- **And Aaron must draw lots over the two goats, the one lot for Yehowah and the other lot for Azazel. (Leviticus 16:8)**
- **And Aaron must present the goat over which the lot came up for Yehowah, and he must make it a sin offering. (Leviticus 16:9)**
- **But the goat over which the lot came up for Azazel should be stood alive before Yehowah to make atonement for it, so as to send it away for Azazel into the wilderness. (Leviticus 16:10)**
- **And Aaron must lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat and confess over it all the errors of the sons of Israel and all their revolts in all their sins, and he must put them upon the head of the goat and send it away by the hand of a ready man into the wilderness. (Leviticus 16:21)**
- **And the goat must carry upon itself all their errors into a desert land, and he must send the goat away into the wilderness. (Leviticus 16:22)**
- **As other texts show, Jesus Christ personally carried our sicknesses and bore our pains and bore the sins of many.**
- **Truly our sicknesses were what he himself carried, and as for our pains, he bore them. But we ourselves accounted him as plagued, stricken by God and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)**
- **But he was being pierced for our transgression, he was being crushed for our errors. The chastisement meant for our peace**

was upon him, and because of his wounds there has been a healing for us. (**Isaiah 53:5**)

- So also the Christ was offered once for all time to bear the sins of many, and the second time that he appears it will be apart from sin and to those earnestly looking for him for their salvation. (**Hebrews 9:28**)
- He himself bore our sins in his own body upon the stake, in order, that we might be done with sins and live to righteousness. And by his stripes you were healed. (**1 Peter 2:24**)
- The priests and others in whose behalf certain sacrifices were made **laid their hands on the head** of the animal in acknowledgment that the sacrifice was for them.
- Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them; In case some man of you would present an offering to Yehowah from the domestic animals, you should present your offering from the herd and from the flock. (**Leviticus 1:2**)
- If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, a male, a sound one, is what he should present. At the entrance of the tent of meeting he should present it of his own free will before Yehowah. (**Leviticus 1:3**)
- And he must lay his hand upon the **head** of the burnt offering, and it must be graciously accepted for him to make atonement for him. (**Leviticus 1:4**)
- Then he led up the bull of the sin offering and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the **head** of the bull of the sin offering. (**Leviticus 8:14**)
- Then the Levites will lay their hands upon the **heads** of the bulls. After that, render up the one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to Yehowah to make atonement for the Levites. (**Numbers 8:12**)

## • Exaltation, Humiliation, And Contempt

- Among some of the nations, soldiers were buried with their **swords under their heads**, that is, with military honors.

- And will they not lie down with mighty ones, falling from among the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war? And they will put their swords under their **heads**, and their errors will come to be upon their bones, because mighty ones were a terror in the land of those alive. (**Ezekiel 32:27**)
- The wise man's **eyes are in his head**, that is, he sees where he is going.
- As regards anyone wise, his eyes are in his **head**, but the stupid one is walking on in sheer darkness. And I have come to know, I too, that there is one eventuality that eventuates to them all. (**Ecclesiastes 2:14**)
- **Dust, earth, or ashes put on the head** signified distress, mourning, or humiliation.
- At this Joshua ripped his mantles and fell upon his face to the earth before the ark of Yehowah until the evening, he and the older men of Israel, and they **kept putting dust upon their heads**. (**Joshua 7:6**)
- And a man of Benjamin went running from the battle line so that he arrived at Shiloh on that day with his garments ripped **apart and dirt on his head**. (**1 Samuel 4:12**)
- Then Tamar placed **ashes upon her head**, and the striped robe that was upon her she ripped apart, and she kept her hands put upon her head and went walking away, crying out as she walked. (**2 Samuel 13:19**)
- The psalmist, in recounting the testings and hardships on God's people, says that **men had ridden over Israel's head**. He apparently refers to the subjection under which God's people were brought by mere worldly men, the **Hebrew** word used is, '*enohsh*', **mortal man**, who were powerful, cruel, and haughty.
- You have made mortal man **to ride over our head**, we have come through fire and through water, and you proceeded to bring us forth to relief. (**Psalms 66:12**)
- And I will put it in the hand of the ones irritating you, who have said to your soul, Bow down that we may cross over, so that you

used to make your back just like the earth, and like the street for those crossing over. (Isaiah 51:23)

- To bow down the head was a sign of humility or of mourning.
- Should the fast that I choose become like this, as a day for earthling man to afflict his soul? For bowing down his head just like a rush, and that he should spread out mere sackcloth and ashes as his couch? Is it this that you call a fast and a day acceptable to Yehowah? (Isaiah 58:5)
- And to wag, or shake, the head was symbolic of derision, contempt, or astonishment.
- As for all those seeing me, they hold me in derision, they keep opening their mouths wide, they keep wagging their head. (Psalms 22:7)
- For my people have forgotten me in that they make sacrificial smoke to something worthless, and in that they make men stumble in their ways, the paths of long ago, to walk in roadways, a way not banked up. (Jeremiah 18:15)
- In order to make their land an object of astonishment, for whistling at to time indefinite. Every last one passing along by it will stare in astonishment and shake his head. (Jeremiah 18:16)
- So the passersby began speaking abusively of him, wagging their heads (Matthew 27:39)
- And saying; O you would-be thrower-down of the temple and builder of it in three days, save yourself! If you are a son of God, come down off the torture stake! (Matthew 27:40)
- And those going by would speak abusively to him, wagging their heads and saying; Bah! You would-be thrower-down of the temple and builder of it in three days time. (Mark 15:29)
- Save yourself by coming down off the torture stake. (Mark 15:30)

## •• Kindness To Enemies

- The Bible recommends that a person treat his enemy kindly, for by doing this you will **heap fiery coals upon his head**.
- But, if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For by doing this you **will heap fiery coals upon his head**. (**Romans 12:20**)
- If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. (**Proverbs 25:21**)
- For coals are what you are **raking together upon his head**, and Yehowah himself will reward you. (**Proverbs 25:22**)
- This metaphor is drawn from the ancient process of smelting, where coals were heaped on top of the ore as well as being underneath. So **exercising kindness will tend to soften the person and melt his hardness**, separating evil impurities and bringing out the good in him.

## • Ruling Position

- **Head** could refer to the chief member of a family, tribe, nation, or government.
- At this the older men of Gilead said to Jephthah; That is why now we have returned to you, and you must go with us and fight against the sons of Ammon, and you must become for us the **head** of all the inhabitants of Gilead. (**Judges 11:8**)
- And Samuel went on to say; Was it not when you were little in your own eyes that you were **head** of the tribes of Israel, and Yehowah proceeded to anoint you as king over Israel? (**1 Samuel 15:17**)
- At that time Solomon proceeded to congregate the older men of Israel, all the **heads** of the tribes, the chieftains of the fathers, of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yehowah out of the City of David, that is to say, Zion. (**1 Kings 8:1**)
- And these were the **heads** of the house of their forefathers: Ephraim and Ishi and Eliel and Azriel and Jeremiah and Hodaviah and Jahdiel, men that were valiant, mighty fellows, men of fame, heads of the house of their forefathers. (**1 Chronicles 5:24**)

- **Family head** is, literally, patriarch, **Greek**, *pa-tri-ar'khes*.
- Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the **family head** David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. (**Acts of Apostles 2:29**)
- He also gave him a covenant of circumcision, and thus he became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve **family heads**. (**Acts of Apostles 7:8**)
- And the **family heads** became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. But God was with him. (**Acts of Apostles 7:9**)
- Behold, then, how great this man was to whom Abraham, the **family head**, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils. (**Hebrews 7:4**)
- At the **head** was used in the sense of leading.
- The one making a breakthrough will certainly come up before them, they will actually break through. And they will pass through a gate, and they will go out by it. And their king will pass through before them, with Yehowah **at the head** of them. (**Micah 2:13**)
- Israel itself, if obedient to God, was to be at the **head of the nations**, on top, in that the nation would be free and prosperous, even having the people of other nations in their debt.
- Yehowah will open up to you his good storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain on your land in its season and to bless every deed of your hand, and you will certainly lend to many nations, while you yourself will not borrow. (**Deuteronomy 28:12**)
- And Yehowah will indeed put you **at the head** and not at the tail, and you must come to be only on top, and you will not come to be on the bottom, because you keep obeying the commandments of Yehowah your God, which I am commanding you today to observe and to do. (**Deuteronomy 28:13**)
- If the Israelites disobeyed, the alien resident would lend to them, becoming **head** over them.

- The alien resident who is in your midst will keep ascending higher and higher above you, while you, you will keep descending lower and lower. (**Deuteronomy 28:43**)
- He will be the one to lend to you, while you, you will not lend to him. He will become the **head**, while you, you will become the tail. (**Deuteronomy 28:44**)

## •• Seven Heads Of The Dragon

- The dragon seen in heaven in the apostle John's vision had **seven heads**. It is identified as the Devil.
- And another sign was seen in heaven, and, look! A great **fiery-colored dragon, with seven heads** and ten horns and upon its heads seven diadems. (**Revelation 12:3**)
- So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth. He was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)
- Additionally, the wild beast on earth, which receives its power from the dragon, and also the scarlet-colored wild beast are both depicted as having **seven heads**, and these **heads** are clearly used to represent world powers.
- And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild beast ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and seven **heads**, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its **heads** blasphemous names. (**Revelation 13:1**)
- And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven **heads** and ten horns. (**Revelation 17:3**)
- Here is where the intelligence that has wisdom comes in. The seven **heads mean seven mountains**, where the woman sits on top. (**Revelation 17:9**)
- And there are **seven kings**. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet arrived, but when he does arrive he must remain a short

while. (**Revelation 17:10**)

- As regards that image, its head was of good gold, its breasts and its arms were of silver, its belly and its thighs were of copper. (**Daniel 2:32**)
- You, O king, the king of kings, you to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the might, and the strength and the dignity. (**Daniel 2:37**)
- And into whose hand he has given, wherever the sons of mankind are dwelling, the beasts of the field and the winged creatures of the heavens, and whom he has made ruler over all of them, you yourself are the head of gold. (**Daniel 2:38**)
- Here King Nebuchadnezzar's dynasty is called a **head**. Hence, the seven diademed heads of the Dragon would evidently point to Satan's headship over the seven world powers of Bible prophecy.
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:12**)

**See Also BEASTS, SYMBOLIC**

**See Also GOG 2**

### **.. Head Of The Christian Congregation**

- In the Christian congregation Jesus Christ is the **Head** of the congregation, which is his body, of 144,000 members.
- He also subjected all things under his feet, and made him **head** over all things to the congregation. (**Ephesians 1:22**)
- Which is his body, the fullness of him who fills up all things in all. (**Ephesians 1:23**)
- And he is the **head** of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that he might become the one who is first in all things. (**Colossians 1:18**)
- And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name

and the name of his Father written on their fore**heads**.  
(**Revelation 14:1**)

- The head is, the place where all knowledge resides, where hearing and vision emanate, through which the body is fed, and it is by far more capable than all the other members of the body.
- Having immortality, he is the ever-living liaison member of the body of spirit-begotten Christians on earth at any given time, supplying all necessary things for them to grow spiritually and function to God's glory.
- Now you are Christ's body, and members individually. (**1 Corinthians 12:27**)
- But speaking the truth, let us by love grow up in all things into him who is the **head**, Christ. (**Ephesians 4:15**)
- From him all the body, by being harmoniously joined together and being made to cooperate through every joint that gives what is needed, according to the functioning of each respective member in due measure, makes for the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. (**Ephesians 4:16**)
- Let no man deprive you of the prize who takes delight in a mock humility and a form of worship of the angels, taking his stand on the things he has seen, puffed up without proper cause by his fleshly frame of mind. (**Colossians 2:18**)
- Whereas he is not holding fast to the **head**, to the one from whom all the body, being supplied and harmoniously joined together by means of its joints and ligaments, goes on growing with the growth that God gives. (**Colossians 2:19**)
- As the material temple had a **headstone**.
- Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a level land. And he will certainly bring forth the **headstone**. There will be shoutings to it; How charming! How charming! (**Zechariah 4:7**)
- So Jesus is the **headstone** of a spiritual temple.
- Then Peter, filled with Holy Spirit, said to them; Rulers of the

people and older men. (**Acts of Apostles 4:8**)

- If we are this day being examined, on the basis of a good deed to an ailing man, as to by whom this man has been made well. (**Acts of Apostles 4:9**)
- Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you impaled but whom God raised up from the dead, by this one does this man stand here sound in front of you. (**Acts of Apostles 4:10**)
- This is, the stone that was treated by you builders as of no account that has become the **head** of the corner. (**Acts of Apostles 4:11**)
- It is to you, therefore, that he is precious, because you are believers, but to those not believing, the identical stone that the builders rejected has become the **head** of the corner. (**1 Peter 2:7**)
- And the **head** of all government and authority under God, who is the Head over all.
- And so you are possessed of a fullness by means of him, who is the **head** of all government and authority. (**Colossians 2:10**)
- But I want you to know that the **head** of every man is the Christ, in turn the head of a woman is the man, in turn the **head** of the Christ is God. (**1 Corinthians 11:3**)
- The Bible likens Christ's position as **head** of the congregation to that of a husband toward his wife, to impress upon human married couples the direction, love, and care the husband must exercise and the subjection that the wife must manifest within the marital union.
- Let wives be in subjection to their husbands as to the Lord. (**Ephesians 5:22**)
- Because a husband is **head** of his wife as the Christ also is head of the congregation, he being a savior of this body. (**Ephesians 5:23**)
- In fact, as the congregation is in subjection to the Christ, so let wives also be to their husbands in everything. (**Ephesians 5:24**)

- Husbands, continue loving your wives, just as the Christ also loved the congregation and delivered up himself for it. **(Ephesians 5:25)**
- That he might sanctify it, cleansing it with the bath of water by means of the word. **(Ephesians 5:26)**
- That he might present the congregation to himself in its splendor, not having a spot or a wrinkle or any of such things, but that it should be holy and without blemish. **(Ephesians 5:27)**
- In this way husbands ought to be loving their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **(Ephesians 5:28)**
- For no man ever hated his own flesh, but he feeds and cherishes it, as the Christ also does the congregation. **(Ephesians 5:29)**
- Because we are members of his body. **(Ephesians 5:30)**
- For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and he will stick to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. **(Ephesians 5:31)**
- This sacred secret is great. Now I am speaking with respect to Christ and the congregation. **(Ephesians 5:32)**
- Nevertheless, also, let each one of you individually so love his wife as he does himself, on the other hand, the wife should have deep respect for her husband. **(Ephesians 5:33)**
- The apostle Paul, drawing on the principle of the primary **headship** of God, the **Head** of Christ, and the relative **headship** of the man over the woman, sets forth the principle governing the Christian congregation, namely, that the woman should recognize the God-ordained **headship** of man by wearing a head covering, a sign of authority, upon her **head** when praying or prophesying in the congregation.
- But I want you to know that the **head** of every man is the Christ, in turn the **head** of a woman is the man, in turn the head of the Christ is God. **(1 Corinthians 11:3)**
- Every man that prays or prophesies having something on his

**head** shames his **head**. (1 Corinthians 11:4)

- But every woman that prays or prophesies with her **head** uncovered shames her **head**, for it is one and the same as if she were a woman with a shaved **head**. (1 Corinthians 11:5)
- For if a woman does not cover herself, let her also be shorn, but if it is disgraceful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. (1 Corinthians 11:6)
- For a man ought not to have his **head** covered, as he is God's image and glory, but the woman is man's glory. (1 Corinthians 11:7)
- For man is not out of woman, but woman out of man. (1 Corinthians 11:8)
- And, what is more, man was not created for the sake of the woman, but woman for the sake of the man. (1 Corinthians 11:9)
- That is why the woman ought to have a sign of authority upon her **head** because of the angels. (1 Corinthians 11:10)
- Besides, in connection with the Lord neither is woman without man nor man without woman. (1 Corinthians 11:11)
- For just as the woman is out of the man, so also the man is through the woman, but all things are out of God. (1 Corinthians 11:12)
- Judge for your own selves; Is it fitting for a woman to pray uncovered to God? (1 Corinthians 11:13)
- Does not nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him. (1 Corinthians 11:14)
- But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? Because her hair is given her instead of a **headress**. (1 Corinthians 11:15)
- However, if any man seems to dispute for some other custom, we have no other, neither do the congregations of God. (1 Corinthians 11:16)

**See Also HAIR**

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**See Also HEADSHIP**

### **.. Other Uses**

- The **Hebrew** word for **head** is used to refer to the tops of pillars of the tabernacle, the courtyard, and the temple.
- And he went on to make a screen for the entrance of the tent out of blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver. (**Exodus 36:37**)
- And its five pillars and their pegs. And he overlaid their tops and their joints with gold, but their five socket pedestals were of copper. (**Exodus 36:38**)
- And the socket pedestals for the pillars were of copper. The pegs of the pillars and their joints were of silver and the overlaying of their **tops** was of silver, and there were silver joinings for all the pillars of the courtyard. (**Exodus 38:17**)
- And two capitals he made to put upon the **tops** of the pillars, cast in copper. Five cubits was the height of the one capital, and five cubits was the height of the other capital. (**1 Kings 7:16**)
- The tops of mountains.
- And the waters kept on progressively lessening until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared. (**Genesis 8:5**)
- Bushes or trees.
- And let it occur that, when you hear the sound of the marching in the tops of the baca bushes, then you go out into the fight, because the true God will have gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines down. (**1 Chronicles 14:15**)
- A Ladder.
- And he began to dream, and, look! There was a ladder stationed upon the earth and its top reaching up to the heavens, and, look! There were God's angels ascending and descending on it.

**(Genesis 28:12)**

- **A Scepter**
- And it came about that, as soon as the king saw Esther the queen standing in the courtyard, she gained favor in his eyes, so that the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Esther now came near and touched the top of the scepter. **(Esther 5:2)**
- To cite a few examples. It is also applied to that which is the **head** of or the beginning of something, such as the head of rivers and of roads
- Now there was a river issuing out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it began to be parted and it became, as it were, four **heads**. **(Genesis 2:10)**
- For the king of Babylon stood still at the crossways, at the **head** of the two ways, in order to resort to divination. He has shaken the arrows. He has asked by means of the teraphim. He has looked into the liver. **(Ezekiel 21:21)**
- As well as the first month, the start, **head** of the months.
- This month will be the **start** of the months for you. It will be the first of the months of the year for you. **(Exodus 12:2)**
- The Jewish name for their new years day is Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning, **Head** of the Year.

**See Also ATTITUDES AND GESTURES**