

Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 13

The Beast and His Empire – part 1

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Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a **BEAST** rising up out of the sea, having **SEVEN HEADS** and **TEN HORNS**, and on his **HORNS TEN CROWNS**, and on his heads **A BLASPHEMOUS NAME**.² Now the beast which I saw was like a **LEOPARD**, his **FEET** were like the feet of a **BEAR**, and his **MOUTH** like the mouth of a **LION**. The **DRAGON** gave him his **POWER**, his **THRONE**, and **GREAT AUTHORITY**.³ And I saw one of his heads **AS IF** it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.⁴ So they **WORSHIPED** the **DRAGON** who gave authority to the **BEAST**; and they worshiped the **BEAST**, saying, “Who is like the **BEAST**? Who is able to make war with him?”

⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for **FORTY-TWO MONTHS**.⁶ Then he opened his mouth in **BLASPHEMY** against God, to blaspheme His **NAME**, His **TABERNACLE**, and those who **DWELL IN HEAVEN**.⁷ It was granted to him to **MAKE WAR** with the saints and to **OVERCOME THEM**. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have **NOT** been written in the **Book of Life of the Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world.

⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear.¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. **Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.**

1. The **BEAST** who Comes Up Out of the Bottomless Pit was First Introduced in Revelation 9 → Abaddon, Apollyon → this Fallen Angelic Being who is **KING** over the Army of Demon Locust-Scorpions that come up out of the Bottomless Pit. He is re-introduced in Revelation 11 – when he made war against the Two Witnesses and was finally able to kill the Two Witnesses. The **Beast** (i.e.: the antichrist) will be hailed as the World Hero who defeated those Prophets of God who tormented the whole earth with their dire prophecies that played out in Revelation 8 and 9 (all those global disasters). This marks the Beginning of the 2nd Half of the Great Tribulation – 3.5 years are remaining (42 months, 1260 days, “time, times, and half a time”) He will Prevail over the saints “temporarily” seem to be winning, defeating the “saints” – see Revelation 13:5-10 (compare with Rev. 14:12-13 → Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”)
2. Chapter 13 Introduces to us the **Beast’s Empire** – what it looks like to give us Clues as to What its Nature is, Its Historical Heritage that it is built upon and where it will Rise from (location) The Description is directly taken from the Book of Daniel – Chapters 2, and 7-12

- a. It sprang up out of the Sea → the sea of humanity, the peoples of the earth ... it will not be composed of just one people group (one ethnicity). As the Sea is vast, untamable, almost without depth, so it will be of the millions of human beings that will be drawn into and make up this new Empire, the Beast Empire. It might even look disorganized, violent (like crashing waves, stormy, etc.) – thus it is like the Sea.
- b. **Seven Heads and Ten Horns.** Just like we saw with the Dragon in Revelation 12. This Beast Empire Reflects the Spiritual, Satanic, Demonic Power that is Behind it in the Spiritual Realm. It gets its power and direction as a Template from Satan, the Dragon. Seven Heads represent 7 Historical Empires that has some relationship with “ruling” over Israel in the past (past to us, but not fully in the past to John). Originally, all of these 7 Empires spring forth from original Babylon under Nimrod (Genesis 10 & 11) – In Revelation 17:7-18 – these are referred to as 7 Mountains (not hills) Mountains and Heads (and Horns) refer to Earthly Political Empires/Kingdoms/Powers (Powers that had their FEET on Jerusalem, Israel)
 - i. EGYPT (1 Head, 1 Horn)
 - ii. ASSYRIA (1 Head, 1 Horn)
 - iii. BABYLON (1 Head, 1 Horn - LION – started under Nebuchadnezzar)
 - iv. MEDO-PERSIA (1 Head, 1 Horn – BEAR – started under Cyrus the Great)
 - v. GREECE (1 Head, 4 Horns – LEOPARD – started under Alexander the Great)
Greece split into 4 Empires after the death of Alexander, since he had no children (see Daniel 8 – it actually explains it there, clearly)
 - vi. ROME (1 Head, 1 Horn – Rev. 17:9-11 – ONE IS - when John was writing this)
 - vii. Ottoman/Islamic Empire (1 Head, 1 Horn – after Rome Falls)

This make Seven Heads (Mountains/Empires) and TEN Horns ...

They are all from the Middle East and North Africa, Surrounding the Land of Israel They are all Islamic Countries, Regions TODAY. The common Thread Holding them in an alliance together, as Iron Mixed with Clay would hold together, is Islam and their common Hatred toward Israel.

3. The Beast, the Human Being who is Demon Possessed by the Leadership Demon, Abaddon or Apollyon (The Beast that comes up out of the Bottomless pit, as we discussed above) will seem invincible
 - a. A Mouth that Speaks Blasphemous Words (without repercussions, seemingly)
ref.: Rev. 13:5-6.
Prophecy (over 460 years before Christ): “the Little Horn” → Daniel 7:7-8, 11; 8:8-12
 - b. He was giving Power, Authority, Armies to Prevail against the “saints” for a season
Daniel 7:19-25; 8:20-26 (42 months or “time, times, and half a time” → 3.5 years)
4. Lessons we can learn:
 - a. God is not surprised with what Satan will try to do: No Surprises
 - b. God puts boundaries up for what will take place in the Future, He is, ultimately in full control, even though it may not look like it
 - c. God told us these things in the past, in the Old Testament, through Jesus Christ and His Apostles in the New Testament – so that, when we START to see these things comes together and form ... we will
 - i. Be Encouraged that our Redemption is Drawing very Near (Luke 21:28)
(Keep LOOKING UP)
 - ii. We will be Energized to Prayerfully Evangelize the Lost around us, not just our family, but those around us ... and have impact globally through Prayerfully and Financially Support the Gospel Mission around the world. (Matt. 24:14; 28:18-20)