

Syllabus
The Book of Revelation
Chapter 13

Introduces the Satanic Trinity

The Dragon, Satan

The Antichrist

The False Prophet

Counterfeit of The Father

Counterfeit of The Son, The Christ, The Messiah

Counterfeit of The Holy Spirit

Rev. 13:1 *and he stood upon the sand of the sea.*

And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.

The beast is both a person and a system. The beast system upon which the beast, the Antichrist, operates is a conglomerate of the beasts of Daniel's visions.

Dan. 7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven brake forth upon the great sea.

Dan. 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

Dan. 7:4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon two feet as a man; and a man's heart was given to it.

Dan. 7:5 And, behold, another beast, a second, like to a bear; and it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

Dan. 7:6 After this I beheld, and, lo, another, like a leopard, which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

Dan. 7:7 After this I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, a fourth beast, terrible and powerful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

Daniel 7:2, 3, declares they came up from The Great Sea. The Great Sea in the O.T. is The Mediterranean Sea. The Four Empires were vast, stretching all around the Mediterranean. By the time of the Roman Empire, that Sea was like a lake

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surrounded by the Empire of Rome. This shows us the prophetic earth. It limits the scope of the antichrist's greatest authority.

Rev. 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.

The conglomerate beast of the tribulation carries attributes of the Four Empires. The body of the beast is like unto a leopard. Greece. Grecian in appearance. Long ago, I noticed a scripture concerning the antichrist which caused me to do not a little study.

Dan. 8:21 And the rough he-goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. [Alexander the Great]

Dan. 8:22 And as for that which was broken, in the place whereof four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.

Dan. 8:23 And **in the latter time of their kingdom**, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

Dan. 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do *his pleasure*; and he shall destroy the mighty ones and the holy people.

Dan. 8:25 And through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in *their* security shall he destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Alexander the Great headed the great Grecian Empire. He died in Babylon at the young age of 33, having conquered so much of the prophetic earth. His kingdom was divided among four of his generals, just as the Lord prophesied.

The phrase that drew my attention was, "in the latter time of their kingdom." I see that the beast system of Revelation is the old Roman Empire revived. Yet this refers to the antichrist arising "in the latter times of the kingdom of Greece."

Many years ago, I came across a set of Time Life books on the empires. There I found the answer. The books brought out that the Greek Empire left the biggest footprint on our society. So much that we have is of Greek origin. (Philosophy. Democracy. Sport. Olympics. Gymnasium. Art and an ideal of beauty. Architecture. Medicine. Theatre. Biology. Geometry. Epic and Lyric Poetry. Tragedy and Comedy. Etc.) The Time Life books said, "Rome brought little new. They promulgated Grecia."

And so we see in Revelation 13:2 that the body, the largest part, of the conglomerate beast is the leopard representing Greece.

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“...and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority...”

The dragon is Satan.

People say Satan has no power.

If that is so, how could he give the beast system and the antichrist power and authority?

Jesus has conquered him, and given us authority over him, but he is still on the loose.

Satan gives the antichrist power (dunamis) and authority.

And he gives him a throne.

Rev. 13:3 *And I saw one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast;*

Dr. Hilton Sutton sees the beast as a satanic system of governments, commerce, and religion.

Dr. Hilton Sutton, *Revelation Revealed*, pages 160-162

...the Beast is more than a man. The Beast refers to an entire system and two men. Some teachers declare that the man who heads the Beast System, the Antichrist, will be assassinated, then resurrected by the False Prophet... It would be impossible for the False Prophet to resurrect the Antichrist, because only God the Holy Ghost has resurrection power, and He would not resurrect this ungodly man.

One of the Beast's heads is wounded unto death. Each head represents a kingdom. Because the seal of Daniel 12 has been lifted, we know from studying the biblical and historical records that the Beast's fatal wound is the destruction of one of the great empires, the Roman Empire.

The fall of the Roman Empire causes the demise of the entire system, which will indeed be resurrected by Satan, amazing all the world.

...it is the system, not the man who is mortally wounded.

Rev. 13:4 *and they worshipped the dragon [Satan], because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war with him?*

Rev. 13:5 *and there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and there was given to him authority to continue forty and two months.*

Dr. Hilton Sutton, *Revelation Revealed*, page 163

...the man who will become the Antichrist does not take this image upon himself until the last half of the Tribulation. During the first half he attempts to pass himself off as a man of peace.

He will be an outstanding leader of the European states, a diplomat of the first order. We know this because Daniel 9:26 tell us that “...the people (Rome) of the prince who is to come (the Antichrist) shall destroy the city (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary (the Temple). This occurred between 68-70 AD with the Roman empire...”

Using his ability to combine the governments, commerce, military, and religion...he affects the resurrection of the Beast system.

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Brim note: Please see "Appendix: Seat of Satan," and "Appendix: The Image of Europe."

Rev. 13:6 *And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, even them that dwell in the heaven.*

Rev. 13:7 *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.*

The Church is in Heaven. The saints are Israel.

Please see "Appendix: The Antichrist" for a list of Scriptures concerning him.

Another Beast
The False Prophet

Rev. 13:11 *¶ And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like unto a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*

Rev. 13:12 *And he exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he maketh the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed.*

Rev. 13:13 *And he doeth great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men.*

Rev. 13:14 *And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who hath the stroke of the sword and lived.*

Rev. 13:15 *And it was given unto him to give breath to it, even to the image of the breast, ¹¹that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not ¹²worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

Rev. 13:16 *And he causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead;*

Rev. 13:17 *and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, even the name of the beast or the number of his name.*

Rev. 13:18 *Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man: and his number is ¹³Six hundred and sixty and six.*

There is no salvation for those taking the mark of Satan.