

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE BEAST FROM THE SEA -- 13:1-10

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THE IDENTITY OF THE BEAST –

Rev 13:1 Then I (“he”, the dragon) stood on the sand of the sea.

And I (John) saw a beast (“Super Leader-Antichrist”) 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.

Rev 13:2 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.

v. 1 “Then I stood on the sand of the sea”. THE ROLE OF SATAN! HE IS BEHIND THE BEAST! HE IS INSPIRING IT ALL – POSSIBLY THROUGH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD

As to the Ascension of the beast out of the sea. MSS evidence clearly has the first sentence as the last statement of chapter 12 - “and HE (the dragon -- 3rd person singular pronoun) stood upon the sand of the sea (Gentile nations?-Rev. 17: 1, 15)”

“swallowed up” 12:16 – cf. Num. 16:31-34 (Korah’s rebellion)
“Like a flood” – cf. Jer. 46:7-10; 47:2-4 (invading army)
“the sea” – Mediterranean? - cf. Daniel 7:2-3 and Revelation 17:15

v. 1 “having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns,” - Diadems - Cf. 12:3 (“diadems – strong term - on his heads”) - As to the Appearance of the beast –here the crowns are on the horns! (on the heads were described in the previous chapter.)

v. 1 “and on his heads a blasphemous name.” - cf. 2 Thess. 2:4 - As to the Attitude of the beast. Notice the single name on the heads.

v. 2 “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. Cf. Daniel 7:3-8 - The Relationship of this beast to the vision of Daniel: Babylon, Medo Persia, and Greece - “lion, bear, and leopard”) - The lion (Babylon) communicates arrogantly; the bear (Medo Persia) controls extensively; the leopard (Greece) conquers swiftly!

v. 2 “The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.” - As to the authority of the beast

“THE BEAST WITH SEVEN HEADS & TEN HORNS”

Revelation 13:1-10 - “beast” (therion) - 36 times in Revelation

1. VS. 1-3 - THE IDENTITY OF THE BEAST

2. VS. 3b-8 - THE INFLUENCE OF THE BEAST

3. VS. 9-10 - THE INSTRUCTION TO US

Similar to the dragon – crowns (diadems) on the beast’s horns, whereas crowns were on the heads of the dragon.

A single blasphemous name on the beast’s heads.

A similar relationship to that described by Daniel, chapter 7 – leopard (Greece); bear (Medo Persia); lion (Babylon). The beast is describes as related to government systems.

Note the beast gets his power, throne and great authority from the dragon!

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Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE BEAST – 3b-8 –

And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

Rev 13:4 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?"

Rev 13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies,

and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

v. 3 "one of his heads" - The Receiving of a deadly wound! There is great conjecture regarding this? Is it the whole beast or is it one of his heads? Which head is it? How many had fallen in John's day? If the seventh head, comprised of ten horns comes back to life, and the antichrist comes out of it as the eighth head, then which head receives the deadly wound – the sixth!

One Interpretation: - It refers to a particular person.

2 Thess. 2:3-4 - "Man of sin" 1 John 2:18

Another Interpretation: - It refers to a nation or empire.

"one of his heads" - but, apparently, the entire beast is killed, not just one head - cf. 17:8, 11 ("the beast that was, and is not, and yet is")

v. 3 "all the world marveled and followed the beast." - The Adoration He Receives - The extent to which he is adored

v. 4 "So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast," - The extreme to which people will go

v. 4 "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" - The explanation for such adulation – We now have complete world control, a new, one world order?? (False peace!)

v. 5 "And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, - The Arrogance he displays - Cf. Daniel 7:8, 25; 11:36-38; 2 Thess. 2:4

v. 5 "he was given authority to continue for forty-two months (3.5 years)" – Notice the Authority he exercises –it is limited!

v. 6 "Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. - We see here the Anger he has toward God

"his deadly wound" (on one of his heads)
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One possible view is that the sixth head is Rome, and after receiving a deadly wound, comes back to life as a seventh head comprised of ten horns or kings, out of which will come the Antichrist, who will be in and of himself, the 8th world empire - cf. 17:10-11 (the whole system of world government-10 divisions (ten horns) of the world empire?)

All the world marveled and followed – a one world order led by one beast!

Both the dragon and the beast will be worshiped!

The beast will be thought to be invincible! False peace!

"Big mouth"! Arrogant!

The power of all evil men is limited by God!!!

The great anger of the beast is shown! – Blasphemy against God Himself!

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Rev 13:7 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.

Rev 13:8 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.

THE INSTRUCTION TO US – vs. 9. 10

Rev 13:9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

Rev 13:10 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.

INTERPRETATION

v. 7 **“It was granted to him to make war with the saints (believers going through the Tribulation) and to overcome(to kill) them.”.**
The Attack he makes on the saints - How does this verse support the Pre Tribulation Rapture position? Cf. 11:7; 13:15; 20:4; 1 Thess. 4:15; 5:2; 9!!

v.8 **“from the foundation of the world” - The Affiliation of all those who worship him – Who are the “all”?**
- Question? - Does **“from the foundation of the world”** go with **“slain”** or **“written”**? - cf. 17:8 It would appear that **all unbelievers never have had their names (yet) written in the Book of Life.**
Cf. Luke 10:20; Rev. 2:17; 3:5, 12; 20:15; 21:27; 1 John 5:4,5

v. 9 **“If any man have an ear, let him hear” - cf. Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22 (7 times we are told to listen to the Spirit!!) and Matthew 11:15; 13:9, 43 - As to our Responsibility! Are we listening to what the Holy Spirit is telling us!**

v. 10 **“He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword.” - cf. Gen. 9:6 – As to God’s law of Retribution! God is in charge!!!**

v. 10 **“Here is the patience and the faith of the saints” - As to our Reward! -- God will bring His revenge and will reward His servants for their suffering and martyrdom! – Be patient weary pilgrims!**

“The Book of Life”
Luke 10:17-20 (where did the power come from?);
Rev. 2:17 (“a new name”, which was not already written);
Rev. 3:5 (because you are a believer, your name is written and will never be blotted out once it’s there);
Rev. 3:12 (He’s going to do that to all who overcome, because they overcome; not that their names were already written);
Rev. 20 :15 (whoever was not written in the Book of Life was cast into the fire);
Rev. 21:27 (they who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life!)

How do we insure our name is written in the Book of Life? Be an overcomer!!! **“overcome”**? - 1 John 5:4,5

APPLICATION

The beast attacks the believers and kills them! Note support of Pre-Trib position. No Gentile believers will survive? How then “we who are alive and remain” occur unless the believers are raptured BEFORE Tribulation begins! (1 Thess. 4:15-17)

Note the definition of “all who dwell on earth”

Are names written in the Book of Life before the foundations of the world?

Are we listening to the Holy Spirit? Are we ready?

God’s retribution--He is in charge!

Do not faint and grow weary to doing good!

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SOURCE OF REJOICING?

IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE?

WHAT A WONDERFUL PROMISE! Do you believe? Is there anyone near to you who does not?

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do you think that the beast in our lesson is primarily a government system? - the European Common Market/European Community?2. Can you see a connection with the beast to that of Daniel, chapter 7:1-8 ?3. Do you think the “deadly wound” applies to a person or to a government? Are you at all open to these possibilities?4. What portion of the beast contains the “deadly wound”?5. If the beast’s seven heads represent seven governments, how many have already fallen in John’s day? (Rev. 17:10) (Egypt, Assyria, Medo Persian, Babylon, Greece) Could this deadly wound be on the sixth government?6. Do you see how this deadly wound could be the Roman Empire, with 10 divisions?7. In verse 4 it says they will worship the Dragon and they will worship the Beast. How would you describe what is meant by this?8. v. 5 says the beast will rule for 3 ½ years. Who is in control of his reign?9. vs. 7, 15. <i>It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.</i> What is means by “to overcome them”? Are all Gentile believers killed? Do you see the pre-tribulation position here10. When do you think your name was written in the Book of Life? Are any unbelievers’ names ever written in the Book of Life?
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