

Revelation 13

Verse 1

- If you go with that Satan is watching the Beast rise from the sea, which is perfectly fine, you see the devil watching his creation being “born”.
- “Its [the beast] coming “up” implies that the source of the power and rule of the beast is from below, not from heaven.” – Stanley Horton

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- **The Sea here represents all nations, think of “sea of humanity”.**
- **Revelation 17:15 - ¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.**

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- **And the dragon (Satan) stood on the sandy shore of the sea. Then I saw a [vicious] beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten royal crowns (diadems), and on his heads were blasphemous names. (AMP)**

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- Daniel 7:7-8 - ⁷ “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

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- **Daniel 7:23-25 - ²³ “Thus the angel said, ‘The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which will be different from all other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down, and crush it. ²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the former ones, and he will subdue three kings. ²⁵ He will speak words against the Most High [God] and wear down the saints of the Most High, and he will intend to change the times and the law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, [two] times, and half a time [three and one-half years]. (AMP)**

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- **It would seem seven national leaders will give the Antichrist power without any conflict, three will resist and be conquered. Most believe these will all be European nations.**
- **“on his horns ten crowns,” – This indicates a claim of royal power, power that really belongs to Christ alone. – Stanley Horton**

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- **The blasphemous name is a name that will most likely claim divinity.**
- **The “anti” in Greek means “instead of”. While the Antichrist is certainly against Jesus, he will claim to be the true Messiah. He will claim the Bible is speaking of himself and not Jesus of Nazareth.**

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- **Seven Heads can be seen as seven world powers throughout history:**
- **Assyrians**
- **Egyptians**
- **Babylonians**
- **Medo-Persians**
- **Greeks**
- **Romans**
- **Antichrist's world government**

Verse 2

- Daniel 7:4-6 - ⁴ The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ⁵ "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' ⁶ "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

Verse 2

- **“The beast seems to represent not only the Antichrist’s kingdom but the Antichrist himself. It represents a very real and terrible person whose cruelty and destructiveness is like a wild animal’s. His purpose is to gain religious, political and economic power over the entire world when he appears during the tribulation period.” – Stanley Horton**

Verse 2

- **Some see the leopard as a Middle Eastern or Arab (Northern Africa) coalition; the bear as a Russian, maybe communist or Asian coalition; the lion as England or European coalition.**

Verse 3

- **This is exactly what it sounds like; a counterfeit miracle, both mocking and emulating, the death and resurrection of Jesus.**
- **God will allow this to take place so that man will go wholeheartedly after the Antichrist.**
- **Romans 1:18-32**

Verse 3

- **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** - ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Verse 4

- **People may not recognize that they are worshipping Satan (the dragon) but when they worship the Antichrist, they are worshipping the one who gave the Antichrist power.**
- **The Antichrist will probably also charm men and they will think him great and wise and even a great man of peace in the beginning.**

Verse 5-6

- **Again, the beast is given something by the devil. He will be eloquent but he will also speak great blasphemies as he declares himself to be the Messiah and God.**
- **He is exposed at the halfway point of the tribulation, not that many will care.**

Verse 5-6

- **Daniel 9:27 - ²⁷ The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him.” (NLT)**

Verse 5-6

- **The Antichrist will blaspheme:**
- **God – *The Antichrist defames God, denying His glory, authority, power and rule.**
- **God's name – *The Antichrist speaks against God's nature and character; denying His holiness, righteousness, faithfulness, love, mercy and grace.**

Verse 5-6

- **God's tabernacle – *The Antichrist denies God is manifesting His glory in the Holy of Holies of heaven; he denies the blood of Christ was presented before God once and for all as the full atonement for our sins as the necessary means for our forgiveness and salvation.**
- **God's people – *The Antichrist defames the saints of all ages, including the martyrs of the tribulation period.**
- ***Stanley Horton – The Ultimate Victory**

Verse 7

- **There cannot be resistance to the Antichrist's plans and government, so all Christians must go.**
- **However, if anyone, including governments oppose the Antichrist, he will make war upon them and conquer them as we read in Daniel 7. See also Daniel 11:45 & 12:6-7; Revelation 6**

Verse 8

- **⁸ And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made. (NLT)**
- **⁸ All the inhabitants of the earth will fall down *and* worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written since the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who has been slain [as a willing sacrifice]. (AMP)**

Verse 8

- **1 Peter 1:18-20 - ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you...**

Verses 9-10

- ¹⁰ If anyone *is destined* for captivity, he will go into captivity; if anyone kills with a sword, he must be killed with a sword. Here is [the call for] the patient endurance and the faithfulness of the saints [which is seen in the response of God's people to difficult times]. (AMP)

Verses 9-10

- ¹⁰ Anyone who is destined for prison will be taken to prison. Anyone destined to die by the sword will die by the sword. This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently and remain faithful. (NLT)

Verses 9-10

- **If you are going to resist the Antichrist and not worship him or take his mark because you believe in Jesus and want to be faithful to Him, you will be destined for prison and death.**

Verses 9-10

- **There is also something really important here that the Holy Spirit is saying for the end-time saints, “Do not resist through arms/weapons. Except your fate and be faithful unto death and receive a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).**

Verses 11-12

- **“The sea is a symbol of the masses of humanity, while the earth is a symbol of Israel”. - Daymond Duck**
- **The second beast is the False Prophet. His appearance is that of a lamb, but he has two horns, meaning he is not gentle or caring at all.**

Verses 11-12

- His main job appears to be religious.
- The first beast, the Antichrist is seen as a political and economic head, the False Prophet is in charge of the religion and worship of the Antichrist.

Verses 13-15

- **“He performs great signs (wonders in the KJV)” – This word in the Greek is semeia and John uses that same word for the miracles of Jesus.**

Verses 13-15

- **What we have is an unholy trinity mocking and trying to emulate the true Godhead. Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet.**
- **Satan gives power to the beast, the Antichrist, and if you worship the Antichrist, you are worshipping Satan.**

Verses 13-15

- **The False Prophet not only does miracles, but he brings “worshippers” to the Antichrist.**
- **The False Prophet glorifies the Antichrist and the Antichrist glorifies the devil.**

Verses 13-15

- Please understand, no one will probably be thinking, “I am worshipping the devil”, instead they will believe they are worshipping the true God and the true Messiah.

Verses 13-15

- **It is the creating of this image and placing it in the Temple and commanding the world to worship the Antichrist that is the “Abomination of desolation” that both Daniel and Jesus speak of. (Daniel 9:27, 11:31, 12:11 & Matthew 24:15)**

- **Deuteronomy 13:1-3 - “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ ³ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

Verses 16-17

- Revelation 7:3 - ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” (144,000)
- Revelation 3:12 - ¹² He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. *And I will write on him My new name.* (Church of Philadelphia)

Verses 16-17

- **“No man” in the Greek means “no one”. Without this mark you will not be able to buy food, this is how the False Prophets “cause” everyone to get the mark, besides the threat of death.**
- **You will starve. Your electricity will be shut off as well as your water. You cannot drive or work; you will be a pariah.**

Verse 18

- Many scholars just point to the number 6 as the number of man or mankind.
- The most important thing to remember is the last part of verse 18: “for it is the number of a man:”
- The Antichrist may be so delusional that he truly thinks he is God and can defeat Jesus, but this seeming great god is simply, in the end, a man.