



# THE Revelation OF JESUS

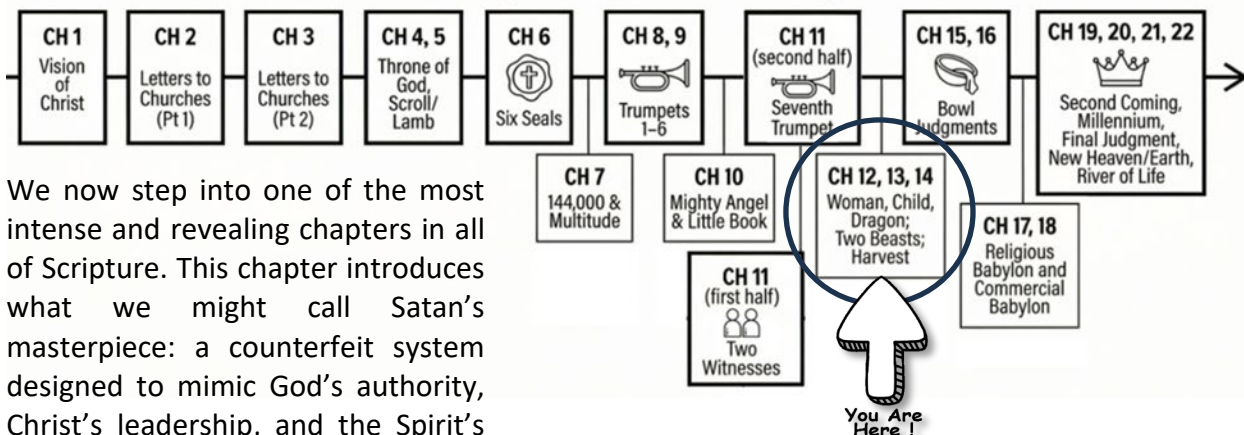


## “The Two Beasts”

### Lesson 12: Revelation Chapter 13

#### THE BOOK OF REVELATION – CHRONOLOGICAL TIMELINE

Parenthetical sections provide detail without advancing the timeline.



We now step into one of the most intense and revealing chapters in all of Scripture. This chapter introduces what we might call Satan’s masterpiece: a counterfeit system designed to mimic God’s authority, Christ’s leadership, and the Spirit’s influence.

At the center of this chapter is a single, driving issue: **worship and allegiance**. This is not primarily about technology, symbols, or speculation—it is about who the world chooses to follow. One man will rise to global power, backed directly by Satan. Another will stand beside him, promoting him, validating him, and forcing the world to bow. Together, they will build a system so persuasive, so powerful, that the entire world will fall in line.



This is where the Tribulation reaches a new level. While the judgments we have seen so far have physically shaken the world, Revelation 13 shows us something deeper—it captures the spiritual battle for the hearts, minds, and loyalty of mankind. And here is what makes this chapter so sobering: the world will not resist this system. **It will embrace it. Enthusiastically.**

## The Seven Personages in this pause

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) The Woman - Israel    | 5) The Remnant of Israel             |
| 2) Man-Child - Jesus     | <b>6) The Beast out of the Sea</b>   |
| 3) Red Dragon - Satan    | <b>7) The Beast out of the Earth</b> |
| 4) Michael the Archangel |                                      |

### Chapter 13



**Rev. 13:1]** *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten **crowns**, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

Imagine standing on a beach, watching the waves roll in, when suddenly the water begins to churn, and a nightmare rises out of the surf. This is exactly what John experienced.

While the King James Version says, "I stood upon the sand," the original manuscript actually says "**He.**" This leads many scholars to believe the original language actually says "**He** (Satan) stood," watching his masterpiece—the Antichrist—emerge from the nations to take control.

**"A beast rise up out of the sea...":** The word "*beast*" (Greek *therion*) means a wild, savage, predatory animal—not a peaceful creature. He may come in peace at first, but his nature will be that of a brutal ruler, not a benevolent one. The word "sea" is used in scripture to represent the mass of humanity—restless, chaotic nations (Rev 17:15; Isa 57:20–21). Because of this, some scholars believe the Antichrist rises out of the Gentile world system.



**The phrase "Having seven heads and ten horns..."** connects directly to Daniel's visions—this is not new information; it is a continuation from Daniel. The **ten horns** are ten kings who will rule with him. The **seven heads** represent seven major world empires that Satan has worked through. These are not random symbols—they trace Satan's historical control of world power:

**"Upon his horns ten crowns..." (Rev 13:1).** These are **diadems**—ruling crowns, not symbolic honors. So he will wield real political authority. The Antichrist will not just influence governments—he will control them (Rev 17:12–13).

The Seven Super Kingdoms	
1. Egypt	5. Greece
2. Assyria	6. Rome – Phase 1
3. Babylon	7. Rome – Phase 2
4. Persia	Dan 7:7–8; 2:39, Rev. 17:10

**"Upon his heads the name of blasphemy,"** meaning his entire system is marked by open defiance against God. This is not hidden evil—it is public, celebrated rebellion. Blasphemy means claiming what belongs to God or denying who God is. This leader will elevate himself to a position that belongs only to God. (Dan 7:8; Dan 11:36; 2 Thess 2:4).



**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 seat, and great authority.*

The phrase “Like a leopard... feet of a bear... mouth of a lion” is a callback to the description in Daniel's vision—but **in reverse order**. Why? Daniel looked **forward in time**; John is looking **backward over history**. Each animal represents a dominant world empire's character:

- **Lion** → Babylon (authority, dominance)
- **Bear** → Medo-Persia (strength, crushing power)
- **Leopard** → Greece (speed, rapid conquest)



The Antichrist **combines all of them** into one system. He will rule with **authority**, control **vast territory**, and move with **shocking speed** (Dan 7:3–6).

**This final kingdom will be a composite one.** Every large empire in history had a piece of Satan's strategy—this final one has all of it. It represents the final form of Gentile world power. What Nebuchadnezzar saw as a statue (Dan 2), John now sees as a beast. Man sees glory; God calls it what it is—a beast (Dan 2:31–33; Dan 7:7).

The key to the Antichrist is that **“The dragon gave him his power...”**. The source of power is Satan, and it is not just influence—it is direct empowerment. Satan is giving the Antichrist supernatural ability, charisma, and authority because Satan is attempting to install his own king over the earth (Rev 12:9).

Satan also gives **“...his seat, and great authority.”** The word for **“Seat”** means throne—this is rulership, not symbolic influence, and **“great authority”** means global dominion. Satan is offering what he once tried to offer Jesus—but now someone takes it (Luke 4:6–7).



**Watch** for world leaders now, who encourage the blending of political power, military strength, and persuasive communication towards a single dominant global voice—especially when it coalesces to provide global solutions. The antichrist, powered by Satan, will use this system at unprecedented speed to control the world.



**Rev. 13:3]** *And I saw one of his heads **as it were** wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

Something dramatic happens that changes everything. The world witnesses what appears to be **a fatal wound—and then a recovery**. Scholars look at this in **Two Ways**:

- One viewpoint is that **“heads”** represent a **government or empire** that disappears and then comes back
  - The other viewpoint is that it refers to a **specific person** who survives a literal assassination attempt.
- ✓ **Important!** Scripture here allows and **supports both** a personal and kingdom-level fulfillment.

Notice the phrase **“as it were.”** This is important—it suggests appearance, not necessarily a confirmed death, and could point to the revival of a collapsed empire and/or a literal wound to the Antichrist himself in a carefully crafted deception that looks like death and resurrection.

The phrase “...his **deadly wound was healed**” shows that the wound did occur, and the recovery is undeniable and public. This would be like Satan to hold a counterfeit resurrection— mimicking Christ. It is designed to produce awe and belief. Satan cannot create life, but he can deceive on a massive scale (2 Thess 2:9–10).

**Satan mirrors Christ—but falsely.** Jesus truly died and rose again. The Antichrist presents a **false version** of that pattern. This is consistent with Satan’s method—he copies, distorts, and replaces. The fact that “...all the world wondered after the beast” shows that the reaction is global, not a localized influence. The world “wondered,” meaning astonished, captivated, or even mesmerized. This is the moment the world emotionally and psychologically locks onto him. The deception works—not partially, but almost universally (*Matt 24:24*).

There is an **identifying mark mentioned in Bible prophecy.** Zechariah gives a striking description of a coming false shepherd:



*Woe to the **idol shepherd** that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.* Zechariah 11:17



This is one of several enigmas that are laced throughout Zechariah. Here, this nefarious leader has an **injury to his arm and his eye that identifies him**. This unique identity somehow figures into the identification of those who pledge allegiance to this ruler. Note the similarity between his injuries and the mark of the beast. The revival of a fallen empire (system – Rome phase 2), combined with a leader who survives what should have ended them, becomes the catalyst for near-universal admiration and loyalty.



*Rev. 13:4] And they **worshipped the dragon** which gave power unto the beast: and they **worshipped the beast**, saying, *Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?**

This is the moment the mask comes off. What began as political admiration now becomes full-blown worship. But notice carefully—people are not just worshipping the Antichrist. They know they are worshipping **the dragon behind him**. Satan finally gets what he has wanted from the beginning: **global worship**. And the world gives it willingly.

The earth dwellers say blasphemous praises, “**Who is like unto the beast?**” This is imitation language that mocks “Who is like unto thee, O LORD?” (Ex. 15:11). The world is now attributing God-like uniqueness to the beast. They also say, “**Who is able to make war with him?**” In their delusion, they see the Antichrist as invincible, and his power, likely military and political, appears unstoppable. This creates fear-driven loyalty—no one dares resist.





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

Now we see one of the Antichrist's most powerful weapons—**his mouth**. He is a master communicator—charismatic, persuasive, commanding braggart. The phrase "*Great things*" refers to boasting, arrogance, and self-exaltation. Scripture repeatedly highlights this trait—his speech is central to his power (Dan 7:8, 20; Dan 11:36; Ps 52:1–4).



This is one of numerous character traits listed in the Bible about the Antichrist (we will look at those in a moment). Today, we live in an "**attention economy**" where the loudest, most constant voices on our screens often tell us what to think and do. It won't be hard for a "Mr. Big Mouth" to capture the world's ears when they are already trained to listen to the digital noise.



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

What was previously hinted at now becomes blatant. The Antichrist doesn't just oppose God quietly—he openly attacks God, everything associated with God, including those already in heaven—clearly a reference to redeemed believers. This strongly implies the Church is no longer on earth. The Antichrist is attacking those he cannot reach physically (*Col 3:1–4*). This is an outright war against God Himself, carried out through words that shape the world's thinking.



**Rev. 13:7]** *And it was given unto him to make war with the **saints**, and to **overcome them**: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

The Antichrist is no longer just a "Big Mouth" shouting insults; he is now a man of action. Verse 7 tells us he is given permission to "*make war with the saints*" and, shockingly, to "*overcome them*". This is a dark hour for those on earth. While Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against His **Church**, that protection does not apply to this specific group called the **Tribulation Saints**. For these believers, following Christ during this time almost certainly means physical death at the hands of a global government.

The Antichrist will be a **Military and Governmental Genius**. He will use advanced technology to track and "*overcome*" those who refuse to follow his system.



We are already living in a civilization that has "**systematically dismantled**" our capacity for spiritual resistance by colonizing our inner lives with digital noise. In the future, the Beast will use this total environment to ensure there is nowhere for believers to hide.



**Rev. 13:8]** *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

This is the dividing line of the entire chapter. The world splits into **two groups**: those who **worship the beast** and those **who belong to the Lamb**. There is no neutral position in the Tribulation. The shocking part is how total the deception is—almost the entire world follows him. But there is one group that does not, and the reason is not intelligence, strength, or awareness—it is because their names are already written in the **Book of Life**.



**Watch** for increasing polarization in the world around us—where neutrality disappears, and people are pushed toward extremes. The political divide in our world is beginning to reveal clear allegiances, either to God or to a system opposed to Him (good vs. evil). As we approach the tribulation, there will be no one “sitting on the fence” so to speak.



**Rev. 13:9, 10]** *If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

“If any man have an ear, let him hear” is a call to pay attention—what follows is critical. Jesus said this repeatedly to tell hearers this is not casual listening—this is urgent, life-defining truth.

**This is directed to believers** who, during the tribulation, are resisting. God is preparing them for what is coming next. He tells those that “leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity....” This is a principle of divine justice. Those who enslave others will themselves be judged. It is a reminder: God will settle accounts (Jer 15:2). Violence will not ultimately prevail—it will be answered. This is not a call for retaliation—it is a declaration of justice, and God will deal with the persecutors in His time (Matt 26:52).

The key takeaway for believers: **Patience (endurance):** Hold on, even under pressure. **Faith:** Trust God, even when you cannot escape. The call is not to fight back—it is to stand firm. Many will face captivity or death, but their victory is eternal. Note: **This is not the Church’s instruction—it is a Tribulation context.** These instructions apply to those saved during the Tribulation. Their role is endurance, not escape (1 Thess 5:9).



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

John sees “Another beast coming up out of the earth,” which is a second distinct individual, not the same as the first beast. The shift from “sea” to “earth” may suggest a different origin and/or role. Later in Revelation, this figure is clearly identified as the False Prophet. He works alongside the Antichrist to make sure everyone worships the first Beast. Together with Satan, they form a counterfeit trinity (Rev 16:13; Rev 19:20; Rev 20:10).

His lamb-like appearance suggests gentleness, innocence, and even Christ-like qualities. He does not appear threatening—he appears trustworthy. This is how deception works: it looks safe, even spiritual (2 Cor 11:13–14). Nevertheless, his true nature is revealed by his voice—his message comes from Satan. What he teaches, promotes, and commands is satanic in origin. Looks like a lamb but speaks like a dragon.




- ✓ First Beast → Political leader (Antichrist)
- ✓ Second Beast → Religious leader (False Prophet)

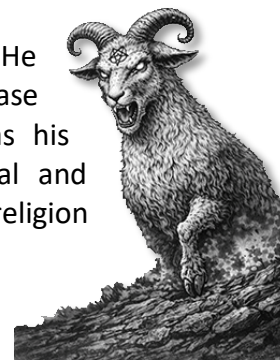
The first one rules the world; the second one convinces the world to worship the first one.

Some passages suggest this figure may be accepted by Israel and may possibly be a Jew. Jesus warned that Israel would receive one who comes in his own name. This aligns with a religious leader who appears legitimate (John 5:43; Dan 11:36–37; Ezek 21:25–27). In John 5:43 Jesus says: *"I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if **another** comes in his own name, him you will receive"* (NKJV). **John 5:43**

The Greek word for "another" is 'allos', which means another of the same kind. In other words, Jesus says another will come claiming to be 'like Christ,' and you will accept him. Most scholars believe this refers to the Tribulation period.


 **Rev. 13:12]** *And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*

The False Prophet operates with the **same authority**, but it is delegated. He is not equal to the Antichrist—he works in submission to him. The phrase "Before him" means he is doing this on the antichrist's behalf, as his representative running a **unified system** that encompasses political and religious power in the final form of global control—government and religion merged (Dan 11:36-38).



Again, "earth dwellers" are the target, and the language suggests strong persuasion that moves toward compulsion. His primary mission is worship enforcement. Everything he does—miracles, signs, and authority points to this goal. This is not optional participation; it becomes expected and then required. This False Prophet continually points back to that event of the "**wound and recovery**" as the central proof of the Antichrist's legitimacy. **This is propaganda**—keeping the world focused on the miracle.

**The Holy Spirit points people to Christ. The False Prophet points people to the Antichrist. Both operate with power—but one leads to truth, the other to deception (John 15:26).**

 **Rev. 13:13, 14]** *And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power 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, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*

"He doeth great wonders..." means the False Prophet performs powerful, undeniable miracles—dramatic acts meant to capture attention and convince people that the Antichrist is legitimate (2 Thess 2:9). "he maketh fire come down from heaven..." mimics God's actions in the Old Testament, such as Elijah, where fire signified divine approval (1 Kings 18:38). **This is counterfeit power**—Satan cannot create truth, but **he can imitate it**. Like Pharaoh's magicians, these miracles are real, but their source and purpose are deceptive (Ex 7:11; 2 Tim 3:8).

"He deceiveth them that dwell on the earth..." shows the goal is deception, not just amazement. These are people who are already rejecting the truth, and the miracles reinforce what they want to believe (2 Thess 2:10-11). "...by the means of those miracles..." reveals the method—miracles become the tool of persuasion, replacing truth with experience (Matt 24:24).

His power is delegated and public, always pointing back to the Antichrist. The deception leads to action: "...that they should make an image to the beast..." thereby establishing **organized idolatry**, as in Babylon (Dan 3:1-6). At the center of it all is the Antichrist's apparent death and recovery— "...which had the wound by a sword and did live"—used as the ultimate "proof" to justify worship.

There is a parallel from Daniel 3 to this passage in Revelation 13 to the "image" they make to the beast (7 passages: Rev 13:15; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4; cf. Dan 2, 3; Ps 73:20).



**Rev. 13:15]** *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

The False Prophet doesn't just build a statue; he is given the power to give "life" to the image of the Beast. This isn't just a silent monument; the image actually speaks and issues a death sentence to anyone who refuses to worship it. This echoes the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the book of Daniel, where a king's image became a test of life or death. In the end, the system built by the "satanic duet" leaves no room for neutrality.

Again, this is similar to what happened in Daniel 3, when the three men refused to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's image and were thrown into the fiery furnace.



**Rev. 13:16, 17]** *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the **name** of the beast, or the number of **his** name.*

Verses 16 and 17 have generated more books, videos, conjecture, and speculation than almost any other passage in the book of Revelation. Yet one of the most overlooked truths in these verses is that the followers of the beast will **willingly** receive this mark as a sign of allegiance to the world ruler. Their compliance is not forced by ignorance or accident, but is chosen. One of the primary means of securing that allegiance is his control over the global economy. Participation in commerce will be tied to this mark, making it a conscious decision rather than an incidental one, such as the casual use of a credit card or PIN.



Second, the mark is directly connected to the Antichrist himself. The issue is **not your number—it is his number**. Whether expressed through a tattoo, microchip, injection, or another mechanism, the mark identifies the individual as one with the beast. The Greek word for "mark" (*charagma*) carries the idea of a "brand" or "seal," something that visibly or functionally **signifies ownership and loyalty**. In essence, those identified as earth dwellers will willingly take on a mark that outwardly manifests their inward allegiance to this leader. It is noteworthy that within the Torah, bodily markings are consistently prohibited (Lev 19:28; 21:5; Deut. 14:1; Isa 49:16; Ezek. 9:4; Ex 13:9, 16), reinforcing the idea that such markings are tied to identity and allegiance. Here again, the mark ultimately represents allegiance to the beast. More about the implications of taking the mark in the next chapter.



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



Even those with little familiarity with Scripture have heard of “666” through popular culture. That exposure has fueled centuries of speculation, producing countless theories and articles, yet no universal agreement exists among scholars regarding the precise meaning of this verse. One thing is certain: **if you torture the numbers long enough, they will confess to anything.** Given enough creativity, nearly any prominent figure—Hitler, Stalin, Nero, Napoleon, Obama, and others—has at some point been linked to 666 through elaborate and often contrived calculations.

Here, John invites believers to use spiritual discernment to understand the identity of the world leader. He tells us that the antichrist’s number is the **Number of Man**. The number of man in the bible is **six**. It is associated with man because man was created on the sixth day, and he is meant to work six days before a Sabbath rest with God.

Throughout the Bible, we see **patterns of sixes**. **Six is linked to those who oppose God**, such as Goliath (6 cubits tall, 6 pieces of armor) and Nebuchadnezzar’s image (60 cubits high, 6 cubits wide).



**How do these numeric speculations come about?** In Greek and Hebrew, every letter has a corresponding numeric value (Gematria). This does not work well with English, so so with Latin, and Arabic. Summing these numbers gives a numerical value to a word or name. So, throughout history, people have been able to numerically associate all sorts of names with 666.



**Bottom Line:** Taking this number as a mark of allegiance creates an **"irreparable barrier"** to ever being saved; those who take it are **irredeemably lost**, period! No going back, no second thoughts! However, this will be a **willing act**. The Bible makes it clear that the mark is taken willingly and with full knowledge, **not by accident** (more in the next lesson).

**The Antichrist:** In Greek, the prefix *anti* carries the sense of “against,” “in opposition to,” or “in place of.” In Latin, the phrase *Vicarius Filii Dei* means “Vicar of the Son of God,” conveying the idea of one who acts as a representative or substitute. Thus, the term *Antichrist* refers to a “pseudo-Christ”—one who opposes Christ while also seeking to take His place. Scripture presents this figure by many titles, including several in both the New and Old Testaments. I believe that the Antichrist is alive now (Satan always has a man in the waiting), but I do not believe he is aware of who he is until he is empowered by the Dragon.

### New Testament Allusions

- ✓ **Antichrist** — 1 Jn 2:18, 22; 1 Jn 4:3; 2 Jn 7
- ✓ **Man of Sin / Man of Lawlessness** — 2 Thess 2:3
- ✓ **Son of Perdition** — 2 Thess 2:3
- ✓ **Lawless One** — 2 Thess 2:8
- ✓ **The Beast** — Rev 11:7; Rev 13:1–8; Rev 17:8
- ✓ **Moderate–Strong Allusions**
- ✓ **One who comes in his own name** — Jn 5:43
- ✓ **False Christs (culminating figure)** — Matt 24:24; Mk 13:22
- ✓ **Self-exalting ruler (in the temple)** — 2 Thess 2:4

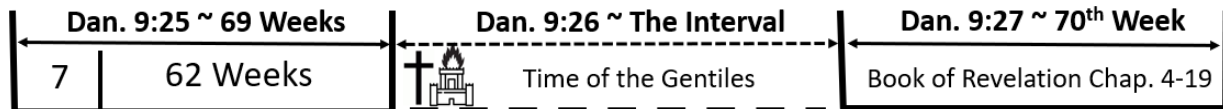


## Old Testament Allusions


<b>Adversary:</b> Ps 74:8–10; Isa 59:19; Lam 4:11–12; Amos 3:11	<b>Man of the Earth:</b> Ps 10:18
<b>Assyrian:</b> Isa 10:5, 12; Mic 5:5–6	<b>Merchant (balances of deceit):</b> Hos 12:7
<b>Belial:</b> Nah 1:15	<b>Mighty Man:</b> Ps 52:1
<b>Bloody and Deceitful Man:</b> Ps 5:6	<b>Nail:</b> Isa 22:25
<b>Branch of the Terrible Ones:</b> Isa 25:5	<b>Oppressor:</b> Isa 14:4
<b>Chaldean:</b> Hab 1:6–11	<b>Prince of Tyre:</b> Ezek 28:2–10
<b>Chief Prince:</b> b	<b>Prince that shall come:</b> Dan 9:26
<b>Crooked Serpent:</b> Job 26:13; Isa 27:1	<b>Profane Wicked Prince of Israel:</b> Ezek 21:25–27
<b>Cruel One:</b> Jer 30:14, 23	<b>Proud Man:</b> Hab 2:5
<b>Destroyer of the Gentiles:</b> Jer 4:7	<b>Rod of God's anger:</b> Isa 10:5
<b>Enemy :</b> Ps 55:3; Jer 30:14, 23	<b>Seed of the Serpent:</b> Gen 3:15
<b>Evil Man:</b> Ps 140:1	<b>Son of the Morning:</b> Isa 14:12
<b>Head over many countries:</b> Ps 110:6	<b>Spoiler / Destroyer:</b> Isa 16:4–5
<b>Head of Northern Army:</b> Joel 2:20	<b>Vile Person:</b> Dan 11:21
<b>Idol Shepherd:</b> Zech 11:16–17	<b>Violent Man:</b> Ps 140:1f
<b>King of Babylon:</b> b	<b>Wicked One:</b> Ps 9:17; 10:2, 4; Isa 11:4; Jer 30:14, 23
<b>King of Princes:</b> Hos 8:10	<b>Willful King:</b> Dan 11:36
<b>Little Horn:</b> Dan 7:8; 8:9	


### Reviewing Daniel to get more insight.

- ✓ The Scope Daniel 9:24
- ✓ The 69 Weeks Daniel 9:25
- ✓ (The Interval) Daniel 9:26 (**Time of Gentiles - now**)
- ✓ The 70th Week Daniel 9:27 (**Book of Revelation**)



Jesus predicted in Luke 21 that after His crucifixion, Jerusalem would be destroyed, and indeed it was 38 years later (the exact time the Jews wandered in the wilderness, Deut. 2:14). Who were the people who destroyed the city in 70 A.D. as Jesus predicted? **It was the Romans**, as predicted in Daniel 9:26, “...**the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.**” A Simple paraphrase, this sentence says, “**the Romans, the people of the future Antichrist, shall destroy Jerusalem.**” Here, Daniel provides us with a synopsis of the future kingdoms culminating in the final beast kingdom:

 **These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. Dan 7:17-18**

 **Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; Dan 7:19**

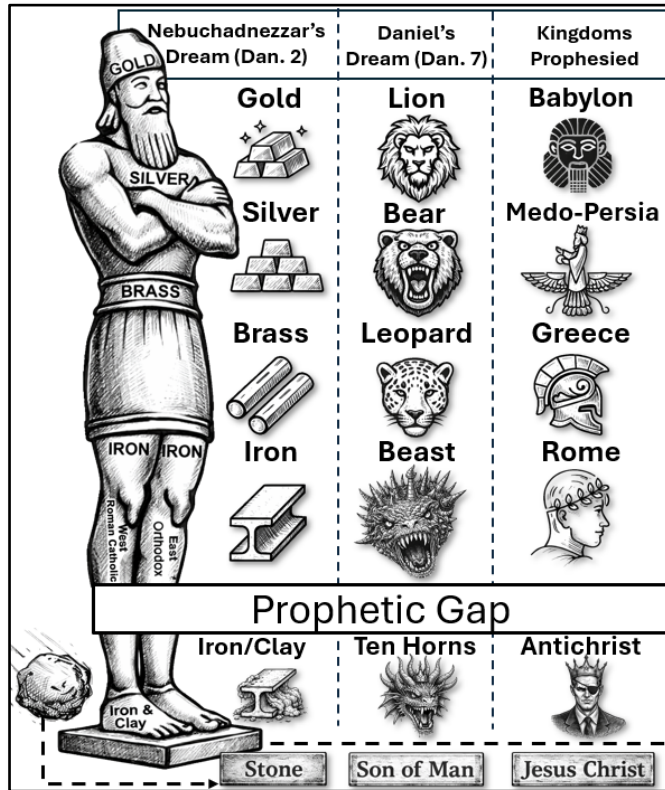


And of **the ten horns** that were in his head, and of the **other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.** Dan 7:20



I beheld, and the **same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.** Daniel 7:21-22

The graphic to the right represents **Nebuchadnezzar's (Nebs) dream** from the Book of Daniel. Nebs' dream was of the latter days, represented by a statue made of various materials, with a head of **Gold** at the top, followed by **Silver, Bronze, Iron,** and finally a base of **Iron and Clay**. The metals progress from soft to hard to brittle. Each metal represented an empire that existed during the time of the Gentiles. Each empire has a beast or animal that represented them. We are near the end of the "**Prophetic Gap**", awaiting the full development of the final empire represented by feet of iron and clay. That empire will be shattered by a stone (God's Kingdom), ruled by Jesus Christ, the Son of Man.



In the Book of Daniel, Daniel devoted little time to the first three empires (**Babylon, Persia, and Greece**) because **he was already familiar with them**. However, **he was fascinated** by the fourth and final empire. This fascination benefits us, as it is the next empire to emerge on the world stage, and we benefit from more information. Daniel had no way to describe this empire except just to call it a **terrible beast**.

Daniel tells us that this terrible beast had **ten horns (ten kingdoms)**. Then he says, "*and of the other which came up.*" This is the **eleventh horn**, which is the **antichrist and his kingdom**. The phrase "*prevailed against them*" from Daniel 7 is also found in Revelation 13:7 earlier, "*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them.*"



Notice what Jesus says in Matthew 16:18: "*I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*". From these passages and others, we know that the church is **not** part of the saints in the tribulation; they are a completely different group.



Thus he said, **The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.** Dan 7:23



And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. **Dan 7:24**



And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time**. **Daniel 7:25**

Here again, we see the phrase “a time and times and the dividing of time” meaning: 1 + 2 + 1/2 in other words 3 1/2 years (42 months, or 1260 days). Also, we will look at this in-depth when we get to Revelation Chapter 17.



**Where are Egypt and Assyria?** Daniel’s dreams begin with Babylon because that is where God’s prophetic timeline picks up—during Israel’s captivity. **From that point forward, God reveals the sequence of Gentile world powers that will dominate Israel until Christ returns** (Dan 2:38; Luke 21:24). The kingdoms listed—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome—are included because they directly advance that timeline. Egypt and Assyria are not missing by accident—they **had already risen and fallen before this point**. They were past powers, not part of the future prophetic sequence God was revealing to Daniel. In simple terms, **Daniel is not giving a full history of empires—he is giving the roadmap from Babylon to the Kingdom of Christ.**

### Tying Daniel and Revelation Together

#### 1. Iron Mixed with Clay (Dan 2:41–43)

- This is the **final phase of the Roman Empire**
- Strong (iron) + weak (clay)
- Divided, unstable, but still unified

→ This gives us the **nature of the kingdom**

#### 2. Ten Toes (implied in Dan 2:41–43)

- The feet have ten toes.
- These correspond to **ten divisions/kingdoms/nations**.

→ This gives us the **structure of the kingdom**

#### 3. Ten Horns (Dan 7:24)

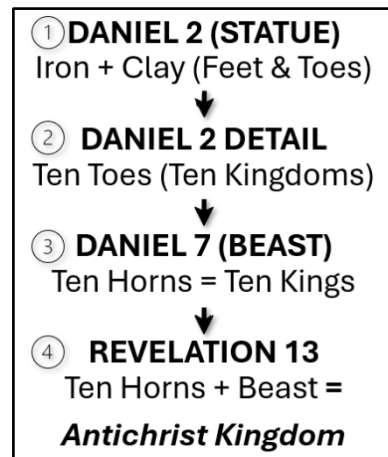
- Now the symbolism becomes explicit:
  - **Ten horns = ten kings** of the **divisions/kingdoms/nations**.
- These rulers exist **at the same time**

→ This gives us the **leadership of the kingdom**

#### 4. Revelation 13 (Rev 13:1)

- The beast has:
  - **Ten horns**
  - **Ten crowns (authority)**
- This is the **fully developed system**
- The Antichrist rises and takes control

→ This gives us the **final expression of the kingdom**



### Some Traits of The Coming World Leader:

- ✓ A **braggart, self-exalting** or ‘Big Mouth’ (6X!): Dan 7:8,11,20; 11:36; Ps 52; 2 Thess 2:4.
- ✓ **Son of Satan, directly empowered by him**: Gen 3:15; Isa 27:1; Ezek. 28:12-19; Rev 13.
- ✓ **Intellectually sharp and cunning**: Dan 7:20; 8:23; Ezek. 28:3.
- ✓ **Oratorical, charismatic, and persuasive speaker**: Dan 7:20; Rev 13:2.
- ✓ **Political genius**: Dan 11:21.
- ✓ **Commercial and economic genius**: Dan 8:25; 11:38, 43; Rev 13:17; Ps 52:7; Ezek. 28:4,5.
- ✓ **Military strategist** : Dan 8:24; Rev 6:2; Rev 13:4; Isa 14:16.
- ✓ **Intellectually sharp and cunning**: Rev 13:1, 2; 17:17.
- ✓ **Religious figure** who demands worship: 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 13:3,14,15.
  - See also: Ps 10, 52, 55; Isa 10,11,13,14; Jer 49-51; Zech 5; Rev 18

The coming antichrist will be **acceptable to all**, including the Muslims and Israel. Israel is still looking for their coming Messiah. How will they recognize him? They are looking for someone to bring them peace, which is ironically **how Jesus came the first time**. You have to understand how hungry the nation of Israel is for peace. Israel will sacrifice much for their ‘peace and safety.’ Even to the point of entering a dangerous covenant or treaty, which the Bible describes as a covenant with Satan.

When Daniel says “*the people of the prince that shall come*” destroyed Jerusalem (Dan 9:26), he is pointing to the Romans. But we have to remember that the Roman Empire was vast—it encompassed not only Europe but also large portions of the Middle East, including areas once part of ancient Assyria (Syria and Iraq). So the text does not require the Antichrist to come strictly from Western Europe. It simply ties him to the sphere of the Roman Empire. When you combine that with Old Testament passages that refer to a future enemy as “*the Assyrian*” (Mic 5:5; Isa 10:5), it leaves open the strong possibility that he could arise from the Middle Eastern portion of that Roman world. In other words, the Roman connection and the Assyrian passages are not contradictory—they can fit together within the same prophetic framework.



*And this man shall be the peace, when **the Assyrian** shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.*  
**Micah 5:5-6**

### Review: Beast out of the Sea (“The Antichrist” or “Coming World Leader”):

- Rises from the nations as a global Gentile leader (*Rev 13:1; 17:15*)
- Empowered directly by Satan with authority and dominion (*Rev 13:2*)
- Gains worldwide allegiance after a “wound and recovery” event (*Rev 13:3–4*)
- Speaks blasphemies and exalts himself above God (*Dan 11:36; 2 Thess 2:4*)
- Rules the world for a fixed 42-month period (*Rev 13:5; Dan 7:25*)
- Makes war against believers and overcomes them physically (*Rev 13:7*)
- Controls the global economy through the mark of allegiance (*Rev 13:16–17*)

**Review: Beast out of the Earth (“False Prophet”):**

- Rises as a second beast with a distinct, supporting role (*Rev 13:11*)
- Appears like a lamb but speaks with satanic authority (*Rev 13:11*)
- Operates with delegated power from the Antichrist (*Rev 13:12*)
- Directs the world to worship the first beast (*Rev 13:12*)
- Performs deceptive signs and wonders (*Rev 13:13–14; 2 Thess 2:9*)
- Animates the image of the beast, enforces worship under penalty of death (*Rev 13:15*)
- Implements the mark system to control buying and selling (*Rev 13:16–17*)

**Next Lesson:** Read Revelation Chapter 14. It is sort of like a table of contents for what’s coming next. We will talk a bit more about the 1440,00, the Mark of the Beast, Armageddon, and more.

REVELATION CHAPTER THIRTEEN

D R A G O N F E I N D L E H E B	BEAST	NATIONS
E T N I N E O R G N I Y A S O C	BEHELD	NUMBER
A H O R N S R O N E E T A K P R	CROWNS	OPENED
D P M N N I T C S N E I T I E O	DEADLY	POWER
L O O X G I Y S S E N Y H L N W	DRAGON	SAINTS
Y F U W F U E B R T V S U L E N	FORTY	SAYING
T A T I E G E Y S R R E A E D S	GREAT	SCORE
H N H I N R H S A O O B N D Y P	HEADS	SEVEN
T G E I R U P N W S S S M S A D	HEALED	SPEAKING
E E H V R E Y O A D N O F I R N	HEAVEN	STOOD
D T E T A R D A A T N E V A B E	HORNS	THING
A R I K E E S E T T I W P H E T	KILLED	TONGUES
E U I P L S H I H D O O T S A T	LEAETH	WORLD
L N T A M E O S N D E R N I S I	LEOPARD	WORSHIP
G R E A T I L I B L A L S S T R	MONTHS	WOUNDED
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**Rev. 13 Word Scramble**

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| 1. ATSB E _____     | 7. ISNSAT _____  |
| 2. ASE _____        | 8. YLBNOBA _____ |
| 3. SONHR _____      | 9. RSIEPA _____  |
| 4. RNWCSO _____     | 10. REOM _____   |
| 5. ENSVE _____      | 11. EEGCRE _____ |
| 6. ITRTNHSICA _____ |                  |

**Word Bank:** Beast, Sea, Horns, Crowns, Seven, Antichrist, Saints, Babylon, Persian, Rome, Greece

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