

The Beast

Revelation 13

I. THE IDENTITY OF THE BEAST

- A. His authority and power is supernaturally given to him by Satan (Rev. 12:2).
- B. He is the “seed of the serpent” prophesied in Genesis 3:15.
- C. He is the 2nd member of the “unholy trinity” – Satan, the Beast (antichrist), and the False Prophet

II. THE ORIGIN OF THE BEAST

- A. Nimrod, the founder of Babylon in Gen. 10, may be a type of AntiChrist.
- B. The AntiChrist and his kingdom is prophesied in Daniel’s visions.

1. *The Great Image (Dan. 2:31-45)*

- a. Gold = Babylon
- b. Silver = Persia (based in Babylon)
- c. Brass = Greece (based in Babylon)
- d. Iron & Clay = AntiChrist’s Kingdom (likely based in Babylon)

2. *The Four Beasts (Dan. 7)*

- a. “Lion” = Babylon
- b. “Bear” = Persia
- c. “Leopard” = Greece
- d. “Terrifying Beast” = AntiChrist’s Kingdom (future)

3. *The Ram & The Goat (Dan. 8)*

- a. Ram = Persia (8:20)
- b. Goat = Greece (8:21)
 - ➔ “Little Horn” = AntiChrist (8:9-12; 23-25)

C. Key Takeaways

- 1. AntiChrist’s kingdom will likely be based in Babylon, just as the preceding three kingdoms were ruled from Babylon.
 - Historically, the Babylonian, Persian, and Grecian empires were all ruled from Babylon.
- 2. AntiChrist’s kingdom is likely *not* the Revived Roman Empire.
 - Rome is not mentioned anywhere in Bible prophecies.
 - Rome does not fit the description of the fourth kingdom in Dan. 2:40.
 - Geographically and politically, the Roman Empire was centered in modern-day Europe (Rome), not in the Middle East (Babylon).
 - AntiChrist, not the Roman Empire, is in view in Daniel 9:26-27 (note similar language in Rev. 12:15).
- 3. The AntiChrist will likely be Middle Eastern (not European) and Muslim (not Catholic).
 - The extent of the Grecian kingdom included Greece, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan.
 - In modern times, virtually all of this region is Muslim.

NOTES

III. THE KINGDOM OF THE BEAST

A. Its Character

1. AntiChrist's Kingdom is likened to preceding world powers (Rev. 13:2).
 - a) "Like unto a leopard" — the swiftness of the Grecians
 - b) "The feet of a bear" — the ferocity of the Persians
 - c) "The mouth of a lion" — the strength of the Babylonians
2. AntiChrist is, however, diverse from the preceding world kingdoms in that it has surpassing fierceness, dominion, and Satanic power (Dan. 7:19, 23; 8:23-25).

B. Its Timeframe

1. Total Length: 7 years (Daniel 9:27).
2. 1st Half: Relatively peaceful compared to the 2nd half; AntiChrist wins the world through flatteries (Dan. 11:21)
3. 2nd Half: referred to as the "great tribulation" (Matt. 24:21); AntiChrist is unveiled as "the Beast," and he is unleashed on the earth in great fury and power (Rev. 12:12; 13:5-7).

IV. THE BLASPHEMY OF THE BEAST

- A. On his heads are written the name of blasphemy (13:1).
- B. Out of his mouth proceeds great blasphemies — against God, God's name, God's temple, and God's people (Rev. 13:5-6; Dan. 7:8).
- C. AntiChrist's rises to world dominance after his apparent resurrection from the dead, mimicking the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rev. 13:2, 14; Rev. 17:8).
 1. AntiChrist viciously persecutes believers (Rev. 13:7).
 2. He exercises absolute dominion over the whole world (13:7).
 3. All unbelievers will worship the beast (Rev. 13:8).

V. THE WORSHIP OF THE BEAST

- A. The false prophet is just as powerful as the Beast (13:12).
- B. The false prophet glorifies AntiChrist, the false messiah, like as the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus (13:13).
- C. By supernatural signs, the false prophet deceives the world into worshipping the Beast (13:13-14).
- D. The false prophet creates an image of the Beast and seeks to kill anyone who does not worship the image (13:14-15).

VI. THE MARK OF THE BEAST

- A. The mark of the Beast is 666, the number of man (13:18).
- B. The mark of the Beast is forced upon upon classes of society (13:16).
- C. The mark of the Beast is required to buy or sell (13:17).
- D. The mark of the Beast is 666 (13:18).