

Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 19

Revelation 13, Verse 1 – 10 horns are ten kings — 7 heads are the remainder after the antichrist removes 3 of those kings.

Verse 2a – Daniel 2:36-44

- ✓ These same kingdoms are pictured a different way in Daniel 7
 - ✓ **Daniel 7:1-8**
 - ✓ Lion is Babylon
 - ✓ Bear is Persia – fielded a million-man army.
 - ✓ Leopard is Greece – Alexander the Great who conquered the known world by the time he was 32.
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Beast here in **Revelation 13** – “Beast” not like “beast of burden” but refers to a vicious, horrible creature.

- ✓ His Viciousness and horror are described by this conglomeration of animals **Verse 2a**
 - ✓ Notice these are in reverse order to what we saw in Daniel - Daniel is looking forward into the future so the first is first, whereas John is looking back into the past so the most recent is seen first
 - ✓ These are all top end predators and are without equal in their respective realms of predation.
 - ✓ Lion – King of the beasts, perfect predator; big, fast, powerful.
 - ✓ Bear – Massive with incredible strength
 - ✓ Leopard – The Word refers to a large spotted cat that could be a leopard or a cheetah—in either case this is a predator known for speed.
 - ✓ So, the Antichrist is going to be the best of what was these past kingdoms:
 - he will be majestic and kingly like the Lion of Babylon.
 - he will be massive and powerful like the Bear of Persia.
 - he will be incredible fast and lethal like the Leopard of Greece
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- ✓ An overview of some of both his titles and prototypes from the Old Testament:
 1. Spawn of Satan – “seed of the Serpent” in **Genesis 3:15**
 2. Like Pharaoh the dark lord – enslaving and pursuing Israel who flees into the wilderness where they are protected—in the case of Pharaoh the sea swallows the pursuing army, but in the case of the Antichrist, earth swallows up his army. **Exodus**
 3. Like Adonai Zedek of **Joshua** – a once 10 kingdom federation and that lost 3 and this king in Jerusalem heads up the remaining 7 to fight against God’s army and is defeated with signs and wonders from Heavens including hailstones.
 4. Little horn of **Daniel 7** and the prince who is to come of **Daniel 9**.
 5. He is the worthless shepherd of **Zechariah 11** who has a head wound.
 6. He is the man of sin, son of Perdition of **II Thessalonians**
 7. Antichrist of **I and II John** --“Anti” means “in place of” – not anti-Jesus but in place of Jesus “I am Jesus”, “I am God”
 - ✓ Not going to reject deity as much as he will be assuming deity.
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Verse 2b – Satan empowered = really powerful not just a blow hard!

- ✓ This is no politician or powerful king anymore; this is a supernatural entity. **Verse 3** resurrection; **Verse 13; Verse 15; II Thessalonians 2:9-10** deception backed with God's power.

Verse 3 –

- ✓ Is this really fatal or does it just seem fatal? **Revelation 11:7** hard to fake coming up from the abyss.
- ✓ Gives us insight into his identity as well as why he has people take a mark where he does: **Zechariah 11:16-17**

Head wound is another identifying mark along with a big mouth, world domination, and satanic power.

Verse 4-5 – Big Mouth

- ✓ 42 months --- how long is that? 3 ½ years.
- ✓ He begins the 7 years by making a treaty with Israel and then breaks in half by breaking that covenant and coming into his full power.

Verse 6 – At this point who does "those who dwell in heaven" include? Us!!

- ✓ He's going to have explain away the rapture of the church.

Verse 7 – Saints are of course referring to the Jews because the church will not be there, and the Jews were the first to be called and have never stopped being called saints.

Verse 8 –

- ✓ This is much more than just receiving a mark so you can buy food this is a decided heart commitment -- Christ or Antichrist.
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Verse 9-10 – Narrator (Holy Spirit) gives a testimony to those not under his thumb.

Verse 11 – Beast #2 = False Prophet

- ✓ "earth" when used figuratively often refers to Israel, so, this points to this man being Jewish.
- ✓ Jesus predicts his arrival Jn. 5:39-43 = not just a general "another" but a specific another "one like Me"= Jewish.

Verse 12 – Completion of the unholy trinity: Satan = like the unseen father.

- Beast #1 = The Son (died and was resurrected)
 - ✓ In a similar way that Christ was God in the flesh, so the Antichrist will be Satan in the flesh.
 - ✓ When Jesus was on the earth He said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." The Antichrist will be able to say a similar thing about himself with regards to Satan.
 - ✓ The Beast will be the visible expression of the invisible devil much in the same way that Christ is visible expression of the invisible God.
 - Beast #2 = The Holy Spirit (promotes worship of the first 2)
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Verse 12-13 – so we have both the beast and the false prophet introduced to us

Verse 14-15 – This isn't the first time that a world ruler has made an image of himself to be worshipped is it? (Remember, the secret to deciphering Revelation is that everything has already been explained somewhere else in Scripture)

- ✓ **Daniel 3** = Nebuchadnezzar makes a statue and the penalty for not worshipping was death.
 - ✓ Here we are given a clear statement about the situation of the end times: 3 go through the fire but are not touched, those who throw them in are consumed, where is Daniel? (taken out ahead of time)
 - ✓ So, there are three groups in the end times: one taken out before hand, another that goes into the fire and survives and still another killed by the fire.
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Verse 16-17 – Technology has made this possible today with chips that can even be tracked by satellite

- ✓ We are rapidly becoming a cashless society in which all we have to do is identify ourselves to make a transaction.
 - ✓ Number of the beast or his name is more than just taking a chip it will be taking the beasts identity.
 - ✓ Counterfeit for baptism == it is selling yourself openly and publicly to the beast.
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