

Revelation 13:1-18 (NIV)

- ¹ **And the** dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.
- ² **The** beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.
- ³ **One of** the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.
- ⁴ **Men** worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"
- ⁵ **The beast** was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.
- ⁶ **He opened** his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.
- ⁷ **He was** given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.
- ⁸ **All inhabitants** of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.
- ⁹ **He who** has an ear, let him hear.
- ¹⁰ **If anyone** is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.
- ¹¹ **Then I** saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.
- ¹² **He exercised** all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.
- ¹³ **And he** performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men.
- ¹⁴ **Because** of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.
- ¹⁵ **He was** given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.
- ¹⁶ **He also** forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,
- ¹⁷ **so that** no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.
- ¹⁸ **This calls** for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

INTRO: In Chap 13, John is seeing images that represent reality. Where we can, we will use other Scripture to interpret this Scripture.



Revelation 13:1-18 (NKJV) “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast 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.

A beast—In **Revelation 17:15 (NKJV)** “Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw... are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.” **So, we have** a beast (Gk. “thay-re-on”) wild, dangerous, venomous animal) rise up out of the “sea of humanity—the nations.”

The beast is “rising up,” meaning his source of power/rule is from below, not from heaven.

HAVING 7 HEADS & 10 HORNS – Daniel 7 and Rev. 17 refers to this. **Dan 7:24** says “its 10 horns are 10 kings...”

² The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

Again Daniel 7 also describes 4 beasts-- **Daniel 7:17 (NIV)** 'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth... **Many believe** that this is a description of these four empires:

1. Empire of Greece—leopard
2. Medo-Persian empire—bear
3. Babylonian empire—lion
4. Revived Roman empire—4th beast

So...the dragon (Satan) gave the beast (Antichrist) his power/throne/great authority.

³ One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.

It seems like God will permit Satan to give the appearance of duplicating the resurrection—fatal wound, healed. Satan cannot create nor resurrect, so this will be another deception!

Yet, people will believe it is, and this will cause the whole world to be astonished and follow the beast (Antichrist). **2 Thessalonians 2:9 (NIV)** “The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders...”

⁴ Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?”

Humanity will worship the dragon (Satan) who gave authority to the beast (Antichrist), who they also worshipped. **Worshipping** the antichrist IS worshipping Satan! Antichrist’s power and popularity will spread worldwide.

⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. **⁶ He opened** his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

The beast (Antichrist) will be a proud man...will speak blasphemies, slandering God and His people.

--He will be allowed to do this for 42 months (3 ½ years)

⁷ He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

He will be given power over the whole world (not just the 10 nations)...and will especially come against the saints (believers in that day). He doesn’t realize—their martyrdom brings them into the blessing & presence of the Lord!

⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

Satan tried to get Jesus to worship him—**if you worship the idols on this earth, you are worshipping Satan as well.** Only the unsaved will worship the Beast. Believers are FORBIDDEN to worship the antichrist!



BOOK OF LIFE – When someone is born again, God enters their name in His Book of Life! They are His!

Rev. 3:5; Phil 4:3 Two women, Clement & rest of my co-workers “whose names are written in the Book of Life.”



Revelation 20:15 “If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

9 He who has an ear, let him hear. **10** If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

Like when Jesus was unjustly tried, convicted, crucified, so also, believers will be taken captive & killed. Believers are called to patient endurance (perseverance) AND faithfulness (keep the faith).

LUKE 18:8 “...when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?”



11 Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.

12 He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

In contrast to the first beast (out of the sea), this one comes “out of the earth.”

He is lamb-like (appears gentle/caring), yet is clever/deceiving!

He exercises “all the authority of the first beast.” He “makes” earth inhabitants worship Antichrist.

2ND BEAST IS MOST LIKELY THE FALSE PROPHET—THE RELIGIOUS OR RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL LEADER

Many refer this whole scenario as the FALST TRINITY



GOD
JESUS CHRIST
HOLY SPIRIT (glorifies Christ)

SATAN
ANTI-CHRIST
FALSE PROPHET (promotes worship of (glorifies) the Antichrist)

<https://www.facebook.com/drdaavidjeremiah/photos/a.460094339533/10152723894039534/?type=3>

13 And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. **14** Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth.

People will be deceived thinking that if it looks like a miracle... it must be God—especially from this (false) religious leader!

He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. **15** He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

Image of the beast – people must honor... either worship or be killed.

Colossians 1:15 (NIV) JESUS “...is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”

AI can easily close a person’s voice today.

Your mom...son...daughter calls, frantically needing your help. All in their voice — but NOT!

The politician that I want to bring down—I can make them say anything

The person I want to “frame” I can make them say something where you’ll never want to listen to them again!

16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

RECEIVE A MARK -- a scratch or etching, i.e. stamp;



Elon Musk' company, NEURALINK, implanted a chip in someone's brain... the goal? They can control their phone, their computer by thinking it! Their thought causes the chip, wirelessly, to "speak" to whatever it is connected to.

<https://www.reuters.com/technology/neuralink-implants-brain-chip-first-human-musk-says-2024-01-29/>

Any commerce could/would require the mark. The squeeze will be on believers!

¹⁷ so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.



China is using these headbands, influenced by AI technology and the data is retrieved and sent to the teacher or the student's parents. The light on the headband changes based on your level of concentration. When it is red, the student is focused. Blue means the student is distracted. The data even tracks how many times a child yawns, looks at their phone, and of course even tracks their location.

<https://www.jacarandafm.com/shows/workzone-elana-afrika-bredenkamp/chinese-schools-use-headbands-help-kids-focus-class/>



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