**Revelation Chapter 13—The Two Beasts (parenthesis section)**

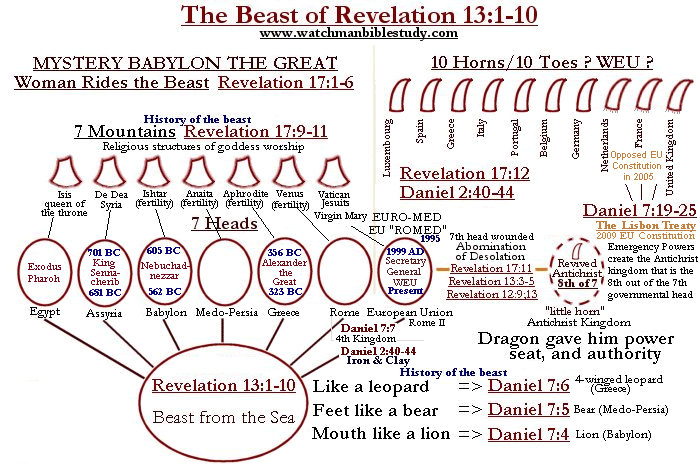
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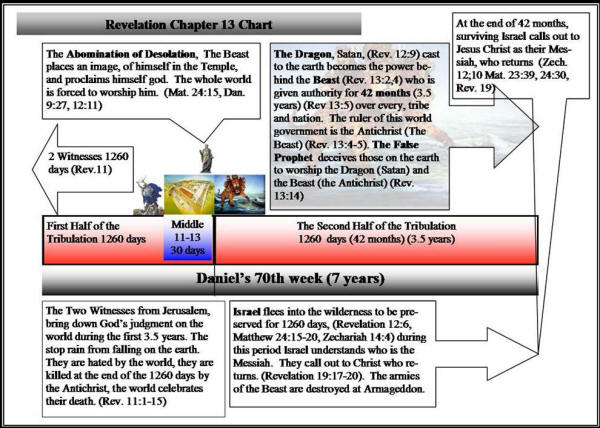
**Chapter 10**—John was told to “eat the little book” and to prophesy again to many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.

**Chapter 11**—John scribed about the rebuilding of the Tribulation Temple, meeting the two witnesses, and watching their impact on all of the world.

**Chapter 12**—John described Satan being cast out of heaven; he showed how that will affect Israel and the other tribulations saints left on the earth.

NOW…**Chapter 13**—John will detail about the “two henchmen” of the Great Tribulation, the Antichrist (the political genius) and the False Prophet (the religious leader). Together, they will merge church and state into a disastrous union, glorifying the great dragon, Satan.





Short Synopsis:

**What is the sea? Rev. 9—5th angel sounded……star fell and strange things came out of the Abyss….a watery mass in Greek. Ancient Egyptians believed that the sea was first, before land. Daniel 7—we see that Daniel sees the great sea, which the four beasts came from, the Mediterranean Sea. This could be the sea of people. “Angel of the waters”—Rev. 16:5, the Abyss opens in Rev. 9, when Satan has the key to the Abyss—midpoint of the seven year covenant. {Perdition—in Greek, the god Apollo, the destroyer) This beast is a person and a system, The New World Order, and the person (Rev.19) who is thrown into the lake of fire. In Rev. 12, there is a dragon, 12:3, “great fiery red dragon having 7 heads and 10 horns and 7 diadems.” And, the beast has 10 crowns…..that is the difference. The beast has more crowns. Satan gives the beast his power, his thrown, and authority. Satan offered to give these all to Jesus. Daniel 10, where Daniel was in prayer for 21 days, Gabriel showed up. This is where there is mentioned “the kings of Persia” fighting Michael. ---demons, or demon kings. Rev. 17:11-12, describes the beast….the ten horns are ten kings. Daniel 2:43, this speaks about Neb’s dream—legs of iron, Roman Empire, divided into two branches in the time of Constantine, and the feet and toes mixed, iron mixed with clay; mingle the seed. These kingdoms could be ones who abused Israel; God’s people…..the toes are kings. Daniel 2:35, crushed like chaff by the stone. Who are these kings? Daniel 8:10—little horn grows up to the host of heaven. Daniel 7:20, 24—the ten horns are the ten toes, the ten kings.**

Revelation 13 is an amplification of the scene in the 12th chapter.  In chapter 12, we see a dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns pursue a women who gave birth to a “man-child”, who was caught up into Heaven to rule the nations.  This drama in the 12th chapter is the background of the spiritual events that happen in the 2nd half, (1260 days, 42 months) of the 7-year tribulation period.    John defines Satan as the dragon (Revelation 12:9) and the women as Israel. Israel gave birth to the Messiah, who is caught up to Heaven (Acts 1:9-11), Satan, the Dragon, then pursues the Woman who is protected for 1260 days or 3.5 years. The identification of the participants is vital to understanding what is actually taking place in both the physical and spiritual realms.

The events taking place in the 2nd half are a result of what takes place in Heaven at the Midpoint of the 7-year period.  Satan and his angels removed from their place in Heaven are then, hurled to the earth for their final stand.   Chapter 12 reveals the Heavenly view of these events and the battle of the ages between God’s plan of redemption, and Satan attempts to stop it.  Satan’s final method of assault on the women, and her offspring (the saved) are revealed to us in the 13th chapter.

Satan on Earth will incarnate the leader of a “Revived Roman Empire”; this leader will have died, and resurrect, to the wonder of the world.  His resurrected body indwelt with Satan, will assume control of the kingdom of the Beast.  Satan, portrayed as a 7-headed dragon in chapter 12, cast out of Heaven, is now the source of power and authority of the 7-headed beast arising from the sea, which John writes about.  Satan will assume the controls of this kingdom pictured as the “Beast”.  This future kingdom will focus on the glorification and exaltation of this “Satan-Man” and the persecution and destruction of those who refuse to accept his deity.  This period will last for 42 months or 3.5 years, and will end with the return of Jesus Christ when surviving Israel, finally recognizes Him as Messiah and calls out in prayer and supplication for his return (Zechariah 12:9-10, Matthew 23:39 24:30 and Revelation 19)

Going before the beast will be a false prophet who will perform great signs and wonders in the name of this world leader.  This false prophet will instruct the world to worship the beast. An image of the Beast, constructed by the false prophet will be the focus of worldwide worship.  All who refuse to worship the Beast or his image will be killed.  The False prophet is pictured as lamb with two horns, which speaks as a dragon.  He is probably the leader of the world wide religion in the first half of the tribulation which persecutes the believers, the saints. Later, this world wide religion is destroyed (Revelation 17:15-17) as the Beast and Satan, become the focus of worship in the second half of Daniel’s 70th week.

In order to enforce this worldwide religion of the beast an economic system will be established demanding total submission to this world leader.  Those who refuse will be killed and cutoff from society. They will be unable to buy or sell without total submission.

Section one, **Rev. 13:1-10,** The Beast out of the sea, The incarnation of “The Dragon,” “The Anti-God,” in the “Beast” or the “Anti-Christ

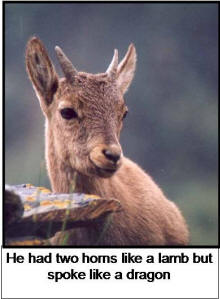
1. **Who is “I” in the first verse?** **This is not John.** A mistake in the manuscript, the Greek word is “he.”
2. **What does “out of the sea” mean?** Could be a Gentile. Political ruler. Sea is identified with peoples.
3. **Describe this first beast.** **Echo Daniel 7; inverse order of what they show up in Daniel….John is looking backward; Daniel is looking forward. Lion, arrogant; Bear, controls extensively; leopard, swift conqueror.**
4. **In Chapters 12-13, the heptadic structure of Revelation highlights seven personages. Name them.** The woman, the man-child, the red dragon, Michael, the remnant, the beast out of the sea, the beast out of the earth
5. **What are the crowns?** Diadems, ruling crowns.
6. **Discuss the head wound in verse 3.** Some believe that these are governments; others believe that this is a person. This idiom seems like a “real person’s head wound.” The Greek words for “king” and “kingdom” are identical, which leads to confusion.
7. **Did this leader come back to life?** **Is the world astonished? Refer to Zechariah 11:17. Who is the idol shepherd? Is this the antichrist referred to in Revelation 13?** Zechariah 11:17 gives a description of the “idol shepherd.” Do these infirmities become an identifier for the mark that is required….head/eye and hand/arm.
8. **In Genesis 3:15, there is a conflict between two seeds. Elaborate.**
9. **What is the “Satanic Trinity?” The antichrist, the false prophet, the dragon.**
10. **In verse 4, who is the “they” that worship the dragon? His followers are going to be Satan worshippers…Allah**
11. **What is the literal interpretation of what John sees in verse 1? Describe the beast.**
12. **In the Bible, what does “sea” mean? People What does “sand” mean? Horns? King or glory. Time what does “heads” mean? Geographical areas; maybe continents. What does “crowns?” rulership or authority? John sees the rise of a new world power, charismatic, orator, leopard….lions mouth, orator; charismatic; leopard like, hide and camouflage; feet as a bear, hold grab and destroy, dragon power, demonic. 10 kings and 10 kingdoms.**
13. **Discuss the seven heads and ten horns. Compare to Daniel’s fourth beast. This is the last great world kingdom….ten toes.**
14. **Describe the beast’s mouth, verse 5-6. What is the blasphemy he speaks? Read Daniel, II Thess. 2**
15. **Who are “them that dwell in heaven?” Verse 6**
16. **What is the most document period of time in the Bible? Verse 5**
17. **Who does the beast make war with? Does he succeed?**
18. **In verse 7, who are the saints that the dragon overcomes?**
19. **Read Jer. 30:7, and talk about “Jacob’s trouble.”**
20. **Who are the “earth dwellers?” Discuss them from verse 8, and how they worship the dragon.**
21. **Compare verse 9, “if any man have an ear,” with Revelation 2-3.**
22. Section One of Revelation 13 ends with verse 10 recap what has happened thus far.

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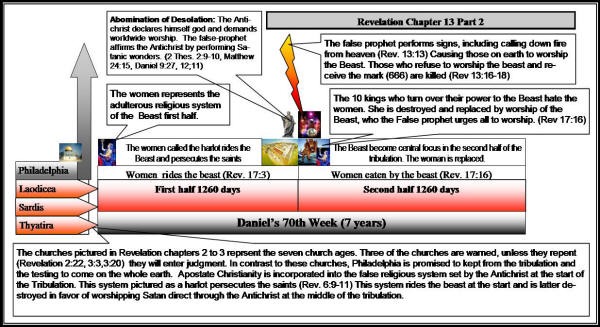
**Section Two, Rev. 13:11-18, The Beast Out of the Earth,** The “False Prophet” or the “Anti-Spirit”

**Short Synopsis**

In Chapter 12 we see the dragon (Satan) who pursues the women (Israel) standing on the “sand of the sea”. Out of the sea rises a Beast (kingdom of Antichrist) which becomes the vehicle used by Satan to subdue the whole world under his direct power. This kingdom of the Beast will use four realms of influence to subdue man; politics, military, religious and economic.  The Beast or the “Little horn” of Daniel 7:8 focuses on the military and political realms. While the second beast, the False Prophet will focus on the religious and economic means of submission.

In the 13th chapter, John sheds light on the methods used by this final world government to cement his universal power.  The religious aspect of his kingdom takes a turn at the midpoint of the tribulation.  The first 3.5 years of the 7-year tribulation the Antichrist and the False Prophet unite the world under a universal religious system (Revelation 17:1-6).  In the 2nd half, the focus of this religious system becomes the Beast inhabited by Satan. The False Prophet performs satanic wonders including the “calling down of fire from heaven” to awe humanity into worshipping the Beast. He points to the resurrected Beast, the leader of the kingdom also called the Beast, urges Earth’s inhabitants to worship him. He instructs the world to create and worship an image of the first Beast. The image through satanic power appears to come to life and speak. Those refusing to worship the image are subjected to death.  If the military, political and spiritual power did not convince inhabitants of the Earth, the False Prophet applies economic tools to move the Earth’s inhabitants to submit.

            Those left alive on the Earth at this point in the 7-year tribulation must choose. They will have to accept the Antichrist as god on earth and live, or accept Christ and face death. Those alive and faced with these choices will know exactly what to do based on the 13th chapter of Revelation.

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*The False Prophet*

11Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, who’s deadly wound, was healed.

**Revelation 13:11-12**

**I saw another beast…** This is the third member of this unholy trinity, Satan’s counterfeit of the trinity. This beast is a man called the “False prophet” (Rev 19:20).  He is a religious leader who counterfeits the Holy Spirit, by pointing to the Beast (First Beast) as the object of truth and worship. The false-prophet and the Antichrist work together from the start.  This new world religion will operate under the false ideal of “Relative truth”; those who insist on Jesus being the focus of objective truth will be killed during the first half of the tribulation. (Revelation 6:9-11)  Jesus spoke about this individual and the antichrist in the Olivet discourse,

24For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25See, I have told you beforehand.

Matthew 24:24

**Out of the earth….** (Gr. Ge….arable land, earth as a standing place) Contrasted to the “Beast out of the Sea” this Beast is out of the earth. Some commentators feel this reference to the Earth means he will be an apostate religious leader as opposed to being out of the sea of humanity.

**He had two horns like a lamb….** (Gr. Arnion…diminutive of areen, affection term *lambkin* used mainly in Revelation, 29 out of 30 times) Lambs are used mainly in the scriptures as a picture of sacrifice; Jesus is called the “Lamb of God”, God’s Passover lamb.  The lamblike nature of this beast demonstrates his religious aspect.  The two horns have significant meaning and can be interpreted in several ways.

            Horns are clearly spelled out in scripture as representing seats of authority. The ten horns of the beast represent ten kings (Rev 17:12, Daniel 7:24). In Daniel 8, the horns on the ram and goat represent the King’s of Greece, Persia and Media. These powers in the conflict, picture Greece as the one-horned goat and Persia-Media as the two-horned ram. Jesus is also pictured as a horn in Luke, He is called a “Horn of salvation”, (Luke 1:69).

The two horns on this lamb can represent two distinct religious systems unified by the false prophet. There is strong evidence to suggest, this united religious system will be the adulterous church pictured in three of the seven churches (Laodicea, Sardis, Thyatira) unified with the remnants of Islam by the False Prophet.

Four points regarding this position:

1. Catholicism already accepts Muslims and Jews as having salvation, without having to believe Jesus died on the Cross, or that he is the Son of God.

**841** *The Church's relationship with the Muslims.* "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day." **839** "Those who have not yet received the Gospel are related to the People of God in various ways."325 The *relationship of the Church with the Jewish People*. When she delves into her own mystery, the Church, the People of God in the New Covenant, discovers her link with the Jewish People, "the first to hear the Word of God."327 The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to God's revelation in the Old Covenant. To the Jews "belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ", "for the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."329 [[2]](http://www.truthnet.org/Christianity/revelation/Revelation13/part2.htm" \l "_ftn2)

1. Islam as major force on the scene must be reduced for the Jewish Temple to be rebuilt at start of the 7-year tribulation period.  The “Dome of the Rock” must be destroyed which is either the cause or the conclusion of a war between Islam and Israel. A defeated Islam will be ripe for a new religious system.
2. With the “Rapture” of the Church, those left behind will look to unify a world filled with war and chaos, resulting from the Islamic war against Israel, (Ezekiel 38-39), the Rapture and the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple.  This church is exemplified by the Jesus’ response to the 5 virgins who missed the coming of the bridegroom,

11“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ 12But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour ≤in which the Son of Man is coming. (Matthew 25:11-13)

       This same warning to watch is issued to the church of Sardis, which is warned they will miss his coming if they fail to watch.

Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. Revelation 3:3

1. The adulterous church is destroyed in the 2nd half of the tribulation period as this unified faith is turned away from the adulterous women and toward the Beast. (Revelation 17:16)

**Spoke like a dragon….**The source of this world religion will be Satan, whose goal is to destroy those created in the image of God.  Biblical Christianity is exclusive; there is no room for a competing “Jesus”.

Islam denies Jesus is the Son of God, and that He died on the cross.  The Muslim Jesus is not the Jesus of the Bible. Judaism today rejects Jesus as Messiah and labels him a false prophet.  Many in the ecumenical movement deny Jesus as the son of God along with countless heretical beliefs.  Here is what the bible says about those who reject the biblical Jesus.

22Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 23Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

 I John 2:22-23.

22Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

 Matthew 7:22-23

                In the second half involves the removal of religion’s mask, humanity will worship Satan in the person of the Antichrist, who will demand worldwide worship. Those who refuse will be killed.  People worldwide will not be able to buy or sell anything unless they totally submit to the Beast and his false prophet.  Daniel foretold this nature of the Antichrist over 2500 years ago.

"He shall regard neither the God of his father’s nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

Daniel 11:37

**Exercises all the authority….**The role of this “false prophet” is to help the world accept the claims of the first beast.  The first Beast is Satan manifested, so the second Beast is in complete union with him and works to bring him credibility.

**In his presence…….** As Aaron was the spokesman for Moses before Pharaoh and Egypt. The false prophet will represent the Beast before the world. In his name and presence he points people on Earth to the Beast.

**Causes the earth….** With signs and wonders and demonic spirits the Earth is deceived.

11And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thess. 2:11-12

13And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings ≤of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Rev 16:13-14

**Worship the beast…..** The goal of the false prophet is for people to accept the deification of the Beast

**Whose deadly wound was healed….** The death and resurrection of the Beast at the Mid-point will be in conjunction with the casting out of Satan from Heaven.  His death and resurrection will be highlighted as evidence for the Beast being God on Earth.  In the same way Jesus was crucified and resurrected was evidence of his being the Son of God, Satan will counterfeit the resurrection.

**Satanic Signs & Wonders**

13He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14And he deceives ≤those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

**Revelation 13:13-14**

**He performs great signs….**The false prophet does the signs as a means of deception. Signs are not limited to God’s kingdom alone.  God allows Satan to also perform signs as a way of testing people.

1“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,  2and 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,’ 3you 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. 4You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.  Deuteronomy 131:1-4

9The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 2 Thess. 2:9-10

A wicked and adulterous generation will turn from “Truth” to a “Lie” for the sake of a sign (Matthew 16:4). The psychics who claim to speak to the dead are in fact speaking to “Familiar Sprits”, demons posing as departed loved ones (Lev 19:31, 20:6, 20:27).  The practice is old; Satan has deceived people for thousands of years using the system.  But God allows the deception because those who choose to follow the practice are being disobedient and in the process failing a test.   Satan’s restrictions on his deceptions will be removed during the 2nd half of the tribulation.

**Makes fire come down….**A impressive sign to those on the Earth who are being deceived, but a clear identifier to believers who are waiting for the return of Christ.   Who will be able to question such signs without knowing the Truth?  This is also counterfeit of the two witnesses who called down fire on their enemies.

**He was granted to do…..**Satan can only do what he is permitted to do as demonstrated in Job.  Man is not being tempted beyond his ability to say no. But the test on earth has intensified because the time is short.

9So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? 10Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? Job 1:9

**Telling those who dwell….**The false prophet instructs the inhabitants on the Earth how to worship the Beast.

**The Image of the Beast….** (Go…icon... a likeness, that is, (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance:—image. an icon) Those on the will demonstrate their worship by making an image of the Beast.  This is similar to Satan’s deceptions throughout history. The man’s nature is to be worshipped if ultimate power can be obtained. Great military leaders eventually viewed themselves as god on Earth, Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the great, and Julius Caesar are 3 memorable ones. The 20th century, has had their share of leader worship transferred to image veneration.  Lenin, Mao, Kim ill Sung and Hitler are recent examples of leader worship turned to image veneration. Man worship will ultimately be played out as Satan inhabits the body of a man and demands the world worship him as god.

One of the first acts of Satan is to immediately have the first 3 of 10 commandments broken.

1.                   No god but God.

2.                  Do not make an image.

3.                  Do not worship the image

The resurrection of the Beast will be the focus of the image for those dwelling on the Earth.

In Daniel 3, the bible prepares the world for this coming event by the example of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-ego. Three Hebrew boys who choose death rather than worship the image the king of Babylon sets up.  The image is 60 cubits high, and 6 cubits wide, (60, 6) everyone was to bow to the image when the music played. The Hebrews refused and were thrown into a fiery furnace, and were not harmed as one like; the “Son of God” rescued them. (Dan 3:25). The message in Daniel is to the whole world, if three Hebrew boys could survive a fiery furnace because the “Son of God” was in their midst, then we can survive because the “Son of God” has redeemed us, but we must not submit to the Beast.

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

7 So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, and lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

25"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Daniel 3:1,7,17-18,25

God through the book of Daniel demonstrates the way of salvation for those living in the tribulation period.  The picture of Daniel 3 when contrasted to Revelation 13 is striking.

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|  | **Daniel 3** | **Revelation 13** |
| **Ruler** | King of Babylon Daniel 3:1 | King of final Babylon (Revelation 17, 18, Isaiah 14) |
| **Action** | King of Babylon set up an image | Antichrist sets up an image |
| **Number associated with image** | 60 x 6 (Daniel 3:1) | 666 (Rev. 13:18) |
| **Involves** | All peoples, nations and languages (Daniel 3:7) | All who Those who dwell on the  (Rev. 13:8,14) |
| **Threat** | Worship the image or die | Worship the image or die |
| **Rebels** | Jewish men refuse to worship | Jews, Israel refuses to worship |
| **Result** | Thrown into a fiery furnace | Israel goes into great tribulation (Revelation 12: |
| **Rescue** | One like the son of man | Son of Man (Daniel 7:13) |

*The image of the Beast*

15He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

**Revelation 13:15**

**He was granted power…..**The image created by men of the Beast seemingly comes to life.  This Satanic miracle is allowed to take place by God.  Man is being tested by this part of the strong delusion that God is allowing to fall on those who refuse to believe the “Truth”.  The “Image” of the Beast comes to life and takes and further validates the identity of the “Beast”.  Those who know the scriptures will have a clear choice.

**The image of the beast….**The satanic powered Beast-Image is then able to reveal all who refuse worship, those who refuse are executed.  Worldwide hunts will begin for those who are identified by the Beast for refusing to worship.  For this reason many will go into hiding and it will take the Angels at the return of Christ to bring find them and bring them to meet their Lord.

30Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Matthew 24:30-31

*The Economic system of the Beast*

16He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17and that no one may buy or sell except one who has ≤the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666.

**Revelation 13:16-18**

**He causes all…..**The False Prophet will implement a system to demand worship from all.  The rich and powerful will not be able to escape the requirements.  All people will need to submit to worshipping of the Beast.

**To receive a mark** (Gr…charagma ; a scratch or etching, that is, stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue):—graven, mark.) The Greek word indicates the mark to be an outside mark demonstrating loyalty and submission to the Beast.  The location of the mark is either on the forehead or on the wrist.

**That no one may buy or sell…**The mark will be a system that allows control of the individual.  Without submission to the Beast there will be no ability to participate in the economic system.

Food, clothing, shelter and fuel will not available to those who have not submitted to the Beast.

New technologies known as bio-metrics are being developed to track and control segments of the population.  With the increase in terrorism little resistance to such a system can be logically justified today. Fear of terrorism has removed many of our concerns of intrusive government; citizens want to know who is a threat.  One way is to have everybody marked and accounted for. VeriChip is just one company developing a system that is being used by some countries today.

**Except one….**Three types of identifications are listed.

1.                   The mark

2.                   Name of the Beast

3.                   Number of his Name

**Let him who has understanding…..**Here is another call of understanding to those who are alive at the Midpoint.  This is one more piece of evidence for those who are alive not to accept the mark.

**The number of a man…..**The Antichrist is a Man, and his name or some identifier is listed as a number.  Each letter in a name has a numerical equivalent.  When the letters in a name are added the total numerical value is the number of the name.  Most interpreters of revelation feel this is what is meant by this verse.  Whether the name uses a Greek or Hebrew letter is not known.

1. **Who is “Beast Number 2,” coming up out of the earth? Many scholars think that this one may be Jewish.**
2. **What are two horns? A source of authority….horn is a classic idiom for power or authority.**
3. **Throughout the other scripture why is this beast referred to as “The False Prophet?” Refer also to Ezekiel 21:25-27, Ezekiel 28:2-10, Daniel 11:36-37, John 5:43, Psalm 55.**
4. **In Verse 12, what is the power of this second beast? Who is being worshipped?**
5. **Discuss the earth dwellers in verse 12? What is the wound?**
6. **Go into detail about the “false wonders” that the beast displays. Are these like the magicians in the story of Moses and Pharaoh?**
7. **“Fire” and miracles convinced the earth-dwellers. Does Satan have power to do this? Deception by miracles signs and wonders?**
8. **In Daniel 3, Nebuchadnezzar makes an image. Compare that scenario with what is happening in Rev. 13:13-14.**
9. **How does this image come to life? What are the characteristics of this image?**
10. **The “mark of the beast” in Verse 16-17 is to be placed in two places. Why?**
11. **Could this mark be a brand? Does it show allegiance to the beast? What is the importance of this mark? Could these be symbolic of his wounds? He has economic control over the earth.**
12. **Verse 18 gives a number. Speculate on the importance of this number. Six is the number of man. The number “six” in the scripture is man, is one deficient of perfection (7).**
13. **Review the “70 Weeks” of Daniel**
    1. **The Scope, Daniel 9:24**
    2. **The 69 Weeks, Daniel 9:25**
    3. **The Interval, Daniel 9:26**
       * 1. **Gabriel told Daniel the exact day that Jesus would present Himself as the Messiah, Palm Sunday, 173,880 days after the destruction of Jerusalem ( Decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus, to restore Jerusalem) March 14, 445 B.C.—The Triumphal Entry, Messiah the King, April 6, 32 A. D.—173,880 days)**
         2. **We are in this interval period**
         3. **The “church period”**
         4. **“The People of the prince that shall come”—Dan. 9:26, this refers to Luke 21: that the city and sanctuary would destroy Jerusalem….the Roman armies. The prince that shall come is from the Roman Empire, probably the Eastern leg.**
    4. **The 70th Week, Daniel 9:27 (The Book of Revelation)**
14. **Read Daniel 9:26, and explain the phrase, “the people of the prince that shall come.” Relate that description to the antichrist in Revelation 13.**
15. **Explain the images in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7:17-18.**
16. **Why did Daniel ask questions about the fourth beat, Daniel 7:19-22? This is the little horn of Daniel 7, actually 11 horns. Compare with the beast in Revelation 13:7.**

**Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, “….and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” The church is not part of the group in Revelation 13 or Daniel 7.**

1. **Daniel 7:23-28 explains the fourth beast and the ten horns. Re-visit this passage.**
2. **What are Satan’s seven ”super kingdoms?” Read Revelation 12:2-3.**
   1. **Egypt**
   2. **Assyria**
   3. **Babylon**
   4. **Persia**
   5. **Greece Daniel speaks about these empires.**
   6. **Rome Rev. 17:10, “There are 7 kings; 5 are fallen, and 1 is; and the other is no**
   7. **Rome II yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”**

**Rev.17:11, “The beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth in perdition.” Which empire is not visible today? One is missing…….the one that was and is not—Assyria. Micah 5:5-6, “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 7 shepherds, and 8 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.” Also Isaiah 10:5, 12, 24—the Assyrian. Today, the countries of Iraq and Syria are the ancient “Assyria.” Nineveh is in Assyria.**

1. **Name some of the attributes of the antichrist**
   1. **Big Mouth, Daniel 7:8, 11:20, 11:36, Psalm 52:2, 2 Thess.2:4**
   2. **Son of Satan, Gen. 3:15,Isaiah 27:1, Ezekiel 28:12-19, Rev. 13**
   3. **Intellectual genius, Daniel 7:20, 8:23, Ezekiel 28:3**
   4. **Oratorical genius, Daniel 7:20, Rev. 13:2**
   5. **Political genius, Daniel 11:21**
   6. **Commercial genius, Daniel 8:25, Rev. 13:17, Psalm 52:7, Daniel 11:38, 43, Ezekiel 28:4-5**
   7. **Military genius, Daniel 8:24, Rev. 6:2, Rev. 13:4, Isaiah 14:16**
   8. **Governmental genius, Rev.13:1-2, 17:17**
   9. **Religious genius, 2 Thess. 2:4, Rev. 13:3, 14:15**
   10. **Peace maker, Daniel 8:25**
2. **What are some Old Testament names of the antichrist?**
   1. **The Assyrian, Isaiah 10:5-6, 30:27-33**
   2. **King of Babylon, Isaiah14:4**
   3. **Lucifer, Isaiah 14:12**
   4. **The Little Horn, Daniel 7:8, 8:9-12**
   5. **A King of Fierce Countenance, Daniel 8:23**
   6. **The Prince That Shall Come, Daniel 9:26**
   7. **The Willful King, Daniel 11:36**
3. **What are some New Testament names of the antichrist?**
   1. **The Man of Sin, 2 Thess. 2:3-8**
   2. **Son of Perdition, 2 Thess. 2:3-8**
   3. **That Wicked, 2 Thess. 2:3-8**
   4. **A prophetic reference to him by Jesus, John 5:43**
4. **The two beasts in Revelation 13**
   1. **The Beast out of the sea**
      1. **Seven Heads, 10 horns**
      2. **Heads with the name of blasphemy**
      3. **One of the heads has a deadly wound and healed**
      4. **Powered by the dragon for 42 months**
      5. **Overcomes the saints**
      6. **Earth-dwellers worship, all those not written in the Book of Life**
   2. **The Beast out of the Earth, “False Prophet”**
      1. **Two horns like Lamb**
      2. **Speaks as the dragon**
      3. **Causes the Earth to worship the 1st beast**
      4. **Deceives the Earth with miracles**
      5. **Forces the worship of an image of the First Beast, with the mark, the 666 number of the 1st beast**

**The 27 Characteristics of the Antichrist**  
1. He comes from among ten kings in the restored Roman Empire; his authority will have similarities to the ancient Babylonians, Persians, and Greeks [Daniel 7:24; Rev 13:2 / Daniel 7:7]  
  
2. He will subdue three kings [Daniel 7:8, 24]  
  
3. He is different from the other kings [Daniel 7:24]  
  
4. He will rise from obscurity…a “little horn” [Daniel 7:8]  
  
5. He will speak boastfully [Daniel 7:8; Rev 13:5]  
  
6. He will blaspheme God, [Daniel 7:25; 11:36; Rev 13:5] slandering His Name, dwelling place, and departed Christians and Old Testament saints [Rev 13:6]  
  
7. He will oppress the saints and be successful for 3 ½ years [Daniel 7:25; Rev 13:7]  
  
8. He will try to change the calendar, perhaps to define a new era, related to himself [Daniel 7:25]  
9. He will try to change the laws, perhaps to gain an advantage for his new kingdom and era   
[Dan 7:25]  
  
10. He will not be succeeded by another earthly ruler, but by Christ [Daniel 7:26-27]  
  
11. He will confirm a covenant with “many”, i.e. the Jewish people [Daniel 9:27]   
this covenant will likely involve the establishment of a Jewish Temple in Jerusalem   
[see Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15]  
  
12. He will put an end to Jewish sacrifice and offerings after 3 ½ years and will set up an abomination to God in the Temple [Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15]  
  
13. He will not answer to a higher earthly authority; “He will do as he pleases” [Daniel 11:36]  
  
14. He will show no regard for the religion of his ancestors [Daniel 11:37]  
  
15. He will not believe in any god at all [except for himself] [Daniel 11:37]  
  
16. He will have "no regard for the desire of women": He will either be asexual or homosexual [Dan 11:37]  
  
17. He will claim to be greater than any god [Daniel 11:37; 2 Thess 2:4]  
  
18. He will claim to be God [2 Thessalonians 2:4]  
  
19. He will only honor a “god” of the military. His whole focus and attention will be on his military. He will conquer lands and distribute them [Daniel 11:39-44]  
  
20. His arrival on the world scene will be accompanied by miracles, signs and wonders [2 Thess 2:9]  
  
21. Either he, or his companion [The False Prophet], will claim to be Christ [Matt 24:21-28]  
  
22. He will claim that Jesus did not come in the flesh, or that Jesus did not rise bodily from the grave   
[2 John 7]. He will deny that Jesus is the Messiah [I John 2:22]  
  
23. He will be worshipped by many people [Rev. 13:8]  
  
24. He will hate a nation that initially will have some control over his kingdom, but he will destroy this nation [Rev 17:16-18]  
  
25. He will appear to survive a fatal injury [Rev. 13:3; 17:8]  
  
26. His name will be related to the number six hundred and sixty six—but not necessarily in an obvious fashion [Rev 13:17-18].  
  
27. He will be empowered by the devil himself [Rev. 13:2].

**And, here are the promises:**

**Revelation 10:1-3, “**I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow *was* on his head, his face *was* like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. 2He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his* left *foot* on the land, 3and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars.”

**That same ‘Mighty Angel,” Jesus, stepped on the two beasts, one from the sea, and one from the land when He reclaimed the earth in Revelation 10!**

**Deuteronomy 31:6, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

**Proverbs 1:33, “But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.”**

**Revelation 1:3, “Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”**