

BOOK OF REVELATION – REVELATION 13:1-18

THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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The Dragon and the Beast with 10 Horns and 7 Heads

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 13:1-6** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 13:1-6

- I. 1 And **the dragon (Satan)** stood on **the sand** of **the seashore (the sea)**. 12:9
 - A. Then **I (John)** saw a **beast (Antichrist)** coming up out of **the sea**, Dan 7:2-3, 7:7,
 1. having **ten horns (Kings)** and **seven heads (Kings)**, Rev 12:3, 17:3, 17:12, Dan 2:41-42, 7:7, 7:20, 7:24,
 - a. and on **his horns (Kings)** were **ten diadems (crowns)**, Rev 12:3,
 - b. and on **his heads (Kings)** were **blasphemous names**. Rev 17:3, Dan 7:8, 11:36
 - B. 2 And **the beast (Antichrist)** which **I (John)** saw was **like a leopard**, Dan 7:6
 1. and **his feet** were **like** those of a **bear**, Dan 7:5
 2. and **his mouth** **like** the mouth of a **lion**. Dan 7:4
 3. And **the dragon** gave **him (Antichrist)** **his power** and **his throne** and **great authority**. 13:5
 4. 3 **I (John)** saw one of **his heads (Kings)** as if it had been **slain**,
 - a. and **his fatal wound** was **healed**.
 - C. And the **whole earth** was amazed and followed after **the beast**;
 1. 4 **they worshiped the dragon** because **he** gave **his authority** to **the beast**;
 2. and **they worshiped the beast**,
 - a. saying, “Who is like **the beast**, and who is able to wage **war** with **him** ?”
 - D. 5 There was given to **him** a mouth speaking **arrogant words** and **blasphemies**, Rev 17:3, Dan 7:8, 11:36
 1. and **authority** to act, 13:2, for **forty-two months** was given to **him**.
 2. 6 And **he** opened **his** mouth in **blasphemies** against **God**, Rev 17:3, Dan 7:8, 11:36
 - a. to **blaspheme His name** and **His tabernacle**,
 - i. that is, **those** who dwell in **heaven**.

And **the dragon (Satan)** stood on **the sand** of **the seashore (the sea)**, Rev 13:1a

Rev 13:1a > NAS and NIV put Rev 13:1a at the Beginning of Rev 13:1,

Rev 13:1a > ESV, RSV, and AV (KJ) put Rev 13:1a at the End of Rev 12:17,

Rev 13:1a > NAS says, “And **the dragon (Satan)** stood on **the sand** of **the seashore**”

Rev 13:1a > ESV and RSV, say, “And **he (Satan)** stood on **the sand** of **the sea**”

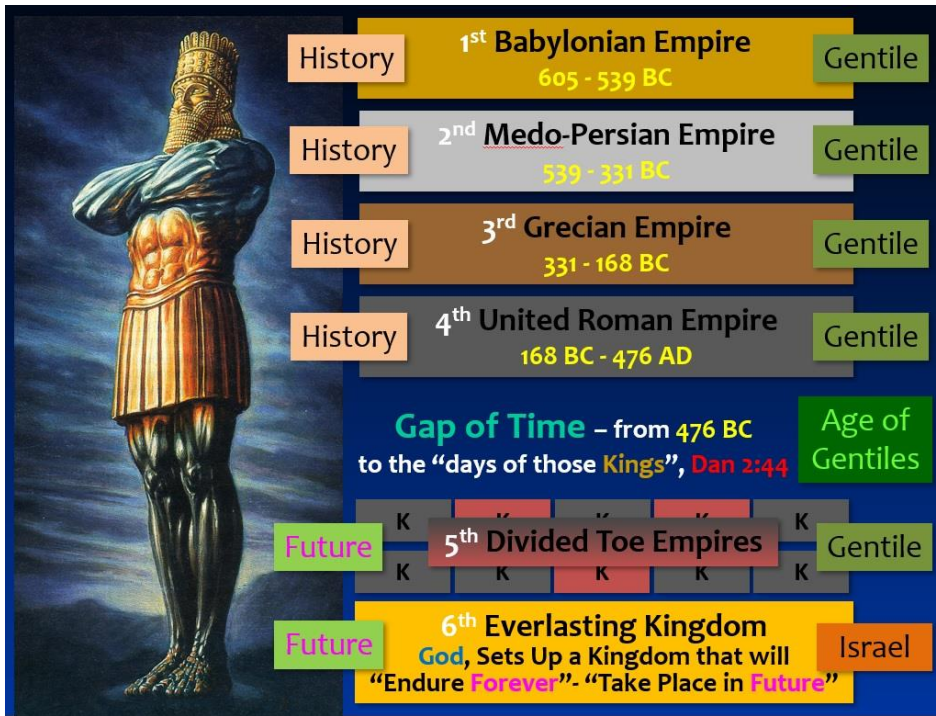
Rev 13:1a > KJV 1900 and NKJ, say, “And **I (John)** stood on **the sand** of **the sea**”

Not sure about all this, either way **John** sees “**a beast**”, and it doesn’t change the overall event, in Rev 13:2-10.

Then **I (John)** saw a **beast (Antichrist)** coming up out of **the sea**, Rev 13:1b Dan 7:3-4, 7:7,

This is one of the **4 Great Beasts** that come out of “the **Great Sea**” meaning the **Mediterranean Sea**, Dan 7:2-3.

Many say **the Antichrist** will come out of western or eastern **Europe** and **the middle east**, the countries around the **Mediterranean Sea** that align with those **4 Beast Kingdoms** in **Daniel 7**. See **Isa 27:1**



a beast (Antichrist) having **ten horns (Kings)** and **seven heads (Kings)**, Rev 13:1c
 The Beast’s “**ten horns**” are **10 Kings**, “those (**10 toe**) **kings**” in Dan 2:44 and the “**ten (horn) kings**” in Dan 7:24 and the “**ten (horn) kings**” in Rev 17:12. The **ten diadems** are **crowns** of **ruling authority**.
 The Beast’s **seven heads** are **7 Kings**, that remain after **3 Kings** of the original **10 Kings**, were “**crushed**” or “**fell**” by the hand of “**little horn**” King, Dan 7:8, Dan 7:20, and **seven heads** in Rev 17:3
 The Beast’s **seven heads (Kings)** had “**blasphemous names**”
 “**blasphemous**” to speak against **God** as to harm or defame **His** reputation. See Rev 16:9, 16:11, 16:21
 This helps identify **the Beast** as **the Antichrist**, “**great boasts**”, Dan 7:8, and “**monstrous things**”, Dan 11:36
 This is the opposite of the **144,000**, who had **the Lamb** and **the Father** written on **their foreheads**, Rev 14:1

Daniel and Revelation



Daniel 2:1-45
 10 Toes, Dan 2:41, 42
 10 Kings, Dan 2:44



Daniel 7:1-12
 10 Horns, Dan 7:7, 20, 24
 10 Kings, Dan 7:24



Revelation 12:3
 10 Horns, Rev 12:3
 7 Diadems (Crowns), Rev 13:1



Revelation 13:1-10
 10 Horns, 13:1
 10 Diadems (Crowns), Rev 13:1



Revelation 17:1-18
 10 Horns, Rev 17:3, 7, 12, 16
 10 Kings, Rev 17:12



10 horns (Kings) and 7 heads (Kings), with 10 crowns on his horns,

This **Beast** represents the revived **Roman (Iron) Empire**,
as seen in the **4th beast of Iron** with **10 horns**,

in **Dan 7:7-8, Rev 13:3, Rev 17:3, 17:7**, that comes
“out of the **Sea**” “the **great Sea**”, **Dan 7:3**
or **Mediterranean Sea** countries.

“the **Sea**” or “the **waters**” seem to represent **Gentiles Nations** of every **people** and **tongue**, **Rev 17:15**

Daniel 7:24

24 ‘As for the **ten horns (Kings)**, out of this (**Iron 4th beast**) **kingdom ten kings** will arise;

and another (**King, Antichrist**) will arise after **them (10 Kings)**, and **he** (that **King, Antichrist**)

will be different from the previous **ones (10 Kings)** and (**he**) will subdue **three kings** (of the **10 Kings**).

This means that there was First an **Iron Kingdom** that was the **Iron Roman Empire** that came and went.

Then “out of this **kingdom**” **Iron Roman Empire Kingdom** “**ten kings** will arise”, **Dan 7:24, Rev 13:1**

During the first **3 ½ years** of the **7-year Tribulation**, **10 Kings** will arise, then an **11th King** will arise.

That **11th King** will “subdue” **3** of the **10 Kings**, so only **7 Kings (7 horns)** plus the **11th King (8th King)** remain.

Then this **8th King** “wages war with the **saints** (of **Israel**) and overpowers **them**”, **Dan 7:21**

“And it was given to **him (8th King)** to make war with the **saints** (of **Israel**) and overcome **them**”, **Rev 13:7**

“**they** (of **Israel**) will be given into **his (8th King)** hand for a time, times, and a half time (**3 ½ years**), **Dan 7:25**

“and authority to act for **forty two months (3 ½ years)** was given **him (8th King)**”, **Rev 13:5**

There will be **7** remaining **Nations** out of **Western Europe** and the **Middle East** or **Mediterranean Sea** countries that will be in alliance with **the Antichrist** who will be the **Ruler** of **his Nation** and have alliance and control of **7** subordinate **Nations**.

the beast (Antichrist) which **I** saw, **Rev 13:2a**

2 And **the beast (Antichrist)** which **I (John)** saw was **like a leopard**, **Dan 7:6** and **his** feet were **like** those

of a **bear**, **Dan 7:6**, and **his** mouth **like** the mouth of a **lion**. **Dan 7:5**

The **leopard**, the **bear**, and the **lion** reflect

the **4 Great Beasts Daniel** saw in **his** dream in **Daniel 7**.

The **lion** (**Babylon**, **Dan 7:4**), a **bear** (**Media-Persia**, **Dan 7:5**), a **leopard** (**Greece**, **Dan 7:6**),

and a “**fourth (great) beast**”, **Dan 7:7 (the Antichrist)**.

This final **World Empire** will be rooted in all the previous **empires** and united into one **evil power**.

Also, added to this final **World Empire’s** strength will be **Satan’s** own **power** and **authority**. **Rev 13:2d**

the dragon gave **him (Antichrist)** **his power** and **his throne** and **great authority**, **Rev 13:2d**

the dragon (Satan) gave **him** the **Antichrist** **his power** and **his throne** and **great authority**,

Therefore, **the Antichrist** is empowered by **Satan**, and **he** is from the **abyss**, **Rev 11:7, 17:8**.



I (John) saw one of his heads (Kings) as if it had been slain, Rev 13:3

John saw one of his heads of the 8 Kings as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed, 13:3, 13:12

This 8th King (Antichrist) receives a fatal wound, probably by a “the wound of the sword”, 13:14,

“and his fatal wound was healed”, most likely by the miraculous power or deception of Satan. 17:11

Many have attempted to identify this beast as Nero, Judas Iscariot, the Pope, Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, and Kissinger, and many others, but we do not know who he is or who he will be.

What we know for sure is, all of his characteristics given in 2 Thes 2:1-12, 1 John 2:18, 2:22, 4:3, 2 John 7, and his actions described in Dan 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and Rev 13, Rev 17, and his fate described in Rev 20.

“Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming,

even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour”. 1 John 2:18

And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast, Rev 13:3d, 13:4

Because of the miraculous healing or resurrection of the Antichrist, “the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast (Antichrist)” as their world ruler of great power and ability.

they “the whole earth” worshiped (bowed down to) the dragon (Satan)

because he gave his authority to the beast (Antichrist) as their world ruler

and they “the whole earth” worshiped (bowed down to) the beast (Antichrist),

saying, “Who is like the beast (Antichrist), and who is able to wage war with him (Antichrist)?”

No one is like the beast (Antichrist), who gets a fatal wound and then comes back to life

and No one can wage war with the beast (Antichrist), when empowered by Satan’s supernatural abilities.

the beast is given a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies;

and authority to act, for forty-two months, Rev 13:5-6

There was given to him (Antichrist) by Satan a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, Rev 17:3, Dan 7:8, 11:36

There was given to him (Antichrist) authority by Satan to act, 13:2, for 42 months was given to him.

And he (Antichrist) opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, Rev 17:3, Dan 7:8, 11:36

to blaspheme God’s name and His tabernacle (Temple), that is, those who dwell in heaven.

The Antichrist will blaspheme God’s Temple where all the Angels, the saints, the 24 Elders, and

the Living Creatures all those who are before the throne of God and serve and worship Him day and night.

The Antichrist is also given authority, 13:2, by Satan to act for 42 months (3 ½ years).

This is During the Second 3 ½ years of the 7-year Tribulation Period.

The Antichrist “wages war with the saints (of Israel) and overpowers them”, Dan 7:21

“And it was given to the Antichrist to make war with the saints (of Israel) and overcome them”, Rev 13:7

“they (of Israel) will be given into the Antichrist’s hand for a time, times, and a half time (3 ½ years), Dan 7:25

It was given to (Antichrist) to War with the saints and authority over All Nations

Working Outline > Read Revelation 13:7-10 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 13:7-10

- I. 7 It was also given to him (Antichrist) to make war with the saints (Israel) Dan 7:21, 7:25
 - A. and to overcome them (saints), Dan 7:21, 7:25
 - B. and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.
- II. 8 All who dwell on the earth (Unbelievers) will worship him (Antichrist),
 - A. everyone (Unbelievers) whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world
 1. in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. Ps 69:28, Phil 4:3, Rev 3:5, 17:8, 20:12,15, 21:27
- III. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22
 - A. 10 If anyone is destined (taken) for captivity, to captivity he goes; Jer 15:2, Jer 43:11
 - B. if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Gen 9:6, Matt 26:52
 1. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints. 1:9, 14:12, Rom 5:3-4, 15:4, 2 Thes 1:4

It was also given to him (Antichrist) to make war with the saints (Israel), Rev 13:7a
It was also given (by Satan, 13:2) to him (Antichrist) to make war with the saints (Israel) 13:5
and to overcome (defeat) them (saints). This was prophesied by Daniel, in Dan 7:21, 7:25 (See above)

authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him, Rev 13:7b
and authority (by Satan, 13:2) over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him
(Antichrist). The Antichrist is given authority by Satan over all peoples and Nations. The Antichrist is given
Political authority as world ruler of all Nations, 13:7, and Religious authority as world religious leader
“who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship (every religion),
so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God”, 2 Thes 2:4

The Antichrist at the Beginning of the 3 1/2 Year Great Tribulation

This is when the New Jewish Temple in Jerusalem has been built during the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation.
This is when the Antichrist breaks his 7 year Covenant with Israel after 3 ½ years. Dan 9:27,
This is when the abomination of desolation occurs in the Temple, Dan 11:31, 12:11, Matt 24:15, 2 Thes 2:4
This is when the Antichrist will set up the abomination of desolation, Dan 11:31, Dan 12:11
This is when the abomination of desolation, is standing in the holy place (Temple), Matt 24:15
This is when the Antichrist desecrates the sanctuary fortress (Temple), Dan 11:31,
This is when the Antichrist does away with the regular sacrifice of Israel, Dan 11:31, Dan 12:11
This is when the Antichrist, the man of lawlessness, comes first before the Day of the Lord, 2 Thes 2:3
This is when the Antichrist, the man of lawlessness, is revealed, the son of destruction, 2 Thes 2:3
This is when the Antichrist, is Not restrained anymore and he is revealed, 2 Thes 2:6
This is when the Antichrist, is according to the activity of Satan with signs and false wonders, 2 Thes 2:9
This is when the Antichrist, comes with all deception of wickedness for those who perish, 2 Thes 2:10
This is when God sends on them a deluding influence so they might believe what is false, 2 Thes 2:11
This is when the Antichrist opposes/exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, 2 Thes 2:4
This is when the Antichrist takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God, 2 Thes 2:4
This is when people start worshipping Satan, because he gave his authority to the Beast, Rev 13:4
This is when the Antichrist begins to make war with and overcome the saints (Israel), Dan 7:21, 7:25
This is when the Antichrist opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, Rev 13:6, 17:3, Dan 7:8, 11:36
This is when the Antichrist to blasphemes God's name, His tabernacle, and those who in heaven, Rev 13:6
This is when the Antichrist is given authority to act for 42 months, Rev 13:5

All who dwell on the earth (Unbelievers) will worship him (Antichrist), Rev 13:8
All those who dwell on the earth (Earth dwellers, Unbelievers) will worship him (Antichrist),
everyone (Unbelievers) whose name has NOT been written from the foundation of the world
in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

There will be One World Religion with the Antichrist as its head, as god, to be worshiped.

THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB

See *Lesson 08* for more detail

Revelation 3:5 *Overcomers* in *the book of life*

5 **He** who **overcomes** will thus be **clothed in white garments**;
and **I (Jesus)** will **not** erase **his (overcomer's) name** from the **book of life**,
and **I (Jesus)** will confess **his (overcomer's) name** before **My Father** and before **His angels**.

Revelation 13:8 All on *earth* who worship *the Beast* are Not in *the book of life*

8 **All who** dwell on **the earth** will worship **him (Beast)**,
everyone whose name has **not been written** from **the foundation of the world**
in the **book of life** of the **Lamb who** has been slain.

Revelation 17:8 All on *earth* who see *the Beast's* wonders are Not in *the book of life*

8 “The **beast (AntiChrist)** that **you** saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the **abyss**
and go to destruction. And **those who** dwell on **the earth (earth dwellers)**,
whose name has **not been written** in the **book of life** from **the foundation of the world**,
will wonder when **they** see the **beast**, that **he** was and is not and will come.

Revelation 20:12–15 The *Dead* are *Judged* based on their *Deeds*, if Not in *the book of life*

12 And **I (John)** saw the **dead**, the great and the small, standing before the **throne**,
and **books** were opened; and **another book** was opened, which is the **book of life**;
and the **dead** were **judged** from the things which were written in the **books**, according to **their deeds**.
13 And the sea gave up the **dead** which were in it, and **death** and **Hades** gave up the **dead** which were in **them**;
and **they (dead)** were **judged**, **every one** of them according to **their deeds**.
14 Then **death** and **Hades** were thrown into the **lake of fire**. This is the **second death**, the **lake of fire**.
15 And if **anyone's name** was **not found** written in the **book of life**, **he** was thrown into the **lake of fire**.

Revelation 21:27 Only *those names* written in the *Lamb's book of life* come into New *Jerusalem*

27 and nothing **unclean**, and **no one** who practices **abomination** and **lying**,
shall ever come into **it (New Jerusalem)**,
but only **those whose names** are written in the **Lamb's book of life**.

Conclusion **Chart**

There is a **Book**, called the **Book of Life**, that belongs to the **Lamb Jesus**, **Rev 13:8, 21:27**

This **Book of Life** of **Jesus** was written or prepared from **the foundation of the world**, **Rev 13:8, 17:8**

This **Book of Life** of **Jesus** only has the names of **Overcomers** or **Believers** written in it, **Rev 3:5, 21:27**

This **Book of Life** of **Jesus** determines who will be allowed to come into the **New Jerusalem**, **Rev 21:27**

This **Book of Life** is used by **Jesus** to **Judge Unbelievers** that leads to the **lake of fire**, **Rev 20:15**

Those in the **Book of Life** from **the foundation of the world**, **Rev 13:8**

Ephesians 1:4 “just as **He** chose **us (Believers)** in **Him** before the foundation of the world,
that **we** would be **holy** and **blameless** before **Him**. In love”

Matthew 25:34 “Then **the King** will say to those on **His** right, ‘Come, **you** who are **blessed** of **My Father**,
inherit **the kingdom** prepared for **you** from the foundation of the world.’

Believers were chosen, before the foundation of the world, to be **holy** and **blameless**

Believers have had **the kingdom** prepared for **them** from the foundation of the world.

If **anyone** has an **ear**, let **him hear**, **Rev 13:9**

Here it switches from those Not in the **Book of Life**, **Unbelievers**, to **anyone** who has an **ear** to hear.

If **you** have an **ear** to **hear** then **you** have been given the ability to **hear** by **God**.

This ability to **hear** is by **God**, **Read Acts 28:27**

When **you** have the ability to **hear**, by **God**, **you** see with **your eyes**, and **hear** with **your ears**,
and **understand** with **your heart** and **repent** or **return** to **God**, then **God** **heals you**. from **Acts 28:27**

If **anyone** has an ear, let **him** hear.

If **anyone** has been given the ability to hear, by **God**, let that **person** hear.

The **7 Churches** & **Israel**, Rev 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22, 13:9

He who has an ear, let him hear

Jesus to **7 Churches** > “**He who** has an ear, let **him** hear”

in **Ephesus**, “**He** who has an ear, let **him** hear what **the Spirit** says to the **churches**.” Rev 2:7

in **Smyrna**, “**He** who has an ear, let **him** hear what **the Spirit** says to the **churches**.” Rev 2:11

in **Pergamum**, “**He** who has an ear, let **him** hear what **the Spirit** says to the **churches**.” Rev 2:17

in **Thyatira**, “**He** who has an ear, let **him** hear what **the Spirit** says to the **churches**.” Rev 2:29

in **Sardis**, “**He** who has an ear, let **him** hear what **the Spirit** says to the **churches**.” Rev 3:6

in **Philadelphia**, “**He** who has an ear, let **him** hear what **the Spirit** says to the **churches**.” Rev 3:13

in **Laodicea**, “**He** who has an ear, let **him** hear what **the Spirit** says to the **churches**.” Rev 3:22

Believing Israel in the last 3 ½ years of **Tribulation**, “If **anyone** has an ear, let **him** hear.” Rev 13:9

Jesus addresses the **7 Church's** ability to hear,

and is always related to **Nation of Israel** in Scripture, Not to **Gentiles**.

If **anyone** has an ear, let **him** hear.

If **anyone** has been given the ability to hear, by **God**, let that **person** hear.

The **Nation of Israel**, Isaiah 6:10, Matt 13:15, Mk 4:12, Lk 8:10, Jn 12:40, Acts 28:26, Rom 11:8

The **Nation of Israel**, in the OT + the Gospels + Acts + Romans

He who has an ear, let him hear

Israel in the **Old Testament**

“Render the hearts of **this people (Israel)** insensitive, **Their ears** dull, And **their eyes** dim,

Otherwise **they (Israel)** might see with **their eyes**, hear with **their ears**,

Understand with **their (Israel's)** hearts, and return and be healed” Isaiah 6:10

Israel in the **Gospels**

“**He** who has ears to hear, let **him** hear”, Matt 11:15, 13:9, 13:15-16, 13:43

“If **anyone** has ears to hear, let **him** hear”, Mark 4:23, 7:16, 8:18

“**He** who has ears to hear, let **him** hear”, Luke 8:8, 14:35

“**He** has blinded **their (Israel's)** eyes and **He** hardened **their (Israel's)** heart,

so that **they (Israel)** would NOT see with **their eyes** and perceive with **their heart**,

and be converted and I heal them.”, John 12:40

Israel in **Acts**

“for the **heart** of **this people (Israel)** has become dull, and with **their ears** they scarcely hear, and

they have closed **their eyes**; otherwise **they** might see with **their eyes**,

and hear with **their ears**, and understand with **their heart** and return,

and I would heal them”, Acts 28:27

Israel in **Romans**

“just as it is written, “**God** gave **them (Israel)** a spirit of stupor,

eyes to see NOT and ears to hear NOT, down to this very day.” Rom 11:8

If **anyone** is destined (taken) for captivity, to captivity **he** goes, Rev 13:10

If **anyone (saints)** is destined (taken) for captivity, to captivity **he** (that **saint**) goes; Jer 15:2, Jer 43:11

if **anyone (saints)** kills with the sword, with the sword **he** (that **saint**) must be killed. Gen 9:6, Matt 26:52

Saints taken into captivity or killing with a sword. Jer 15:2, Jer 43:11, Gen 9:6, Matt 26:52

Jer 15:2, “..... Thus says **the Lord**: “**Those** destined for death, to death; And those destined for the sword, to the sword; And those destined for famine, to famine; And those destined for captivity, to captivity.”

Here is the **perseverance** (endurance) and the **faith** of **the saints**, **Rev 13:10**

Here is the **perseverance** (endurance) and the **faith** of **the saints**. **1:9, 14:12, Rom 5:3-4, 15:4, 2 Thes 1:4**

Revelation 14:12

12 Here is the **perseverance** of **the saints** who keep the commandments of **God** and **their faith** in **Jesus**.

Romans 5:3-4

3 And not only this, but we also exult in our **tribulations**, knowing that **tribulation** brings about **perseverance**; **4** and **perseverance**, **proven character**; and **proven character**, **hope**;

2 Thessalonians 1:4

4 therefore, **we** ourselves speak proudly of **you** among **the churches** of **God** for **your perseverance** and **faith** in the midst of all **your persecutions** and **afflictions** which **you endure**.

Then **I (John)** saw **another beast (the false prophet)** coming up out of **the earth**

Working Outline > Read Revelation 13:11-18 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 13:11-18

- I. 11** Then **I (John)** saw **another beast** coming up out of **the earth**; **16:13, 19:20, 20:10, Matt 24:11, 24:24**
- A. and **he (2nd beast)** had **two horns** like a lamb
 - B. and **he (2nd beast)** spoke as a **dragon**.
- II. 12** **He (2nd beast)** exercises **all the authority** of the **first beast (Antichrist)** in **his** presence. **13:4, 13:14, 19:20**
- A. And **he (2nd beast)** makes **the earth** and **those who dwell in it** **13:8**
 - 1. to **worship** the **first beast (Antichrist)**, **13:8, 13:15, 14:11, 16:2, 19:20, 20:4**
 - a. whose **fatal wound** was healed. **13:3**
- III. 13** **He (2nd beast)** performs **great signs**, **16:14, 19:20, Matt 24:24**
- A. **so that he** even makes **fire** come down out of **heaven** to **the earth** in the presence of **men**. **11:5, 20:9**
- IV. 14** And **he (2nd beast)** **deceives those** who dwell on **the earth** **12:9, 13:8**
- A. because of **the signs** **2 Thes 2:9**
 - 1. which it was given **him** to perform in the presence of **the beast (Antichrist)**, **13:12**
 - 2. telling **those who dwell on the earth** to make an **image to the beast (Antichrist)** **13:15**
 - a. **who** had the **wound** of **the sword** and has come to **life**.
- V. 15** And it was given to **him (2nd beast)** to give breath to the **image** of **the beast (Antichrist)**, **11:11, 13:14**
- A. **so that** the **image** of **the beast (Antichrist)** would even speak
 - 1. and cause as many as do not **worship** the **image** of **the beast (Antichrist)** **Dan 3:3, 13:8, 14:11, 16:2,**
 - a. to be **killed**. **Dan 3:3, 13:8, 14:11, 16:2, 19:20, 20:4**
- VI. 16** And **he (2nd beast)** causes all,
- A. the **small** and the **great**, and the **rich** and the **poor**, and the **free men** and the **slaves**, **6:15, 19:18**
 - 1. to be given a mark on **their right hand** or on **their forehead**, **7:3, 14:9, 20:4**
- VII. 17** and **he (2nd beast)** provides that no **one** will be able to **buy** or to **sell**,
- A. except the **one** who has **the mark**,
 - 1. either **the name of the beast** or **the number of his name**. **15:2**
- VIII. 18** Here is **wisdom**. **17:9**
- A. Let **him** who has understanding calculate **the number** of **the beast (Antichrist)**,
 - B. for **the number** is that of a **man**; **15:2**
 - C. and **his (the beast's, Antichrist's)** **number** is **six hundred and sixty-six**.

Then **I (John)** saw **another beast** coming up out of **the earth**, **Rev 13:11**

Then **I (John)** saw **another Beast** coming up out of **the earth** besides the **first Beast, the Antichrist**, **13:1**

This "**another beast**" is also called "**the false prophet**" in **Rev 16:13, 19:20, 20:10**

Also, **Christ** spoke of **false prophets** in the days before **His Coming**, in **Matt 24:11, 24:24**

This "**false prophet**" comes up out of **the Earth**, **13:11**,

"**the Earth**" seems to represent all the **small, great, rich, poor, free men** and the **slaves**, in **13:16, 6:15**,

Therefore, the "**false prophet**" comes from **mankind** and Not from **the Abyss**.

the **Beast (Antichrist)** comes up out of **the Sea**, 13:1

Previously **John** said the **Beast** came out of the **Abyss**, to war with the **2 witnesses**, 11:7

“**the Sea**” or “**the waters**” seem to represent **Gentiles Nations** of every **people** and **tongue**, Rev 17:15

and he (**2nd beast**) the “**false prophet**” had **two horns** like a **lamb**, Rev 13:11

We know that the **Beast (Antichrist)** had **10 Horns (10 Kings)**

so here the “**false prophet**” had **2 Horns** that probably represent (**2 Kings**), like Dan 8:3.

It doesn't say he looked like a **Lamb**, only he had **2 Horns** like a **Lamb** does, that represent **Kings**.

We are not given any details about these **2 horn Kings**.

and he (**2nd beast**) the “**false prophet**” spoke as a **dragon**, Rev 13:11

The **dragon** is mentioned 14 times in **Revelation**, and always refers to **Satan**, Rev 12:9, 20:2, Isa 27:1,

Therefore, the “**false prophet**” spoke as a **dragon**, as **Satan** does as *deceiver* and *accuser*, 12:9-10, 13:14

He (2nd beast) exercises **all the authority** of the **first beast (Antichrist)**, Rev 13:12

The “**false prophet**” exercises **all the authority** of the **first beast (Antichrist)** in his presence. 13:4, 13:14, 19:20

First the Dragon Satan, “the **ruler** of this **world**”, gives **his authority** to the **Beast Antichrist**, 13:4, Jn 12:31

Second the Beast Antichrist, has the **authority** of **Satan** to act for **42 months**, 13:5

Third the “**false prophet**” exercises **all the authority** of the **first beast (Antichrist)** or **Satan's** authority.

And he (**2nd beast**) the “**false prophet**”, with his new **authority**, makes **the earth** and **those** who dwell in it or **earth dwellers (Unbelievers)** to **worship** the **first beast** (the **Antichrist**), whose **fatal wound** was healed.

This **8th King (Antichrist)** receives a **fatal wound**, probably by a “the **wound of the sword**”, 13:3, 13:14

“and his **fatal wound** was **healed**”, most likely by the miraculous **power** or **deception** of **Satan**. 17:11

The **earth dwellers (Unbelievers)** **worship** the **first beast** (the **Antichrist**), 13:8, 13:15, 14:11, 16:2, 19:20, 20:4

He (2nd beast) performs **great signs**, Rev 13:13

He (2nd beast) the “**false prophet**”, empowered by **Satan**, performs **great signs**, 16:14, 19:20, Matt 24:24

so that he even makes **fire** come down out of **heaven** to the **earth** in the presence of **men**. 11:5, 20:9

This is like the “**false prophet's**” great power to call forth **demons**, in Rev 16:13-14

This is the type of **great signs** and **wonders** of **false Christs** and **false prophets**, **Christ** spoke of, in Matt 24:24.

This is reaffirmed in Revelation 19:20

20 And **the beast** was seized, and with **him** the **false prophet** who performed **the signs** in his presence,

by which he **deceived those** who had received **the mark of the beast** and **those** who **worshiped his image**;
these two (Beasts) were thrown alive into **the lake of fire** which **burns** with **brimstone**.

he (**2nd beast**) **deceives those** who dwell on **the earth**, Rev 13:14

He (2nd beast) the “**false prophet**”, **deceives those who dwell on the earth**, the **Unbelievers**.

Like **Satan** **deceives** the whole world, Rev 12:9, 20:3, 20:8, 20:10

The “**false prophet**”, **deceives** because of **the signs**, as **Paul** says of the **Antichrist**, in 2 Thes 2:9

the signs, which were **given him** the “**false prophet**”, from the **great power** given to the (**Antichrist**)
by **Satan**, 13:2, to perform in the presence of (**Antichrist**), 13:12, 13:14

After the “**false prophet**”, **deceives Unbelievers** because of **the signs** and **wonders** he does.

Then the “**false prophet**” tells, by his **authority**, **those who dwell on the earth** the **Unbelievers**,

to make an **image** to **the beast (Antichrist)** who had the **wound of the sword** and has come to **life**. 13:3

The beast (Antichrist) has already come to **life**, 13:14, his **fatal wound** was **healed**, 13:3, 13:12.

Then, **those who dwell on the earth** the **Unbelievers**, are told to make an **image** to **the beast (Antichrist)**.

It doesn't say exactly what this **image** is. It may be a **physical statue** of gold or natural materials
or it could be a highly sophisticated technological **image made** by these **men**.

it was given to **him** (2nd **beast**) to give breath to the **image of the beast** (**Antichrist**), **Rev 13:15**
And it was **given** to **him** the “**false prophet**” the **power** to give **breath** to the **image of the beast** (**Antichrist**),
This is like the **2 Witnesses**, in **Rev 11:11**, that were given “the **breath of life** from **God**”, **Rev 11:11**, **Gen 2:7**

Some say **Satan** and **his** agents don't have the power the give **breath** or **resurrect anyone**.

But here, the **man-made image**, is given **breath** or the **breath of life**.

This life could be a normal **physical** type of life, IF **Satan** is given the **power** to do so

OR **life** in the sense of a **demon** impersonating a **man-made image**.

Satan is the **deceiver**, and **he** **deceives man** in many ways.

In either case, “**so that** the **image of the beast** (**Antichrist**) would even **speak**”.

Therefore, this **image** is made by **men**, given **life** or **life** like qualities and “**speaks**”

all from the “**false prophet**” and **his powers** **he** received from **Satan** through the **Antichrist**.

All of this **supernatural transforming** of this **man-made image**:

“**cause** as many (**Believers**) as do not **worship** the **image of the beast** (**Antichrist**) to be **killed**”

Believers who don't **worship** the image, begin to be **killed**.

This **killing** of those who do NOT **worship** the **image**, is like **Nebuchadnezzar's statue**, in **Dan 3:6**.

he (2nd **beast**) causes all, to be given a **mark** on **their right hand** or **forehead**, **Rev 13:16**

He the “**false prophet**”, causes all **Unbelievers**, from every walk of life, the **small, great, rich, poor, free men**,
and **slaves**, to be given a **mark** on **their right hand** or on **their forehead**.

The **bondservants** of **God**, the **144,000** of **Israel** (**Believers**) were **sealed** on **their foreheads**, **Rev 7:3**

The **Unbelievers**, from every walk of life, were **marked** on **their foreheads/right hands**, **Rev 13:16**

These **marked Unbelievers**, will endure the **Wrath** of **God** and everlasting **torment**, **Rev 14:9-11**

This commonly called “the **Mark of the Beast**” but the **Mark** is “**caused**” by the “**false prophet**”.

he (2nd **beast**) provides that no **one** will be able to **buy** or to **sell**, **Rev 13:17**

He the “**false prophet**”, provides that no **one** will be able to **buy** or to **sell**, except the **one** who has the **mark**.

No **one** will be able to **buy** or to **sell** anything without being identified as **worshiping the Beast** meaning

they are **Unbelievers**. This would mean that **Believers** would Not be able to **buy** or **sell** anything.

This type of **Government** control was mixed with **Religious** control of **mankind**.

Here we see that the **Mark** is. It is either “**the name of the beast**” or “**the number of the beast's name**”.

Let **him** who has understanding calculate **the number of the beast** (**Antichrist**), **Rev 13:18**

Here is **wisdom**. Let **him** who has **understanding** calculate **the number of the beast** (**Antichrist**),

No doubt **believers** on **earth** at that time will **understand** and **calculate 666** clearly.

What **we** can be sure of is that **the number of the beast** requires “**wisdom**” and “**understanding**”

and that only certain persons with that “**wisdom**” are able to **understand** and **calculate his name**.

We can be sure that, the **666** in this passage will enable **believers** to identify **the Antichrist**.

for “**the number of the beast's name** is that of a **man**”. **15:2**

We can be sure that, “**the number of the beast's name**” is that of a **man**”

and **his** (**the beast's, Antichrist's**) **number** is **six hundred and sixty-six** (**666**).

We can be sure that, **the Beast's** or **Antichrist's** “**number** is **six hundred and sixty-six** (**666**)”.

We can be sure that, the **mark of the Beast** is on an **Unbeliever's hand** or **forehead** only, **Rev 13:16**

We can be sure that, **those** who take the **mark of the Beast** will be in the **Lake of Fire**, **Rev 19:20**

We can be sure that, No one will be able to **buy** or **sell** who does Not have the **mark of the Beast**, **Rev 13:7**

We can be sure that, No one will be able to **buy** or **sell** who does Not have “**the number of his name**”, **13:7**

Some Scripture hints inconclusively at the meaning of **the Beast's name** using the **number 6**

- (1) the **number** of **6** fingers and **6** toes on the godless **Giants** of old (**2 Sam 21:20, 1 Chron 20:6**);
- (2) **Goliath** who had a height of **6 cubits, 6 pieces of armor**, and a spear's head weighing **600 shekels** of iron (**1 Sam 17:4-7**).
- (3) **Nebuchadnezzar**, whose "image" was **60 cubits** high and **6 cubits** wide (**Dan 3:1**).
- (4) **Solomon's** incoming wealth was **666 talents of gold** in one year, (**1 Kings 10:14**).

Preterists say the number **666** adds up to "Nero Caesar", so refers to **Caesar Nero** at 70 AD.

Some say the number **666** adds up to "Lateinos" Latin, so refers to **the Pope** of the **Catholic Church**.

Some say the number **666** adds up to "Devil Sheol" or to "Lucifer Hell" or "Computer" or "Santa Claus".

Despite all **man's** imaginative calculations,

we must confess that **no one** knows the meaning of this **number and name**.

No doubt **believers** with "wisdom" and "understanding", at that time, will be able to "calculate" **666** clearly.