

3. Seven Performers During the Great Tribulation, Revelation 12–13

Revelation 12:1-17

- a. The Woman—Israel (Revelation 12:1–2)
- b. The Red Dragon—Satan (Revelation 12:3–4)
- c. The Child of the Woman (Israel)—Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:5–6)
- d. Michael, the Archangel, Wars with the Dragon (Revelation 12:7–12)
 - 1) **Satan loses his access to Heaven** - God's throne (Revelation 12:7-9)
 - 2) Salvation = the Separation from Accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10)
 - 3) Saving Force - **The Blood of The Lamb** (Revelation 12:11-12a)
- e. The Dragon Persecutes the Woman (Revelation 12:12b–16)
 - 1) The Warning - Watch out... (Revelation 12:12b)
 - 2) The Woman Attacked (Revelation 12:13)
 - 3) The Wings of Eagle - God's Deliverance (Revelation 12:14a)
 - 4) The Wilderness of protection (Revelation 12:14b-16)
- f. Remnant of Israel - The Saved Israelites (Revelation 12:17)
- g. Beast Out of the Sea (Revelation 13:1–10)
 - (1) Beast #1 Description (Revelation 13:1–2)

Revelation 13:1–2

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast(**dangerous**) rise up out of the sea, having seven heads(**the head**) and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy(**vilification; W1828 = to make vile; defame; slander**).

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

- (2) Beast #1 Death—Dealing Stroke (Revelation 13:3)
- (3) The Beast's Assumed Deity (Revelation 13:4–5)
- (4) The Beast (Revelation 13:6–8)
 - a) The Beast's Purpose (Revelation 13:6a)
 - b) The Beast Blasphemes God's Name (Revelation 13:6b)
 - c) The Beast Blasphemes God's Home (Revelation 13:6c)
 - d) The Beast Blasphemes God's Heaven's inhabitants (Revelation 13:6d)
 - e) The Beast's Purpose (Revelation 13:7a)
 - f) The Beast's Objective (Revelation 13:7b)
- (5) The Beast's Backing (Revelation 13:7c-8)

(6) The Beast's end predetermined (Revelation 13:9–10)

Conclusion: the First beast must be the Dragon Himself and his place of rule!

Revelation 12:7-8

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; **neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

Revelation 17:1-13

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom **the kings of the earth** have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made **drunk with the wine of her fornication.**

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and **I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast**, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And **the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls**, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

6 And I saw the woman drunken **with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus**: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee **the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her**, which hath **the seven heads and ten horns.**

8 **The beast that thou sawest was (past kingdom of Rome), and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition (destruction):** and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life** from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 13:11-18

h. Beast #2 Out of the Earth—a Religious Leader (Revelation 13:11–18)

1) Beast #2 Description (Revelation 13:11)

11 And I beheld **ANOTHER BEAST coming up out of the earth;**

Look back to Revelation 11

The 2 witnesses are killed by the beast of the Bottomless pit

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony(**record or witness**), the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 17:8 The Devil

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 19:20

20 And the beast(**Beast #1 Satan**) was taken, and with him the false prophet(**Beast #2 - Anti-christ**) that wrought miracles before him, with which he(**Beast #2 - Anti-christ**) deceived them that had received the mark of the beast(**Beast #1 Satan**), and them that worshipped his image. These BOTH(**Beast 1&2**) were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

2) Beast #2 The Diabolical Deceiver (Christ Like)

a) False external appearance

and he had two horns like a lamb(lambkin W1828 = a **small lamb**),

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**

b) Speech betrays him

and he(**Beast #2 - Anti-christ**) spake as a dragon(kind of **serpent**)

Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**

3) Beast #2 - Delegated Authority (Revelation 13:12–14)

a) Dictatorial power from Satan

12 And he(**Beast #2 - Anti-christ**) exerciseth all the power of the first beast(**Satan**) before him,

b) Direct Purpose of the Anti-christ

12b and causeth(**makes**) the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast(**Satan**), whose deadly wound was healed.

Genesis 3:14-15

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he(Jesus Christ) might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

c) **Deceitful miracles** of the Anti-christ

13 And he(Beast #2 - **Anti-christ**) doeth great wonders(**signs**), so that he(Beast #2 - **Anti-christ**) maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth(**cause to go astray**) them that dwell on the earth by *the means of those* miracles(**signs**) which he had power to do in the sight of the beast(**the 1st beast - Satan**); saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should **make an image(statue)** to the beast(**the 1st beast - Satan**), which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Revelation 1:16

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and **out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword**: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

Revelation 19:15

15 And **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Matthew 10:34 **Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.**

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

(3) The Beast #2 - **Delusion Perpetrated** on the World, Revelation 13:15–17

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15 And he(Beast #2 - **Anti-christ**) had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image(**statue**) of the beast should both speak, and **cause that as many as would not worship the image(statue) of the beast should be killed.**

16 And he(Beast #2 - **Anti-christ**) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, **to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

The **Mark of the beast**

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast(**Beats #1**), or the number of his name.

Revelation 7:1-8 **The Mark of God was first!**

1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

1. The **Seal** of God

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal(**signet**) of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

2. Direct **orders**

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

B. 144,000 Jews

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*

5 Of the tribe of **Juda** *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Reuben** *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Gad** *were* sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of **Aser** *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Nepthalim** *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Manasses** *were* sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of **Simeon** *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Levi** *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Issachar** *were* sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of **Zabulon** *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Joseph** *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Benjamin** *were* sealed twelve thousand.

(4) God's **Declaration** of the Beast (Revelation 13:18)

18 Here is wisdom(**wisdom**). Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six.

Revelation 17:9-13

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains(**Rome**), on which the woman(**ruler**) sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen(**past kings**), and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Note from John Gill:

Claudius, Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian, and Titus; the first five of these were dead in John's time, one was then, the sixth, Vespasian, the then reigning

emperor, and the other, Titus, was yet to come to the empire; and when he came to it, continued but a short time, two years and two months:

11 And the beast that was, and is not, **even he is the eighth**, and is **of the seven**, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Daniel 2:42

42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* **the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.**

13 These have one mind, and shall **give their power and strength unto the beast.**

II Thessalonians 2:1-12

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, **by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,**

2 That ye **be not soon shaken in mind**, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as **that the day of Christ is at hand.**

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: **for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition(**ruin**)**;

4 Who opposeth and **exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, **I told you these things?**

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that **he might be revealed in his time.**

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth(**to hold down**) *will let*, **until he be taken out of the way.**

8 And **then shall that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of **his mouth**, and shall destroy with **the brightness of his coming:**

9 *Even him*, **whose coming is after the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received **not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

11 And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that **they should believe a lie:**

12 That they all might be **damned(**condemned**)** who **believed not** the truth, but had **pleasure in unrighteousness.**