

# The Beast of Revelations

## Revelation 13 (NKJV)

1 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. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

## Hinduism

The primary religion in India is Hinduism, practiced by about 79.8% of the population. The leopard is a symbol of power and strength in many countries, but it is most closely associated with India, where it is the national animal.

## Orthodox Christianity

The primary religion in Russia is Orthodox Christianity. The Russian Orthodox Church is considered the "unofficial" church of the state. Since the 16th century the bear has been the ultimate symbol of Russia. Representing both the good—strength, power and sheer might—and the bad.

## Islam

The primary religion in Iran is Twelver Ja'afari Shia Islam, which is the official state religion. The historical animal symbol of Iran is the lion, particularly as part of the "Lion and Sun" motif, which was a national emblem until the 1979 revolution.

## Buddhism

As of 2023, about 33.4% of China's population, or about 470 million people, identify as Buddhist. The dragon is a symbol of China and is considered one of the country's most important cultural symbols. The dragon is a legendary creature in the Chinese zodiac, and is associated with good fortune, power, and strength