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CHAPTER 13 PART 1

¹3 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. ²Now 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. ³And 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. ⁴So 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?"

⁵And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

⁹If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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, whose deadly wound was healed. 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. ¹⁵He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the

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image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,¹⁷ and 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.

¹⁸ Here 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. (Rev. 13:1-18 NKJV) [In 13:11, Gr.: *ghay* is soil, solid land. In 13:1, 17, Gr.: *onoma*, "name," is lit., title. In 12:18, the earliest mss. say *he stood on the sand*, distinguishing the dragon in 12 from the beast in 13:1-2.]

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The apostle was on the Isle of Patmos by the Great Sea and saw a beast rise out of the same waters Daniel had seen while in Babylon over six centuries before. (The Sea, p. 23) All the beasts from Daniel 7 are in John's vision: *After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard ... and dominion was given to it. (From Dan. 7:6) 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 to it the dragon gave his power, his throne, and great authority (13:2) His horns represent his power; his heads note his authority; his throne was from Babylon. (13:2; cf. 17:3) February 4-11, 1945, three nations' leaders met in Ukraine with a plan for an international union.¹²⁷ After the war, he gave up his throne.*

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph. 6:12)

A key to its heads: *the head of Syria is Damascus (in Is. 7:8). Seven heads are capitals; the devil's head had a mortal wound. Five of seven kings had fallen; the last two fell before the scarlet beast rose as *eighth of the seven (in Rev. 17:10-11)*. A scarlet beast was one of them, so all seven were supernatural kings whose invisible thrones inhabited capital cities: Of her throne, it's written, And Jerusalem hath inhabited again her place in Jerusalem (Zec. 12:6b YLT). In that day, God saves Judah first; next He makes Jerusalem mighty and destroys all the nations that attack her.*

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Judah and Israel were scattered, leaving Jerusalem until the 19th century. After Jews began their aliyah, returning to their land, Jerusalem's throne was still absent, but today her presence inhabits the city. May 14, 2018, fulfilled Zechariah's words.¹²⁸

He had carried his throne to Berlin, but the dragon gave the spirit of Babel, which had power over all seven thrones (in 17:9), to the union of the leopard, the bear, and the lion. (17:7; 13:2) Cities are built of brick and steel, but thrones inhabit capital cities and affect cultures. Babylon was cursed and uninhabited; her throne was taken by others: One nation after another passed it on until Pergamos; the dragon carried it from there to Rome. When the (H)REGN fell, he chose Berlin, taking the throne of Babel to its capital city; then his altar was rebuilt. Embedded in many places with many kings, her spirit was a harlot. (17:1,18)

His ten horns were kings without a kingdom in 17; history shows they received their kingdoms, i.e., crowns, after WW1; it was foretold (in 17:12-13). Their kingdoms were restored after WW2, but the head of his empire in Berlin had a deadly wound. He gave his broken throne to the beast that healed his head.

The Treaty of Paris restored the ten kings' crowns by 1949, but there was a problem. (Rev. 13:1) Berlin was crushed and divided. At last, Russia let go of East Berlin, and its wound was healed forty years past Paris: the city was reunified in 1990.¹²⁹ So, the dragon and his head were healed by the next beast (in 13:2,12,14), which would become his fourth empire after the Third Reich. (See Dan. 7:23) [The "deconstruction of history" by the deceiver began at about that time.¹³⁰]

Its leopard's heads (Dan. 7:6) aren't on the beast with feet like a bear; neither are its wings. The dragon's throne was the beast's to heal, but he would return with all his authority.

Ten horns have crowns in 13:1, having first received them in 1920 for Hitler, a little horn who rose after them in Daniel 7. They were given crowns twice: first after WW1 for the German Empire; then after WW2, they rose with the next beast before another beast rose, diverse from the first. (Dan. 7:8) Complicated? Of course! It's history!

²⁴ And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. (Dan. 7:24; cf. 13:11)

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In 1945 an alliance was created by three beasts, and a unique government was formed; it had ten horns with crowns. After that *another beast* came up out of the earth with *two horns like a lamb and spoke as a dragon*, subduing the three (in Dan. 7:24). [Some lambs have buds that grow into small horns as the lamb grows; these are little horns.¹³¹]

Of Beasts and Men

When a beast has a mouth, he has a man. A beast in a man rules the man. In Germany a little horn rose up, *having eyes like a man* and speaking pompous words. (Dan. 7:8, 20) Next, he's *diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings*, the three in 13:2. (from Dan. 7:24) [Aram.: *sh'phal*: abase, put down]

Religious horns are considered minor kings like little horns; it doesn't mean they are. Hitler was a little horn as the dragon, yet this beast is diverse from the first. (13:11; Dan. 7:23) Its kingdom has two small horns; he's one of the two; he was a little horn twice before (in Dan.7:8, 8:9). The dragon returns as a religious ruler for the empire that devours the world.

¹² And 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, whose deadly wound was healed. (Rev. 13:12 NKJV)

Two different beasts are revealed (above): The beast that rose after the ten horns *exercises all the authority of the beast before him*; and thus, subdues the three. [These supernatural kings rule the world.] He causes the world to worship the beast whose *deadly wound was healed*, the dragon (in Dan. 7:11, p. 20; cf. Rev. 13:3).

A red dragon masquerades as an angel of light, *a beast with two horns like a lamb*. (13:11; cf. 2 Cor. 11:14) The ten horns on the beast that rose before him return to the dragon, having one mind with him. (in 17:16-17; Rev. 13:1, 11; Dan. 7:8, 23-24). His ten horns empower him as they'd done before. (Rev 17:13, pp. 19-20)

The paradigm is Medo-Persia, a ram with two horns (in Dan. 8:20). Its ram was king of Persia; its king merged two empires as one of the seven by its horns, Persian and Median kings.

The dragon's false prophet is tagged with the beast and the dragon, seen together near the end of God's wrath (in 16:13); his term lasts till the indignation is finished. Along with the European Union and the Middle East, the United Nations receives a

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false religious empire to overcome the saints who reject the beast and his mark. Its rulers kill the saints of God, denigrate Judeo-Christian values, and ban the Bible. By rejecting the truth, nearly all the world falls for the great lie. (2 Thes. 2:11)

Healing Berlin

The Allies restored the West German Republic to its people to stabilize post-war Europe in 1949. Russia disconnected East Berlin from railways, highways, and waterways, leaving people helpless, alienated, jobless, and starving in 1948–49—nearly as isolated as the Jews, forced into ghettos a few years before.¹³² The seeds of a cold war between Marxism and the Free World were sown in the furrowed soil of post-war Berlin.

Day and night, America, Britain, France, and the Allies—the first nations in the UN, air-lifted food and supplies for Berliners to survive.¹³³ ... *and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast (in 13:3).* They stood in wonder when the Allies rescued Berlin after the socialists had idolized a megalomaniac; yet in their cold war against Marxism, the Allies blocked the USSR from overcoming all of Europe.

During that time, Marxists under Mao Zedong conquered China's republic, exiling Chiang Kai-Shek, a free-world ally.¹³⁴ Invisible forces influenced the nations that were resting in peace after the war in Europe ended.¹³⁵

On August 13, 1961, word spread about a wall. Two thousand four hundred Germans escaped from communist East Berlin that day.¹³⁶ Nikita Khrushchev broke the Allies' pact when his troops built a wall around the city overnight. Trapped as captives in their own city, its people woke to a prison camp for nearly thirty years.¹³⁷ Its reality was far more than just an ideology.

Healing his city was no easy job. The Big Three divvied up Berlin: the USSR took East Germany and East Berlin. Part of West Germany along the French border was allotted to France. The U.S. and Britain oversaw West Berlin in East Germany till Russia was bankrupt. Socialism ruined her economy.¹³⁸

Berlin was healed by the beast with the dragon's throne as Gabriel had foretold twenty-five hundred years earlier. (Dan 7:23-27) Its peace treaties restored the ten kings in November 1949. The dragon's head, his throne, was seriously wounded but was healed by the reunification of Berlin.¹³⁹

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In June 1987 impoverished Russians waited in long lines for bread; they were starving. The realities of socialism disproved Marx's ideals. While in West Berlin, President Reagan addressed the premier: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"¹⁴⁰ After the Iron Curtain over Europe fell, Russian soldiers left the city for lack of pay. In two days, November 9, 1989, the wall came down, and the world rejoiced.¹⁴¹ Reagan was hailed a hero. The free-world allies oversaw East Berlin till October 3, 1990, when her capital was healed for the restoration of Germany.¹⁴²

Reagan, Thatcher, and even the pope opposed communism; but seventy years of Marxism failed, not by political pressure, but by a bankrupt economy, and the wall fell with it. Expecting people to work without owning the fruit of their labor, Marxism falls short of its people's needs. Its beast can take sovereignties overnight like the wall in Berlin. Known to be priceless, freedom works when those with biblical values represent its nation.

The *abomination of desolation* was the dragon in the eighth Seleucid king, Antiochus, who rose as a little horn (in Dan. 8:8-9). Jerusalem receives him once more. Though he *went to perdition* after his body was burned (in Dan. 7:11; cf. Is. 14:9-20; Rev. 17:11), in 13:11, a beast *rose out of the earth* after the ten horns rose on the beast before him as he had done in Dan. 7:17.

"Out of the earth" is an uncommon biblical expression; it is used for man who came out of the earth and for spirits that rise out of the earth. The beast from out of the earth is supernatural.

Rising out of hell, he forms a false religion to deceive the world by the power of an empire, coercing his own worship. The false prophet beside him endorses the dragon and the beast in 13, which is subdued by the one whose wound he healed.

By a false religious empire, the dragon deceives the nations. The alliance of three kings, led by one man, rise before he does. By three mentions in 13, the beast has a mouth, a man; but he isn't alone; the living image [of the one *that was slain and yet lives*] is beside him to be worshiped with him (in 13:4,14).

Its prophet is a false miracle-worker, and the other little horn that speaks as a dragon is the father of lies. He fools the nations, as he'll do again after the thousand years. (20:7-8). His prophet persuades the world to have one mind with them. The man of sin is likely already risen from the great apostasy, and the enemy, as another *abomination*, rises to desolate Jerusalem. (Mat. 24:15-22;

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2 Thes. 2; Dan. 7:24; 11:31) The one with the dragon's throne has his authority till another beast exercises all the authority of the first beast, subduing the three great nations. The EU rebuilds its forces; fully armed, God turns them against his former harlot to destroy her mystery city, Babylon the Great (in 17:15-18).

Now he's in a frenzy; his time is short. He uses his darkness and fear to deceive and confuse men, but if we love the truth and walk humbly with God, respectfully loving others, we'll know what's going on and won't be deceived though lies abound.

After his Third Reich, the next is his fourth. (Dan. 7:23) The spirit of Babylon, the dragon's throne, inhabited Berlin; but the dragon gave his throne to the beast that would tear the world to pieces, demand worship, and overcome the saints (in 13:7).

In 13:1 the dragon gave the beast *great authority* (in YLT, NIV, KJV, HCSB, NASB, TLV). Then *all the authority of the first beast doth it do before it* (13:12a YLT; cf. KJV; ZGE). The beast like a lamb that speaks as a dragon exercises all the authority of the beast, making the beast his chancellor by subduing the three: *Who is able to make war with [the beast]? (13:4) And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. (19:19)* [A chancellor is a commander-in-chief.]

Like Antiochus, another eighth king enters the temple. (Dan. 8:9; Mat. 24:15-22) *The man of lawlessness is hindered by the one who prevents him from rising until he [is] out of the way. The one who was in the way for centuries (2 Thes. 2:6) has been keeping down (YLT) the man of lawlessness till he's out of the way.*

The one who prevents him is greater than the dragon, or he couldn't threaten to overpower him; the great eagle opposes him. Michael, the archangel, fought for Israel but left her when she turned from God. He gave the lion wings for a mighty empire; then raised up America. After the war, *the great eagle* carried Israel home (in 12:14). Had the eagle left America when she denied God? *If we deny him, he also will deny us* (in 2 Tim. 2:12; cf. Mat. 10:33). Now Israel wins all her wars but America doesn't.

Four characters are in the story of Balaam: a king, a prophet, a beast, and an angel. (Num. 22:22-32; Jos. 13:22) A donkey took a greedy prophet to confer with King Balak, Israel's enemy. But *the angel of the LORD* was in the way to prevent the collusion of the prophet and the king.

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²³ And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned out of the way, to turn into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. (Num. 22:23)

When the angel stood *in the way*, the beast *turned out of the way*. The archangel is *out of the way* when the man of sin rises:

⁶ And you know what currently restrains him, so that he will be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one now restraining will do so until he is out of the way, ⁸ and then the lawless one will be revealed. The Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of His mouth and will bring him to nothing with the brightness of His coming. (2 Thes. 2:6-8 HCSB) [*by the outshining of the presence of him. (From 2 Thes. 2:8 ZGE)*]

We've thought the serpent is destroyed when his head is bruised, but a lake of fire is prepared for his destruction. (20:10) His mortal wound (in Gen. 3:15) was the turning point of the ages. The beast was slain to fulfill prophecy by restoring the Jewish nation as God had sworn to the nation's patriarchs.

The Tail of the Dragon

And his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: ... Woe to inhabitants of the earth and of the sea, for the devil has come down unto you having great wrath, because he knows that he hath but a short time! (12:4a, 12b) After Yeshua ascended to heaven, the devil lost the war of the angels; banished forever, he swept others down with his tail.

A dragon was the nation's beast on China's flag (from 1615–1911).¹⁴³ Its "Heavenly Kingdom" banner showed the dragon as its king, but he'd been banished to earth many centuries earlier.

The Marxist coup d'état routed the provisional government by the Bolshevik Revolution. (1917) Tens of millions of Russians were killed while Chiang Kai-shek bolstered Sun Yat-sen, and together they took China's infamous Qing Dynasty. (1912) The flag of the dragon fell when the free republic raised its own, and China fought for the Allies in both world wars. In 1928 Sun died, and Chiang led his new nation to join the UN in October 1945.¹⁴⁴

In 1927 Russian Marxists spread communism into northern China by Mao Zedong. [Gog is a northern prince, leading China, i.e., Magog.] Several years later, the Chinese Civil War paused

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when Japan invaded Manchuria.¹⁴⁵ Odder than fiction, the two enemies united to fight regionally against Japan till WW2 ended on September 2, and the Civil War resumed in late 1945.

Post World War Two: in 1949 West Berlin rose from its dust, and communists won the Chinese Civil War.¹⁴⁶ Chiang fled to Taiwan, a nation in exile, till his death in 1975. Now Taiwan represents Free China, which the UN expelled in 1971, favoring Communist China by a permanent seat in its Security Council.¹⁴⁷ Prophetically significant, the bear's feet are now in China.

Russia and China, like siblings, share borders, and at times, political philosophies. Noah's son Japheth begot Magog whom God enlarged. (Gen. 9:27; 10:2) His ancient kingdom is only seen in end-time prophecies: Gog of *the uttermost parts of the north* is head of Magog in two revolutions when the red dragon rises to deceive the world (in Rev. 13:11; 16:13-16; 20:7-8).

A Slice of Babylonia

God warns His own people to come out of Babylon because she endangers our souls. Oblivious of her beliefs that affect our hearts, we deny the words of God by receiving her lies. As Israel had done, the religious councils welcomed her into the church:

“With emphasis on doctrines which left unaffected our way of life, the Christian Church could accept Constantine as its prize convert. And yet Constantine, after his alleged conversion, murdered his conquered brother-in-law Licinius; sentenced to death his eleven-year-old nephew, killed his eldest son, Crispus; brought about the death of his second wife; took the nails that were supposed to come from the cross of Christ and used one in his war helmet and another on the bridle of his war horse. Yet he was canonized by the Greek Church and his memory celebrated as ‘equal to the apostles.’ He talked and presided at the opening of the Council of Nicaea, which was called to frame a creed, and he was hailed as ‘a bishop of bishops.’ Could this have happened if the men who had gathered there had made the Sermon on the Mount an essential part of the Creed? It had no place in it, so Constantine could be at home. What had happened was that the Christian Church had been conquered by a pagan warrior. And the church allowed itself to be thus conquered, for this ideal of Christ did not have possession of its soul. For the

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same reason, a bishop could kick another to death in the cathedral of Constantinople to prove his orthodoxy, and the Monophysites of Alexandria could cry, ‘As thou hast divided, so shalt thou be divided,’ and then proceed to butcher those who believed in the dual nature of Christ in order to prove that the nature of Christ was one and indivisible.” – E. Stanley Jones, 1931 ¹⁴⁸

Obviously, the dragon deceived the church and led the great apostasy. In the first century, foresight moved Paul to tears. The councils’ words rejected the Scriptures. In Nicaea the bishops called Rome’s pagan feast “holy,” denying the Bible and blaspheming the Savior. Adding a pagan festival to the resurrection, they insulted Jesus Christ’s victory over sin and death:

“... We further proclaim to you the good news of the agreement concerning the holy Easter, that this particular also has through your prayers been rightly settled; so that all our brethren in the East who formerly followed the custom of the Jews are henceforth to celebrate the said most sacred feast of Easter at the same time with the Romans and yourselves and all those who have observed Easter from the beginning.” [Out of the Synodic Letter of the Council of Nicaea, 325 AD.] ¹⁴⁹

For hundreds of years, Rome held a feast for Ishtar, goddess of fertility.¹⁵⁰ Her idol had a part in Babel’s ancient epic poem, *Gilgamesh*. Its rituals included orgies, fornication, perversions, and the worship of snakes. They paraded through the streets like celebrating *Mardi Gras*. But Jesus was *the firstfruits of the dead* for the Day of Firstfruits, commemorating Israel, crossing the Jordan to the promised land, a figure of rising from death to life.

A day after its weekly Sabbath at its first harvest, the priest waved its first sheaf (Lev. 23:9-14), and the Priest of God Most High revealed His risen Son, but we’ve kept Rome’s fertility symbols, mixing fairy tales with the gospel rather than honoring the day Jesus Christ rose as the Promise of everlasting life. And we have welcomed Babel into our lives in many other ways.

After Constantine’s councils, the bishops denied the Hebrew Bible with its new covenant, to which the apostles often referred. The apostasy misled the church into teachings and traditions of men. The churches fell from the faith, but some kept it because, by the grace of God in Christ, their hearts and lives had changed: The powerless were strengthened; the immoral, cleansed; those taken by devils were set free; the lost were found; those who

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longed for more than the world could offer were filled with the presence of God. Nothing could stop them now; not even death!

Religious Jews were taught by men and rejected the Messiah who died for them but rose again. He broke precedent near dawn after Passover's weekly Sabbath, rising as *the firstfruits of the dead* and initiating the new covenant as the Word of God.

Men's opinions led churches from the truth so that now we imagine God rather than learn from Him. Long ago Jews turned from the Scriptures, believing their priests were anointed to write the Talmud as prophets had written the Tenakh; it was a lie, but gentiles do the same, believing teachers above the words of God.

The Cistercian Order of Catholic monks called for an army of volunteers to destroy Bible believers, rewarding killers with forgiveness and eternal life.¹⁵¹ During his tenure, Jean Antoine Llorente, secretary of Spain's Inquisition, noted three hundred thousand were burned alive for heresy.¹⁵² Those who showed them compassion were excommunicated. Christians were held in dungeons by prosecutors who sat as their judges. If they survived torture, they were often burned at the stake. For six hundred years, Crusades and Inquisitions slew multitudes.¹⁵³

Jesus came to save us from sin—not to deny God's laws, nor to kill, nor to behave like kings, but to serve one another in love. (Mat. 11:29) The gospel came to men by the Tenakh and later in its letters and testimonies; but in 1200–1500, papal laws increased against “heretics” who held to a faith other than the Vatican's.¹⁵⁴

Inquisitions went to Spain in 1481 when Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand asked the papacy for *auto de fe*, “acts of faith,” the burning of heretics, popular events. Inquisitors, Dominicans or Jesuits, comprised its Department of Inquisition, the *sanctum officium*, i.e., “the Holy Office.” Estimates of the killings are in the millions.¹⁵⁵ This is the Babylonian church of Rome.

Human lives were destroyed on Satan's altar in Pergamos; the guilt of sinners filled his coffers in Rome; war projects paid his expenses in Berlin. Even now, human lives, taxes, and wars support the throne the dragon gave the beast.

²⁰ It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. (Is. 13:20) – the curse of the city of Babylon

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Just before the tribulation, a man of lawlessness is revealed. It begins at the apostasy of the church in the darkness of *Babel*, i.e., “confusion” in Hebrew. He orders his worship as God with a living image in the temple, and the global tribulation begins in Jerusalem.¹⁵⁶ (1 Thes 2; Mat 24:21)

⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. (2 Thes. 2:9-10 ESV; cf. Rev. 1:16; 19:15, 21; Mat. 24:21-2)

The Beast Is a Man

Another beast rises after the beast (in 13:11). The number of the beast is the number of a man (in 13:18): then the beast is a man; i.e., the beast is in a man. Its context tells us this beast has two little horns.

⁶ For a nation has invaded my land,
Mighty and without number;
Its teeth are the teeth of a lion,
And it has the jaws of a lioness. (Jl. 1:6 NASB)

A leopard with the feet of a bear has the mouth of a lion, and the dragon gave him his throne and power and authority. (13:2-8)
His empire devours the whole world.

Two empires serve a beast, a dragon, and a prophet. The prophet fascinates multitudes who believe his words by his signs and wonders:

¹³ It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people,¹⁴ and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived.¹⁵ And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.
(Rev. 13:13-15 ESV)

At this writing, red heifers have been shipped from Texas to Jerusalem, offerings for the temple’s reconstruction.¹⁵⁷ Its blue-prints are drawn; its menorah, cups, and utensils are made.¹⁵⁸