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CHAPTER 13

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?"

⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It 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. ⁸ All 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.

⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He 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.

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 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. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And 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. ¹⁵ He was granted

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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. 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.

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*, translated “name,” means attributes/qualities as in a title.]

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The apostle stood by the Great Sea on the Isle of Patmos and watched as a beast was rising from the same sea Daniel had seen in Babylon centuries before. (Dan. 7:1-2; p. 21) All of the beasts of Daniel 7 appear 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. (Rev. 13:2)* The main Allies in the Second World War were America the leopard; Great Britain the lion; and Russia the bear. In February 1945 the Big Three planned the UN. The war ended when Berlin fell, and *the beast was slain* [i.e., the dragon] (in Dan. 7:11). In 13:3,14 his head was healed; so was its beast.

The keys: *the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin (in Is. 7:8a).* Heads are capitals, i.e., thrones, or their kings, but all seven kings in chapter 12 had fallen by the time the beast in 13 rose. In 17 heads are capital cities; in 13 the dragon gave his throne to the beast, so its heads are capitals too.

Revelation pulls back the curtain; behind it are the beasts. In 20:2 the dragon was Satan who lost WW2 and gave the beast his throne, the head with a deadly wound. After the war the horns on the beast in 13:1 were ten kings whose crowns were restored. In 1949 the tenth received his crown in W. Berlin (in 13:3). Berlin was not one of the heads, but one of the horns. One of the seven heads was Babylon; it became the spirit of the dragon’s throne.

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Her entryway, the walls of Babylon, led to his altar in E. Berlin. The next beast rose, and his head was healed; then *another beast coming up ... spake as a dragon* (in 13:1, 3, 11; cf. Dan. 7:23-24).

In chapter 12 none of the horns had crowns. The ten horns received no kingdom as yet in 17:12; thus, the horns in 17 are still waiting for crowns after chapter 12. All ten have crowns in 13:1, having first received them in 1920 for Hitler who rose in Daniel 7. After WW2 the ten crowns were restored in 1949; but the throne of the terrible beast in E. Berlin wasn't well till 1990. [Thus the order is: chapter 12; next 17; Daniel 7, and then Rev. 13.]

¹² And the ten horns that thou sawest, are ten kings, who a kingdom did not yet receive, but authority as kings the same hour do receive with the beast,¹³ these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over; ¹⁴ These with the Lamb shall make war, and the Lamb shall overcome them, ...
(Rev. 17:12-14a YLT) [The beast here is the dragon/Hitler.]

The ten rise with the beast; then another beast rises. (13:11) *The first* to rise after them was a little horn, Hitler, the eighth of the seven (on p. 20). Next the ten rise on the beast with his throne:

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) [The ten rise again with the beast in 13:1.]

[The dragon is] *the first beast whose mortal wound was healed*:

¹¹ I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. (Dan 7:11 ESV) [He rises, a diverse beast.]

Of Beasts and Men

The red dragon was the serpent whose head was bruised by a mortal wound in the war (in 13:3, 12; cf. Gen. 3:15). His head was his capital city, Babylon. Her walls hide Berlin's Altar of Zeus. ["Capital," Lat.: *caput*, "head"] Mystery: the leopard has its throne.

When a man speaks as a beast, he has his mouth and thus his heart; if a beast is in a man, the man becomes the beast. The man in the little horn in Germany was its commander-in-chief, second in authority until Satan ruled through him. (Dan. 7:8, 20; Is. 14:16)

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The one with two horns is *diverse from the first* (in Dan. 7:24). To gain the world's worship, he controls its religions (in 13:11).

Ten kings of the Third Reich were restored after WW2 and are on the beast in 13:1. *Another beast* rises after them (in 13:11). He is literally, *diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings* (in Dan. 7:23-26). Present with the beast before him, the beast with *two horns like a lamb* is diverse yet has all authority.

He who speaks as a dragon was the dragon who gave the beast his throne after the war (in 13:2; cf. Dan. 7:11). The greater king is the dragon, now a religio-political beast, which rises with two horns like a lamb, and he's one of the two.

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 false religious leaders are its horns: its prophet and the dragon, diverse from the first that rose after the ten (in Dan. 7:8). Its paradigm is Medo-Persia, a ram with two horns (in Dan. 8:20). The ram was Persian, but its horns were the Persian and Median kings who merged the two empires as one of the seven.

Two different first beasts are in 13:12: 1.) The dragon gave the beast before him his throne, 2.) but the dragon that gave him his seat was there first: he'd been the red dragon in 12:3 and the terrible beast in Daniel 7:8. He's the beast that was slain (in Dan. 7:11). But his crushed capital was healed, and he became *another beast* that rose *out of the earth*. This was after the ten horns had gone to the beast that got the dragon's throne. (cf. Rev. 13:1, 11; Dan. 7:8, 23-24). The prophecy repeats itself (on pp. 38-40).

Its false prophet is tagged in 16:13 with the beast and the dragon; he appears again in 19:20 and in 20:10; but in chapter 13, neither the false prophet nor the dragon is named; however, the two-horned beast *speaks as a dragon with horns like a lamb*.

Like Daniel, John saw another beast rising after the ten horns (in 13:11; cf. Dan. 7:23-24). A *beast with two horns* rises after the ten as the eighth king did in 1932 when he was just a little horn rising on a terrible beast (in Dan. 7:8). *Diverse from the first*, he is about to rule his fourth empire that will devour the whole world.

Satan lost the greatest war in history to the Lamb and gave his throne to the next beast, which was formed during the war as

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an alliance of America, Russia, and Britain. With ten horns and seven heads, the UN joins the false prophet and the dragon (in 16:13), whose capital, which he gave the beast, is healed (in 13:3).

The dragon will be the last *abomination of desolation* as he was in Antiochus IV (in Dan. 8:13; 11:31; 12:11). Jerusalem will take him into her temple again. Rising after the ten horns again, the beast comes out of the earth—he *went to perdition* after his body was *given to the burning flame* (in 17:11; cf. Is. 14:9-20; Dan. 7:11). After rising from hell, he leads a religio-political empire. Its prophet is one horn; the dragon as its king is the other. He was the eighth king of seven in Hitler whose capital in Berlin received his altar, but he and his city were dealt a deadly blow.

After his Third Reich, the next is his fourth, *which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces* (in Dan. 7:23).

The beast was slain (in Dan. 7:11), i.e., mortally wounded. (p. 137). Targeted by Russia, the club of God, his head was crushed. Later his capital was healed when the dragon's throne, the spirit of Babylon, was given to the beast that healed it (in 13:2-3).

The dragon's seat is a mystery. His capital, Berlin, was ruled by Babylon whose spirit had been his throne in Pergamon (Rev. 2:13). Pergamon wasn't a capital, but was a strategic location in the midst of the empires till savages razed it. Then he carried her spirit to Rome, deceiving the church for a throne. Next she went to Berlin but was bruised, and the dragon was slain. (Dan. 7:11)

In 13:1 the dragon gave the beast *great authority*, but not his own authority. (YLT, NIV, KJV, HCSB, NASB, TLV) One with two horns like a lamb rises over the beast with all his authority, abasing the alliance of the UN (in Dan. 7:24, p. 137). [The beast is with the dragon and false prophet during the wrath (in 16:13).]

All the authority of the first beast doth it do before it. (YLT) The king of the religio-political empire takes authority over his victor (in 13:2). When the dragon is in authority, the beast is his chancellor: "Who is able to make war with [the beast]?" (13:4; cf. 19:19) *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) They worship the beast, and they worship the dragon after its capital's deadly wound is healed (in 13:3-4).

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Babylon was the government seat the dragon gave the beast as his throne. Creation reveals God's light, but Mystery Babylon exchanges light for darkness. At midnight one like Antiochus sits in the temple again (in Dan. 8:9; cf. Mat:24:15-22.)

³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.

⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he sits in God's sanctuary, publicizing that he himself is God.

... 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. 2:3-4, 6-8 HCSB) [the abomination of the desolation]

The man of lawlessness is hindered by the one who prevents him from rising until he [is] out of the way. The one who has been in the way for centuries is keeping down (lit., YLT) the man of lawlessness until he is out of the way. This angel is stronger than the beast, or he couldn't stand in the way.

Four characters are in the story of Balaam: a king, a prophet, a beast, and an angel. (See Num. 22:22-32) A donkey carried the evil prophet to talk to a king. An angel stood *in the way* of the beast to keep the prophet-for-hire from Israel's enemy. (Josh. 13:22)

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)

The angel was *in the way*, so the beast *turned out of the way.* At midnight the church is apostate when *he ... be taken out of the way.* (2 Thes. 2:7-8)

Healing Berlin

In 1949 the three Allies restored the West German Republic to its people, ostensibly to stabilize post-war Europe. While we were air-lifting food and supplies to East Berliners in 1948-49, Chinese Marxists under Mao Zedong were conquering China's

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democratic republic, overwhelming the war-harried nation of the famed Chiang Kai-Shek, an ally to the free-world.

In 1945 Berlin fell, and the dragon was slain. Healing his capital was no easy job. Right after the war, the Allies agreed to the United Nations. Three divided up Germany: the USSR took East Germany and East Berlin by Marxism. The U.S. and Britain supervised West Berlin in East Germany till the Russian government fell. After socialism ruined its economy, it could be said that Berlin was healed by the beast with the dragon's throne.

In 1948–49 Russia disconnected East Berlin from railways, highways, and waterways, leaving the people helpless, alienated, and starving—nearly as isolated as the Jews they'd forced into ghettos just a few years before.¹²⁶ So, the seeds of the 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 their allies airlifted food and supplies for Berliners to survive.¹²⁸ *I saw one of its heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. (13:3)* Now we see why: Germans had adored Hitler, but soon after the war, in a political war against Marxism, the other Allies rescued East Berlin. Why was healing its capital so important to them?

In August 1961 word spread about a wall. Twenty-four hundred Germans escaped to West Berlin that day.¹²⁷ Nikita Khrushchev broke the Allies' pact when his communist troops built a wall around East Berlin overnight. This made them captives in their own city for almost thirty years.

Socialism ruined Russia when the realities of life disproved its Marxist ideals. In June 1987 Russians waited in long lines for bread to eat. In Berlin President Reagan took a few moments to address the premier: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"¹²⁹

Soon after the Iron Curtain fell, Russian soldiers left the city for lack of pay. In two days, November 9, 1989, the wall came down, and the world cheered for the nations that had sacrificed their sons for freedom and liberated the city.¹³⁰ The free-world Allies oversaw West Berlin till October 3, 1990, when its city was healed as her capital for the reunification of Germany.¹³¹

Reagan and Thatcher opposed communism as others did; but seventy years of Marxist ideologies folded in bankruptcy, and

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the wall folded with them. The beast in 13 could take its nations' sovereignties overnight like the wall that took Berlin. Liberty is priceless but not without cost; it works for those who value it.

The seven heads of the beast are a mystery. Are they capitals or kings? The dragon gave his throne to the alliance that split up Berlin, a wounded capital till its head was healed; therefore the heads are the seven capitals that include Babylon. (Pp. 137-9, "Of Beasts ...") Reviewing by turning ahead to 17:12, a red beast has ten horns that would receive their crowns [twice by two treaties].

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! (Rev. 12:4a, 12b) After Jesus ascended to heaven, the dragon was cast out and swept a third of the stars to earth to serve him.

The dragon was the national symbol on the flag of China from 1615–1911.¹³² Its "Heavenly Kingdom" banner displayed the dragon as its king, but since the insurrectionist of this world lost the war in heaven, he knows his end is near.

A Marxist coup d'état took Russia's provisional government by the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 with millions dead. At the time Chiang Kai-shek had returned from military training to bolster Sun Yat-sen, overcoming the harsh Qing Dynasty in 1911–12, and the flag of the dragon fell as a democratic republic arose. Afterward China fought with the Allies in each world war. Following Sun's death Chiang led China's republic from 1928–1975, joining the UN in October 1945.¹³³

Soon after Sun founded her free republic, Russian Marxists incited a revolution in northern China by Mao Zedong just ten years after the insurrection in Russia, but the Chinese Civil War paused when Japan invaded Manchuria.¹³⁴ Stranger than fiction, the enemies united for World War Two, fighting regionally as allies against Japan till their Civil War resumed in late 1945.

Russia and China were like siblings, sharing borders and at times, political philosophies, bringing Gog and Magog to mind. Gog is head of Magog, an international force that coordinates an insurrection against Israel's King at the end of time when, from *the uttermost parts of the north*, Gog is the fallen prince—to the

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eyes of the world, a king—leading Russia and Magog, covering the earth like Babylon, which is ancient history by then.

In 1949 West Berlin rose from its ashes, and the communists won the Chinese Civil War. Chiang fled to Taiwan, a nation-in-exile, recently threatened by Chinese communism.¹³⁵ She represented Chiang's free China till the UN expelled her in 1971 for Communist China's permanent seat in its Security Council with its blasphemous heads.¹³⁶

History is the mirror of humanity. The authority to govern is a test of character. Those entrusted with it must study its mirror; it's a fearful thing to fall into the wrath of God. (Heb. 10:31)

A Slice of Babylonia

God warns His own people to come out of Babylon. Many of us have lived in her ways. Deceptions are taught in the pulpits, blinding congregations to the Word of God. Believers hear only parts of the truth and have false assumptions. We must study His words diligently to truly believe every one of them since every word of God is life to us. Gainsayers abound, and most of us fall for the words of our teachers, not comparing them to the Bible.

The apostasy is preserved in the words of the early bishops' councils. In Nicaea, they adopted the ancient festival of Rome for the church, calling it "holy," incorporating the resurrection of Jesus Christ with pagan revelry. While rejecting the Bible, they purposely changed the Biblical day of Jesus' victory over 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." [From the Synodic Letter of the Council of Nicaea, 325 AD.]¹³⁷

Each year Rome held a feast for Ishtar, or Ashterah, goddess of fertility.¹³⁸ Her idol had a part in the epic poem, *Gilgamesh*, in Babel. (p. 56-7) Their rituals included sexual orgies, fornication, and perversion, the worship of snakes, and parading the streets as if celebrating *Mardi Gras*.

The newly institutionalized church began its fall away from the Word of God, but true believers kept the faith. The rift was

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set by a presumptuous attitude against the Hebrew Bible, which laid the foundation of the new covenant. Enriched by its wisdom, the apostles referred to it constantly as they wrote, but bishops later cut off the roots of our faith, steering people away from the Bible to the teachings and traditions of men. The religious Jews had done the same and rejected the Savior when He came. Since then instead of celebrating Christ who rose on the Day of Firstfruits as *the firstfruits of the dead*, we lost our way by shunning the history of our faith. Reconsider the Firstfruits and repent for the church as the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

The dragon takes people by guile, inducing them to fear his deceptions. Carnally-minded bishops expected wolves to rescue them from their fears. Constantine perhaps unwittingly enticed them. The longer the apostate church was an institution, the more she perverted the truth. Since spurning the Hebrew Bible, she has misrepresented Christianity's Lord. As He said, false christs and false prophets would come in His name, and they have. (Lk. 21:8)

Another beast rises with two horns like a lamb and speaks as a dragon. Its leaders are intolerant of a personal relationship to God; but if we trust Jesus Christ, we receive Him into our hearts. That's personal, and it's how Bible-believers threaten Rome's conflicting dogma and idolatry. Now the church is divided by deceptions. Men with their own ideas lead others away from the Bible until we learn from teachers, not from what God has said.

Jews turned from the Scriptures long ago by believing their priests are anointed to write for the Talmud like the prophets of God were anointed for the Tenakh, but that's a lie. The Bible is inspired by God Himself for us to believe every word and divide it correctly, but apostasy results in immorality and lawlessness.

Many popes have blood on their hands. Innocent III (1198–1216) began Inquisitions in Rome with four Crusades to eradicate the Jews, rewarding their killers with forgiveness and eternal life.¹³⁹ Gregory IX (1227–1241) led Inquisitions on Bible-believing Christians in France, and villages were destroyed. Accused of heresy, people were kept in dungeons till their prosecutors tried them as their judges. Those who survived torture were burned alive. In six hundred years of Crusades and Inquisitions, millions suffered at the hands of an apostate church for refusing Rome. But Jesus came to save—not to kill, not to judge, and not to be

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like the kings of this world. (Mat. 11:29) Its religious wars continued into recent years, but the world has turned its face.

In 1200–1500, papal bulls [laws] increased against alleged heretics who believed the few scriptures they had rather than their dogma.¹⁴⁰ In 1288 Jews also became their targets.¹⁴¹

Had Israel believed, the Kingdom would have come, but it wasn't God's plan. He would save gentiles and humble the Jews. (2 Cor. 10:4-6; Eph. 6:10-20) After the bishops denied the Word, its believers were identified by their faith. (1 Cor. 11:18-19)

Inquisitions went to Spain in 1481 when Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand asked permission from the papacy for *auto de fe*, “acts of faith.” This meant burning the “heretics,” popular events in Spain. As Inquisitors, Dominicans and Jesuits were the arms of a Department of Inquisition, the *sanctum officium*, “the Holy Office.” Estimates of the killings are in the millions.¹⁴²

Mystery Babylon went west in 1945. Paris Peace Treaties restored the ten crowns by 1949.¹⁴³ Sixty million died, justice undone, but one city still retained its injury—East Berlin, home of the capital building and of the dragon's altar.

Human sacrifices were offered on his altar in Pergamon; the guilt of sinners filled her coffers in Rome; war projects paid her expenses in Berlin; now all three: lives, taxes, and wars support the city the dragon put on the back of 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 beast with two horns like a lamb erects *an image to the beast which had the wound by a sword, and did live* (in Rev. 13:14). We must prepare for what's coming and always pray for one another. Lying spirits scheme, deceiving Christians and Jews. God does great works: miracles, signs, and wonders today, but many teachers deny the true gospel and mislead the saints.

John the baptizer had Elijah's Spirit but did no miracles at all (in Jn. 10:41). Like John Elijah comes but to restore the fathers to their children and children to their fathers (in Mal. 4:5-6). This is a spiritual mystery. A false prophet will seem like Elijah (in 13:13; 2 Kg. 1:10) but isn't a prophet at all. He announces a self-proclaimed messiah whom Israel initially receives.

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⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. 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. 2:8-10 ESV; cf. Rev. 1:16; 19:15, 21.) ... *whom the Lord Jesus will ... bring to nothing by the outshining of the presence of him. (from 2 Thes. 2:8 ZGE)*

If we meet the sword of persecution, let it be with shining faces, knowing Jesus comes for the elect before the wrath falls:

²⁹ Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, 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. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

(Mat. 24:29-31 ESV; cf. 1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 20:4)

The Beast Is a Man

The number of the beast is the number of a man: The beast is represented as a man (in 13:18). He had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon (in 13:11b), a deceitful religious leader.

The beast has a body like a leopard. Leading the nations' armies, he's a man with a mouth like a lion (in 13:2). He rules by the dragon whose prophet deceives nations with "false miracles" (exposed in 16:13-14). A bleeding idol? or fire out of the sky like Elijah? (13:13) Their darkness fools the world. But Jesus said, *As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world* (in Jn. 9:5).

Yeshua said before He returns, Jerusalem receives someone who comes in his own name, though He came in His Father's name (Jn. 5:43; cf. Dt. 18:18-19). The dragon of the Seleucid king returns. *His power hath been mighty, and not by his own power* (in Dan. 8:24a). In 167 BC he'd stood in the temple with an image of Zeus as *the abomination of desolation*.¹⁴⁴ (Dan. 11:31)

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- ²³ And in the latter period of their dominion, [i.e., the Greeks']
When the wrongdoers have run *their course*,
A king will arise, [He appears as a man.]
Insolent and skilled in intrigue.
- ²⁴ And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power,
And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree
And be successful and do *as he pleases*;
He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.
- ²⁵ And through his shrewdness
He will make deceit a success by his influence;
And he will make *himself* great in his own mind,
And he will destroy many while they are at ease.
He will even oppose the Prince of princes,
But he will be broken without human agency.
(Dan. 8:23-25 NASB)

There are two kingdoms but three entities: a beast, a dragon, and a false prophet who endorses them (in 13:1, 11; 16:13):

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)

Ten kings give their authority and dominion to a dragon that rises after them. Its prophet does great signs as he works with the beast, proving the collusion of the beast, the dragon, and their prophet. In Dan. 7:25 he tries to change the times and law and wears out the saints who are given into his hands.

What if Jews had done everything right? but all who are chosen are humbled. Forty years before Rome razed the temple to the ground, Yeshua said no stone would be left on another—none is. The living image of a beast that speaks as a dragon will set in the temple in Jerusalem. The blueprint is finished; its gold cups, utensils, and menorah are made.¹⁴⁵

¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the

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holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened. (Mat. 24:15-22 NKJV) [Elect suffer the tribulation.]

January 10, 1984: President Reagan recognized diplomatic relations with the Vatican and its ambassador, granting the pope the Vatican embassy in Washington, D.C. ¹⁴⁶ The beast with two horns like a lamb establishes his fourth kingdom by the beast that rose after the war. Finally, the ten horns return to bolster the scarlet beast (in Rev. 17:15-18, p. 190), now with two horns in 13.

On the papal crown, the “tri-regna” represents three powers of the pope, translated from the Latin: 1) the father of all kings, 2) the governor of the world, and 3) the Vicar of Christ. ¹⁴⁷ But the crown Jesus wore was made of thorns, and He commands us to abide in Him by His words in us. No one compares to Jesus.

As the biological Son of God, Jesus is the only Mediator of man to God—the Bridge from earth to heaven. No one equals Him; no name is like His; no one sits in for Him. His gifts are for us who believe before seeing Him, but liars are with us, using Jesus’ name and twisting the truth. Charm is a liar. (Prov.31:30)

“Dear Benedict, ...”

On October 7, 2010, the man was busily jotting off a letter to the “pontiff,” asking to meet him: “Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinejad has written a letter to Benedict XVI in which he calls for closer collaboration between religions.” ¹⁴⁸

The pope visited the Dome of the Rock, saying, “Here the paths of the world’s three great monotheistic religions meet, reminding us of what they share in common.” ¹⁴⁹ But theirs has no Son. *Let God be true, but every man a liar. (See Rom. 3:4)* Their own words send men to hell.

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“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”– Pius IX; “It is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff.” – Boniface VIII; “No man outside obedience to the pope can ultimately be saved.”– Clement VI; “The Pope holds place on earth, not simply of a man, but of the true God.” – Innocent I; “I am in all and above all, so that God Himself and I, the Vicar of God, hath one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do. I, being above all ... seem by this reason, to be above all gods.”– Nicholas. “Don’t go to God for forgiveness of sins. Come to me.” – John Paul II.¹⁵⁰

Pontiff means “bridge,” as a mediator between God and man, but the Bible says, *There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Tim. 2:5)* Pope means “papa, or abba.” He’s called, “Holy Father,” but Jesus said, *Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. (Mat. 23:9)* If we believe in Jesus we obey Him.

Bishops were called “popes” in 324. Eighteen hundred popes were invited to Nicaea. Three hundred eighteen came; the others dismissed the idea.¹⁵¹ 17% voted to decide the tenets of the faith. Now its apostasy is worse than ever, with lies abounding.

A false church led by the dragon will unite the world’s false religions. Its anti-Christ empire will fall in the war between the kingdom of darkness and the Kingdom of light.

³² He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. ³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery,³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

³⁶ And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper until the indignation is accomplished; for that which is decreed shall be done. (Dan. 11:32-36 ESV)

The man of lawlessness *opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he as God*

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sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (2 Thes. 2:4) God sent His only Son, crucified for our sins and risen to life, proving our justification. Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (Gal. 1:8)

Francis entered the Blue Mosque in Istanbul to pray with an imam, kissed the Koran, and said their religions are one, and “we all worship the same God.”¹⁵² The Jewish prophets had foretold the Son of God’s coming long before the apostles of the new covenant confirmed it. (Is. 7:14; 9:6; 53; Ps. 2; 22; Dan. 9:25)

On October 24, 2011, the Fox News headline foretold radical changes in international banking: “Vatican Calls for New World Economic Order,” a Vatican “Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace”... “a world political authority”... “universal jurisdiction” ... and “fair distribution of the world’s wealth.”¹⁵³ The man has a knack for numbers:

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. 13:16-18 NKJV)

Ahmadinejad gave gifts to win the favor of the Vatican. One gift released fifteen British sailors who’d allegedly entered Iran’s sea by 0.5 km. The Easter gift freed them on April 4, 2010.¹⁵⁴

On January 14, 2017, “Francis” met with Mahmoud Abbas to open a Palestinian embassy in Vatican City—odder yet, they have no capital or nation other than their Arab homelands.¹⁵⁵

Her curse did not prevent the dragon from carrying the spirit of his capital city to her proxies. The red dragon was cast to earth in chapter 12. He moved to 17; then to Daniel 7:11, 23; then he relinquished his power and great authority to the beast to whom he gave his throne (in Rev. 13:2-3).

¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

¹⁴ For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles,

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which go forth unto 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) [Exposed at the 6th bowl.]

Whoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. (1 Jn. 2:23)
Anyone who receives the beast denies the true Son of God.

The image of the dragon who speaks by a man both moves and speaks. We're familiar with images; they're commonplace. We watch them living and speaking every day. The beast sits in the temple beside an image, i.e., the image of the beast that was slain but lives (in 13:14). The beast with the number is a man with the mark, the scheme of the religious beast to alienate his enemies; without it, many are beheaded (in 20:4).

The Greek word, *onoma*, is not just a name. It refers to the character, authority, rank, or title of a man. Its blasphemy is in its claim as the *onoma* of the beast. His *onoma* and his number mark him as the chief adversary of God. It's time to discern the truth of the Word though our eyes can't yet see it in the flesh.

In the 18th century, Arabia had its first Saudi kings, imams who bestowed the kingdom to their sons, also imams. At the end of the 19th, a forty-year gap separated its powers. In 1932 modern Saudi Arabia was founded as Hitler was rising.¹⁵⁶ Recently the line of succession was altered when her seventh king made a younger son crown prince. As the next king, he holds the reins of power, modernizing its national ways.¹⁵⁷ If welcomed by Israel, he's the one likely to succeed in uniting the East with the West; then the whole world is gain to him.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15) Though a consensus of our beliefs seems a reasonable way to unite, we mix leaven into a lump of dough by mingling the words of God with men's ideas that change them.

A national leader used a copy of Pergamon's Altar to display his power, yet people who professed Christianity received him. His amphitheater speech awed scores of thousands as he posed between the columns at its podium in the blackness of night, and the crowds roared!¹⁵⁸ History repeats itself.

¹⁶... *Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;* ¹⁷ *that made the world as a wilder-*

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ness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners? (Is. 14:16b-17)

Hitler said the world would rotate on the Rome-Berlin Axis; thus, the epithet: “Axis powers.”¹⁵⁹ Speaking through Hitler, the dragon divulged his plan but hadn’t considered its end.

Is Lucifer a man? If he speaks by a man, he sure looks like a man. Devils debase people and work by men. When devils enter men, they’re filled with ice-cold death, the testimony of their depravity. Given a mouth, the beast speaks by a man and unites with men like himself who deny the truth if it’s spoken. Godless, there is no one they can trust.

¹⁶ And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. (Rev. 17:16-17)

The beast with *two horns like a lamb* has the number of a man because the beast reveals his heart by his words. All who worship the beast, taking the number of his *onoma*, his mark, in the right hand or forehead will be condemned. It’s a physical mark made by a tool that breaks the skin like a scratch, etching, or stamp. [Grk.: *charagma*] 666 ... a bio-chip perhaps.

After rising a second time, ten kings give *their kingdom* to the dragon (in 17:17; cf. 17:13) He regains his power and destroys his harlot, the city that holds Babylon, the spirit of WW2. The Allies held Germany after the war; specifically, the U.S., Great Britain, and the USSR. Though West Berlin was situated in East Germany, her historical capital in East Berlin was broken and impoverished by Russia until late 1989, forty years past Paris.

A king is not recognized as a king unless he has a capital city, because he lacks credibility without a government. A king and his kingdom are as strong as his government, housed in his capital city. The union of the two is a marriage, or in the case of the dragon and his city, his harlot is in bed with many kings.

Jews were cut off as branches of their own olive tree by their inactive faith. Gentiles were received but were warned not to despise the Jews, or we’ll be cut off too. We’re not accountable

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for the sins of others, but for our own. We're kept by faith, but inactive faith is dead: *he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be manifest, that they are wrought in God.* (Jn. 3:21) If the faith we say we have is not a lifestyle, it's useless.

Israel's right to her homeland is often denied by people who say they were saved by their free will and can never be lost, no matter what they do. Gainsaying fills the church, but the fear of God turns us away from sin while Paul warns the presumptuous,

²⁰ ... Do not be conceited, but fear; ²¹ for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. ²² See then the kindness and severity of God: to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; for otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. (Rom. 11:20b-23 NASB; see p. 42)

Two friends, Roosevelt and Churchill, gained an unexpected ally after Hitler betrayed Stalin by invading Russia. Despite his early ties to Hitler and his Marxist ideology, Stalin met with two free-world leaders in late 1943 in Tehran, Persia, to strategize against the Axis powers.¹⁶⁰ In February 1945 the Big Three met in Yalta on Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula. There they agreed to partition Germany after the war and put the UN on paper before setting it in stone for peace on earth with a devil as a friend.¹⁶¹

Beasts have a way with men's wills. The beast (in 13:1-3) is like a leopard, rising with dominion from WW2. (Dan. 7:6, 23) Its empire is like the leopard but not quite the same. Surreptitiously embedded in a bureaucracy, the devouring beast is the key to the present state of the American nation (in 13:1; cf. Dan. 7:23).

The lion, the bear, and the leopard *had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time* (in Dan. 7:12). Their post-war peace plan became a mingled alliance of nations, soon gathered together to a place called "Megiddo."

"The world had never before known a godlessness as organized, militarized, and tenaciously malevolent as that practiced by Marxism. Within the philosophical system of Marx and Lenin, and at the heart of their psychology, hatred of God is the principal driving force, more fundamental than all their political and economic pretensions." – Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 1983.¹⁶²

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Jerusalem above All

14 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. ² For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

(Zec. 14:1-3)

³⁴ “Have I not kept this in reserve
and sealed it in my vaults?

³⁵ It is mine to avenge; I will repay.
In due time their foot will slip;
their day of disaster is near
and their doom rushes upon them.”

(Deut. 32:34-35 NIV)

In her darkest hour, God is with Jerusalem, but on account of sin, He scourges those He loves. Still He is on her side and will defeat His enemies and exalt her above the highest mountains—no, He will never abolish His own nation, Israel.

In chapter 13 the wisdom of the living God is glorified when fallen angels scheme and sinful men make plans until the end of the age. The testimony of our Lord opens other Bible prophecies along with the writings of historians while both prophecy and history reveal the mysteries in *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*.