

Revelation 13, Part 1

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Revelation 13 is a continuation of the prophecies of **Daniel chapters 2 and 7**. Chapter 2 of Daniel introduces four main world empires; **Babylon, Medo-Per-sia, Greece and Rome**, with Rome dividing into ten individual nations, which is followed by the second coming of Jesus. Daniel chapter 7 adds more detail to the prophecy in the form of four beasts; **a lion, a bear, a leopard and a terrible beast with iron teeth and ten horns**. What we learned was that the horns represent the ten divisions of fallen Rome, and another, **little horn** came up among them, uprooting three. We learned that this little horn grew to be a great power that it would speak great words against the Most High God, it would think to change God's laws, and it would persecute God's true followers for **1260 years**. We found from history that only the Roman Catholic papacy fits every characteristic of this little horn power.

Revelation 13 is the same prophecy, yet with new symbolism that is a composite of all the beast symbols given in **Daniel 7**.

Revelation 13:1-2

¹ And I stood upon the sand of the _____, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of _____.

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.

NOTE: This beast comes up out of the sea. In **Revelation 17:15**, we learn that the sea represents: "...peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." This beast power emerges among the nations of Europe, out of the ebb and flow of the events that shaped them.

Where is this power located in Europe?

Revelation 17:9

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven _____, on which the woman sitteth.

NOTE: Rome is known as the city on seven hills, which is another characteristic that fits the papacy, as it is located in Rome.

Ten Horns/Ten Crowns = King or Kingdom:

Revelation 17:12

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings.

Revelation 13:2

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

NOTE: In **Daniel 7**, the four beasts are the lion, the bear, the leopard and the beast with ten horns that represented the four pagan empires. Except this time the animals are named in reverse; a leopard, a bear and a lion, all together in one seven headed, ten horned beast.

In Daniel's time, the prophecy was looking *forward* from Babylon to the Roman empire. From the apostle John's perspective he was looking from the Roman empire *back* to Babylon.

What God is telling us is that this beast power is a *composite* of all the pagan kingdoms and religions that came before it. And this, too, is an accurate description of the Roman Catholic church. All the traditions, rituals and holidays had their origin in paganism. It was during the time of the early Christian church that Catholicism was born from a compromise with paganism.

Verse 2 also says that the dragon gave the beast, "his power, and his seat, and great authority." This also fits the Roman Catholic papacy, as it inherited its authority from pagan Rome.

What does it mean that the *dragon* gave the beast his power? We learned in **Revelation 12** that the dragon in prophecy is the devil, Satan himself working through the Roman empire to persecute God's people. We saw an example of this when Satan influenced King Herod to attempt to kill Jesus at his birth by killing all the male babies up to two years of age. It was Satan working through the Roman Empire that caused the papacy to become the world dominating power it was. History shows that the papacy came to full power in the year A.D. 538.

Revelation 13:3

And I saw one of his _____ as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

NOTE: The papacy received a deadly wound in 1798 when the French army, led by General Berthier, marched into the Vatican to take Pope Pius VI into captivity, ending papal domination, a rule that lasted **1260 years**.

Revelation 13:4

And they worshiped the _____ which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

NOTE: Until 1798, no one was able to make war with the popes. All the civilized world feared this great power and gave it reverence unlike any ordinary monarchy. The sad thing is, God reveals in Revelation that by honoring this corrupt pagan power, men were unknowingly giving homage to Satan.

Revelation 13:5

And there was given unto him a _____ speaking great things and **blasphemies**; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two (42) months**.

NOTE: Seven times in Daniel and Revelation does God tell us how long this power would reign. Three times it says "a time, times and half a time," twice it says "1260 days," and now and in Revelation 11 it tells us it would reign for "42 months." Multiply 42 times the 30 days of a Jewish month and you get 1260 days. And we learned that a day in prophecy represents a literal year. The papacy ruled from 538 to 1798, exactly 1260 years.

Revelation 13:6

And he opened his mouth in _____ against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

NOTE: In **verse 1** it says that upon the heads of the beast are the name of blasphemy, and **verse 5** says, "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies." In **Daniel 7**, this same power in the symbolism of the little horn, it says that it "shall speak great words against the most High."

God is telling us that the papacy is a blasphemous institution. But how is it blasphemous?

How does the Bible define blasphemy?

Mark 2:7

Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

NOTE: The Bible says that only God has the authority to forgive sins. Yet the Catholic church teaches that the priest decides who gets to heaven:

"The priest has the power of the keys, or the power of delivering sinners... And God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priests, and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution."

– *Dignities and Duties of The Priests*

John 10:33

The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

NOTE: According to God, a man who puts himself in the place of God is blasphemous. The papacy also claims that the pope is equal with God. Pope Leo XIII said, "*We [the popes] hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.*"

Four times in the New Testament does the author of Revelation mention the "antichrist."

1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

NOTE: The Greek word used by John here is "antichristos." To understand the full meaning of this word we must learn what it means in Greek. We usually think of "anti" as being merely opposed to Christ. But in Greek the word antichrist also means "instead" of Christ, or a combination of the two; as one who assumes the guise of Christ while opposing Christ and takes His place. The official title of the pope in Latin is **Vicarius Filii Dei**, which means "*In Place of The Son of God.*"

Revelation 13:3

...and all the world will wonder after the beast.

Revelation 13:7-8

⁷ And it was given unto him to make _____ with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

⁸ And all that dwell upon the earth shall _____ him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

NOTE: We saw in **Daniel 7** and **Revelation 12** that the papacy is responsible for the deaths of millions of people who rejected the pagan traditions of the papacy in favor of God's truth, the Holy Bible. We learned here in **chapter 13**, and from history that the popes lost

their power in 1798 after 1260 years of supremacy. But we also read in **verse 3**, "...and I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed." In 1929, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini signed a treaty which recognized the full sovereignty of the pope in the State of Vatican City. Since that time, every succeeding pope has labored to regain more and more power in world affairs.

God is warning us that the papacy's deadly wound would be healed, and their world-dominating power would be restored. This prophecy tells us that the beast is a composite of the four beasts of **Daniel 7**, but has the body predominantly of a leopard.

Jeremiah 13:23

Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?

NOTE: God is telling us that as a leopard cannot change its spots, so does the papacy not change. Once it has regained the power it once had, it will do as it had done before.

This is not a prophecy against Catholic people, whom God has a special love for. It is a prophecy against a system that, though it claims to be Christian, has an anti-Jesus, anti-Bible history of corruption with blasphemous claims, and antichrist works, that the prophecy tells will exist until Jesus returns to put an end to it.