

REV 13:1-2

“1And I stood upon the sand of the sea, 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 blasphemy. 2And 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.”



Revelation 13 is an amplification of the scene in the 12th chapter. In chapter 12 we see a dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns pursue a woman who gave birth to a “man-child” who was caught up into Heaven to rule the nations. This drama in the 12th chapter is the background of the spiritual events that happen in the 2nd half (1260 days, 42 months) of the 7-year tribulation period. John defines Satan as the dragon (**Revelation 12:9**) and the woman as Israel. Israel gave birth to the Messiah, who is caught up to Heaven (**Acts 1:9-11**). Satan, the Dragon, then pursues the woman who is protected for 1260 days or 3.5 years. The identification of the participants is vital in understanding what is actually taking place in both the physical and spiritual realms.

The events taking place in the 2nd half are a result of what takes place in Heaven at the Midpoint of the 7-year period. Satan and his angels are removed from their place in Heaven and are then hurled to the earth for their final stand. Chapter 12 reveals the Heavenly view of these events and the battle of the ages between God’s plan of redemption, and Satan’s attempts to stop it. Satan’s final method of assault on the woman, and her offspring (the saved) are revealed to us in the 13th chapter.

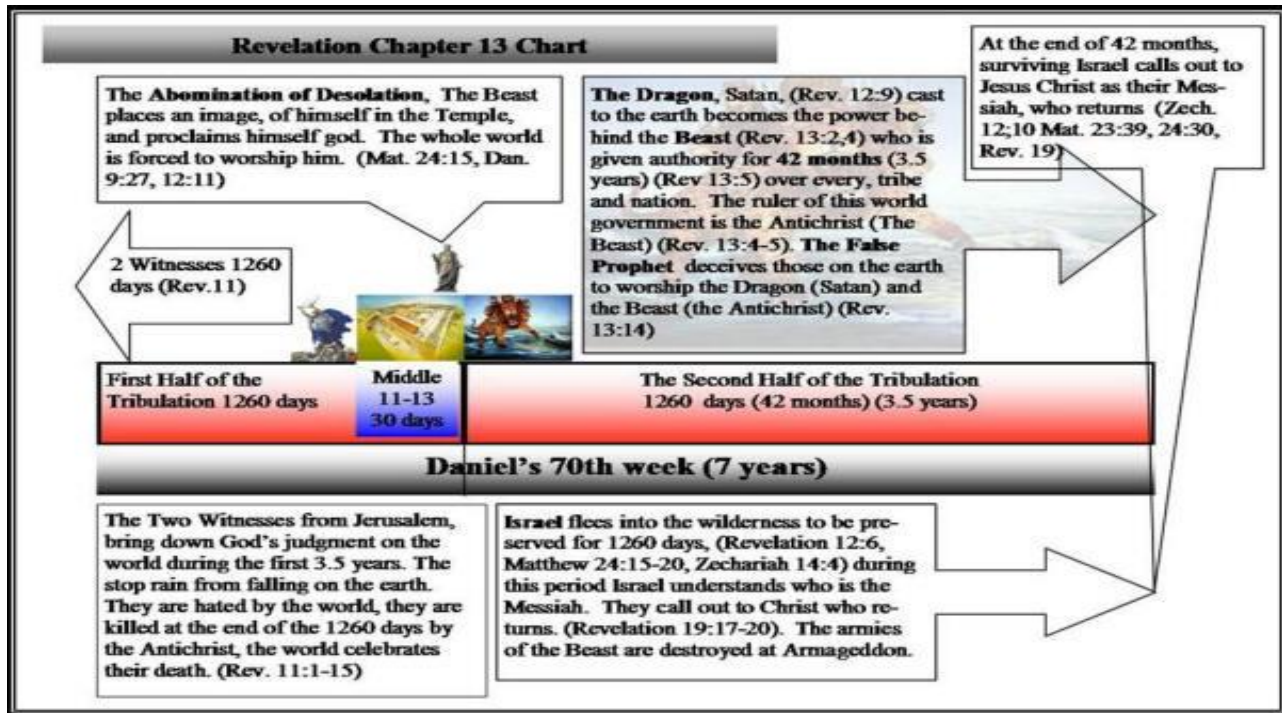
Satan, on Earth, will incarnate the leader of a “Revived Roman Empire. This leader will have died and was resurrected to the wonder of the world. His resurrected body, which is indwelt with Satan, will assume control of the kingdom of the Beast. Satan, portrayed as a 7-headed dragon in chapter 12, who was cast out of Heaven, is now the source of power and authority of the 7-headed beast arising from the sea which John writes about.

Satan will assume the controls of this kingdom pictured as the “Beast”. This future kingdom will focus on the glorification and exaltation of this “Satan-Man” and the persecution and destruction of those who refuse to accept his deity.

This period will last for 42 months or 3.5 years, and will end with the return of Jesus Christ when the Jews surviving in Israel finally recognize Him as Messiah and calls out in prayer and supplication for his return (Zechariah 12:9-10, Matthew 23:39 24:30 and Revelation 19).

Going before the beast will be a false prophet who will perform great signs and wonders in the name of this world leader. This false prophet will instruct the world to worship the beast. An image of the Beast constructed by the false prophet will be the focus of worldwide worship. All who refuse to worship the beast, or his image will be killed. The False prophet is pictured as a lamb with two horns, which speaks as a dragon. He is probably the leader of the world- wide religion in the first half of the tribulation which persecutes the believers, the saints. Later, this world-wide religion is destroyed (Revelation 17:15-17) as the Beast and Satan become the focus of worship in the second half of Daniel’s 70th week.

In order to enforce this worldwide religion of the beast, an economic system will be established demanding total submission to this world leader. Those who refuse will be killed and cut off from society. They will be unable to buy or sell without total submission.



Beast out of the Sea: The Kingdom

Then I stood... (other ms. "He stood") The KJV source manuscript has vs.1 translated (I stood). Some earlier manuscripts read (He stood) meaning the Dragon from Chapter 12 stood on the sand of the sea.

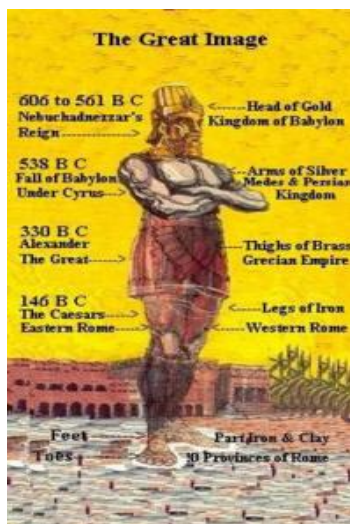
Depending on your manuscript source, either John stood on the sand of the Sea and saw a "Beast rising" or the dragon stood on the Sea and John then saw a "Beast rising" out of the sea.

Regardless of the source manuscript, the meaning is not lost.

John's witness of events now changes from Heaven to Earth. Satan, having been expelled from Heaven, pursued the woman who escaped into the wilderness. Now Satan is about to war with the offspring of the woman. (Rev 12:17). John is about to witness Satan's method to his war.

Sand of the sea.... "Sand of the sea" is a phrase associated with population and growth of the descendants of Jacob. (Gen 32:12, Isaiah 10:22, Hosea 1:10, Rom 9:27). The dragon's pursuit of the woman ends with frustration and the dragon pursuit stops on the "sand of the sea". The next scene introduces the continuation of the Dragon's work.

Beast rising up (Gr... "theôrion...a wild animal) The Beast is the same as the one described by Daniel 7 and later in Revelation 17. The Red Dragon of Revelation 12 differs from the Beast described here, because this resembled a leopard, lion, and bear as opposed to a "Red Dragon." The Beast here has "Seven heads" and "10 horns" like the Dragon. The "Red Dragon" has "Seven" Crowns as opposed to "ten". From verse 2, we learn, the Dragon is the source of power and authority for the beast.



In Daniel and Revelation, the Beast seen by both Daniel and John are portraits of the last Human government before the return of the Messiah. When Christ returns, the Beast of Daniel and Revelation will be the dominant force on the Earth.

Dan 7:23-27 ***²³Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. ²⁴and 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. ²⁵And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change***

times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. 26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. 27 and the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Dan 2:40-44 *⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. 41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 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. 43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. 44 and in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

The beast of Daniel will be a revived "Roman Empire"; we know this based on the 70 weeks of Daniel (**Dan 9:24-27**), Daniel 7 and Daniel 2. The people who destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple were the Romans. The "prince who is to come" is their descendent. (**Dan 9:26**).

Also, in **Daniel 2**, the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar is linked to Rome. It is described by Daniel as the legs of Iron. This kingdom later extends to the ten toes and feet of Iron and clay. Daniel revealed these kings (10 toes). The God of Heaven would set up a kingdom which shall never end. There is a gap of time between the Iron legs and the Iron and clay feet and toes. This gap is described in **Daniel 9:26** as a period of "Desolation." **Daniel 7** has one beast, with "Iron" teeth and 10 horns. This Beast is described as a "Fourth Kingdom", different than all other kingdoms, with 10 future kings who will arise. They will subdue the whole earth.

Out of the sea... The Sea symbolizes the sea of humanity based on **Dan.7** and **Rev 17:15**

Rev. 17:15 *¹⁵ And he saith unto me, the waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."*

Seven heads and ten horns... (See Chart Below) The Beast has identifiers seen in both Daniel and Revelation. The Beast described in **Daniel 7** is described as having 1 Head and 10 horns and it differs from the "red dragon" of Revelation chapter 12 which is described as having 7 heads and 10 horns, the same as the beast in Revelation 13 & 17. To understand the meaning is not a mystery since the explanation is within the texts.

1. The Beast represents the fourth and final government on Earth.
2. 10 horns represent 10 future kings who turn their power over to the “Last-days” ruler. (Revelation 17:12)
3. 7 heads represent 7 kings or kingdoms. Five are fallen in John’s day about 90 A.D., and one is, and one is yet to come. (Revelation 17:10). The Dragon, who pursues the woman in Revelation 12, has 7 heads. These seven heads represent the seven kingdoms from the time of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob until the “end of Days.” They tried to stop God’s plan of redemption by trying to stop Messiah’s birth, one way or another.

	KINGDOM	ATTACK AGAINST THE WOMAN
1	EGYPT	TRIED TO ASSIMILATE ISRAEL
2	ASSYRIA	EXILED TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL TRIED TO EXILE JUDAH
3	BABYLON	DESTROYED JERUSALEM SLAUGHTERED ISRAEL
4	PERSIA	TRIED TO DESTROY JEWS DURING TIME OF ESTHER
5	GREECE	Antiochus Epiphanies, Abomination of Desolation 164 B.C.
6	ROMAN	Destroyed Jerusalem, over 1.5 million Jews died, rest expelled. During John’s day.
GAP	ISRAEL SCATTERED ISRAEL GATHERED	Daniel 9:26 foretells a period of desolation after Messiah is cut off. This period end with Israel being gathered.
7	REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE	Future Kingdom during the Time of the Antichrist. Ten kingdoms unite under Satanic power

The Beast arising from the sea, is all seven kingdoms which are collected in one final “World kingdom” with the same Dragon, as the source of authority and power.

Revelation 17:10-12 *“10 and there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space 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. “*

On his horns ten crowns... Ten crowns or kingdoms make up the initial kingdom but at the Midpoint or earlier 3 of the 10 kings are subdued by the little horn.

Blasphemous name (Gr. Blasphemia...*vilification* ((especially against God)) blasphemy, evil speaking, railing.) Each of these kingdoms have railed against the God of Israel in their own way. The Antichrist, which is incarnated by Satan, will be the ultimate blasphemer. He will demand worship from the whole earth.

The beast which I saw.... Verse 2 draws from the 3 additional beasts of Daniel 7.

Daniel 7:3-6: ***³And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. ⁴The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ⁵and behold another beast, a second like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it. 'Arise, devour much flesh.' ⁶After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion given to it."***

The reason the beast of **Rev 13** has characteristics from the 3 previous animals described in Daniel 7 depends on your understanding of Daniel. Most interpret **Daniel 7** in combination with the rest of the book of Daniel in foretelling the succession of kingdoms leading toward the final kingdom.

1. The Lion represented Babylon
2. The Bear represented Persia
3. The Leopard represented Greece
4. The Beast represented Rome

Rome is revived at the end for the final conflict between Israel & the Messiah, and The World and Antichrist. This combination of "animals" composing the final kingdom on the Earth in **Revelation 13** means two things.

1. The final kingdom, "Revived Rome," will have characteristics of the 3 previous kingdoms, Babylon, Persia, and Greece.
2. The final kingdom, "Revived Rome," will be a "world kingdom" ruling the lands of the 3 previous kingdoms. Daniel **7:23** says this kingdom ***"shall devour the whole earth."***

The kingdom of Antichrist will be a world kingdom with a world capital. Revelation 18 and Isaiah 14 confirm the rebuilding of Babylon as the capitol city of Antichrist. Revelation 17 demonstrates he will try to unite the world through a "World-wide religion".

The dragon gave him... The dragon is a reference to Satan who along with his angelic following was kicked out of Heaven. Satan is the power behind the Beast and his Kingdom. Satan, before his expulsion from Heaven, had tremendous power and influence in the kingdoms of Men. (Luke 4:5, 2 Cor. 4:4, Job 1:12, 2:6) At his last stand, Satan and his forces concentrate their power in one final attempt to thwart God's plan.

Beast out of the Sea: The Man

Revelation 13:3

³And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."

I saw one of his heads.... The heads represent the succession of kingdoms throughout history opposed to God's redemption through Israel's Messiah. This Seventh head represents a "Revived Roman" kingdom, which has recovered from its mortal wound. This head, the "Roman Head," is led by the Antichrist who is Satan himself. John, like Daniel, focuses on the Beast's appearance and notices one of the 7 heads. Daniel notices one horn among the 10 and describes its appearance and actions.

Daniel 7:8 ***"I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."***

Mortally wounded.... The Beast is somehow mortally wounded, and from Rev 17:8 we know he dies or appears to die, went into Hell, and ascended out of Hell. The Beast has a satanic counterfeit of Christ's resurrection. The death of the Beast corresponds with the fall of Satan from Heaven. At the death of the Beast, Satan was able to indwell the body to begin to rule the world thru the Antichrist. Revelation 17:8 ***"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."*** The mortal wound becomes the focus of worship during the last half of the tribulation. (Rev 13:12)



All the world marveled.... The mysterious death of this world leader and his resurrection will give credibility to the next phase of Satan’s plan. The world turns to the Beast not only as a political leader but also as “god on earth”. Satan’s pride was his undoing. In Heaven he sought to be god; he will seek to be god on earth too.

Ezek. 28:1-2 *“The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God.”*

2 Cor. 4:3-4 *3But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, 4 in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”*

Daniel foretells the character of this coming world leader; he is the ultimate example of man’s fallen nature as he seeks to glorify himself above all.

Dan 11:36-37 *36“And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done 37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.”*

CONTRAST OF JESUS	TO ANTICHRIST
Christ came from above John 6:38	Antichrist will ascend from the pit, Rev 11:7
Christ came in his Father’s name John 5:43	Antichrist will come in his own name, John 5:43
Christ humbled Himself Phil 2:8	Antichrist will exalt himself 2 Thess. 2:4
Christ was despised Isa 53:3, Luke 23:18	Antichrist will be admired, Rev 13:3-4
Christ will be exalted, Phil 2:9	Antichrist will be cast down to hell, Isa. 14:14-15, Rev. 19:20
Christ came to do his Father’s will, John 6:38	Antichrist will come to do his own will, Dan 11:36
Christ came to save, Luke 19:10	Antichrist will come to destroy, Dan. 8:24
Christ is the good shepherd, John 10:1-15	Antichrist is the “idol shepherd”, Zech 11:16-17
Christ is the “true vine”, John 15:1	Antichrist is the “vine of the earth”, Rev. 14:18
Christ is the “Truth”, John 14; 6	Antichrist is the “lie”, 2 Thess. 2:11
Christ is the “Holy one”, Mark 1:24	Antichrist is the “Lawless one” 2 Thess. 2:8
Christ is the “man of sorrows”, Isa 53:3	Antichrist is the “man of sin”, 2 Thess. 2:3
Christ is the “Son of God”, Luke 1:35	Antichrist is the “son of perdition” 2 Thess. 2:3
Christ is “the mystery of godliness: God - manifest in the flesh” 1 Tim. 3:16	Antichrist will be “the mystery of the iniquity” Satan manifest in the flesh, 2 Thess. 2:7

COMPARISON OF THE BEASTS

	DANIEL 7	REVELATION 12	REVELATION 13	REVELATION 17
ANIMALS	BEAST	RED DRAGON	OUT OF THE SEA	SCARLET BEAST
HEADS	DANIEL 1:7-20	REV. 12:3	REV. 13:1	REV. 17:3
HORNS	10-(3) =7 -3 horns subdued by 1 horn. (7:20) -Horn waged war on saints (7:20)	10(12:3)	10(13:1)	10(17:3)
CROWNS		7(12:3)	10(13:1)	
TIME	Time, Times, ½ Time (7:25)	-1260 days (12:6) -Time, Times & ½ time (12:14)	42 months (13:5) Exercise authority	
EVENTS	-Little horn speaks against Most High (7:25) -Oppress saints Change times set laws (7:25) -Victory over saints for 3.5 years (7:25) -Power taken away completely destroyed (7:26) -Kingdom handed over to saints and "Son of Man"	War in Heaven (12:7) -Dragon hurled to earth (12:9) -Dragon pursues women who gave birth to man-child. (12:13) -Women flees into wilderness from dragon (12; 14) -Earth protects women (Israel) for 1260 days (12:15) -Dragon makes war with offspring of women (12:17)	Dragon gave beast his power, throne & authority (13:2) -Men worshipped dragon -Men worshipped beast -Beast uttered blasphemies (13:5-6) -Beast given power to make war against the saints (13; 7) -All inhabitants of the Earth will worship the Beast. (13:8) -Great Miracles and signs performed in Beast's name (13; 13) Image of beast worshipped (13:14-15)	-10 horns (kings) & Beast will make war on the Lamb (Jesus) (Rev 17:14) -Lamb will defeat Beast (Rev 17:14)

Religion of the Beast

Revelation 13:4-8

“And they worshiped the dragon 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? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 and he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 and it was given unto him to make war 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 worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

They worshipped the dragon.... The religion of the earth will focus on the Beast, the man indwelt by Satan. The Beast and his image will be a central part of the religion of the “kingdom of Satan”. The second half of the tribulation will be an end to the “woman who rides the beast” of Revelation 17.

The Beast... Satan incarnates the beast and will demand worship from the Earth inhabitants, just as he tempted the angels, man, and Jesus on the mount of Temptation (Luke 4:1-13).

Gave authority to the beast.... The dragon (Satan) was the force behind the Beast’s power.

They worshiped the beast.... The beast was Satan and the soul of the Antichrist both indwelling the same body. After the “Glorious return” the Antichrist is cast into the “Lake of fire” and Satan is cast chained into the Abyss. (Rev 19:20,20:2)

Who is able to make war with him...? The kingdom of the beast will have military superiority over the Earth and will seem invincible in the eyes of the world. Prior to the second half of the Tribulation, the Antichrist with “Great fury” meaning great heat annihilates many. (Daniel 11:44). This battle corresponds with the death of 1/3 of the earth population, and the 6th Trumpet. This battle sets the stage for world domination in the second half of the tribulation.

Probably during this period, three of the horns or kings rebel against his authority and are pulled up by the roots as described in Daniel 7:8. *“three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots”*.

Forty-two months.... 1260 days, 3.5 years, the 2nd half of Daniel’s 70 weeks

He opened his mouth.... Satan is outraged at the position he is in because he is not used to being confined to the Earth and he knows his time is short, so he rages against Heaven.

Granted to him to make war with the saints... The saints are those who come to Christ during the 7-year period, and those that are already saved. During this time, Satan intensifies his search for the offspring of the woman who fled into the wilderness for 1260 days. The women's offspring, both physical and spiritual, are hunted down for destruction. When Christ returns, the saints in hiding will be brought before Christ by the angels who will gather them from the nations.

Matthew 24:30-31 *"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 and he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."*

What is the purpose of the persecution? Through the saints' persecution many will come to a saving faith, and the sins of man will be manifest. During the "Sheep and Goats judgment" (**Matthew 25:31-46**) the actions of those on Earth toward the saints will be revealed. God will demonstrate his righteous judgments by the way the saints were treated.

Persecution of Saints

Revelation 13:9-10

"9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: 10 He that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints"

If anyone has an ear.... This is a call for understanding to those who are about to die. The ear is a "spiritual ear." In much the same way as the letters to the churches addressed those who had ears, this is addressed to the surviving believers who are about to be killed. An interesting point can be made here, the church is not addressed, but those who have an ear.

He who leadeth.... God is allowing this to happen for a purpose. In the 5th Seal, we see those who are killed in the first half of the tribulation. Here saints from the second half are prepared for what is to come. Death is not to be feared because the very next phase for the martyr is Heaven where they will stand in God's presence (**Revelation 6:9-11, 7:9-11, 15:2**). There is a place in Heaven waiting for their arrival.

Here is the patience.... The ability to suffer for their testimony will bring many to a saving knowledge in the last days. Much in the same way the early church spread under persecution, this last group of Gentile and Jewish faithful will grow through persecution.

God is allowing this persecution, because its only temporary and exposes those who dwell on the earth for who they truly are. Daniel also wrote about this future period of persecution for the believer.

Daniel 7:25 *"25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time."*

Daniel also saw this period as 3.5 years (Time and times and half a time), to be followed by a period when the saints would rule over the kingdom. Because God would resurrect the martyred saints following this period of suffering, they were to endure.

Daniel 7:26-27 *"26 'But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."*

Daniel 12:13 *"13 But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."*

As we see things coming together in the world for a one world system, a one world religious system, and declining morality, we know this is the season to be prepared for what is to come. As children of light, we must take our light into the darkness and bring others to the light. This is not the time to be complacent.