



REV 13: 3-10

KJV 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. 4And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7And 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. 8And 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. 9If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

In Chapter 12 we see the dragon (Satan) who pursues the woman (Israel) standing on the **“sand of the sea”**. Out of the sea rises a Beast (kingdom of Antichrist) which becomes the vehicle used by Satan to subdue the whole world under his direct power. This kingdom of the Beast will use four realms of influence to subdue man:

- politics
- military
- religious
- economic

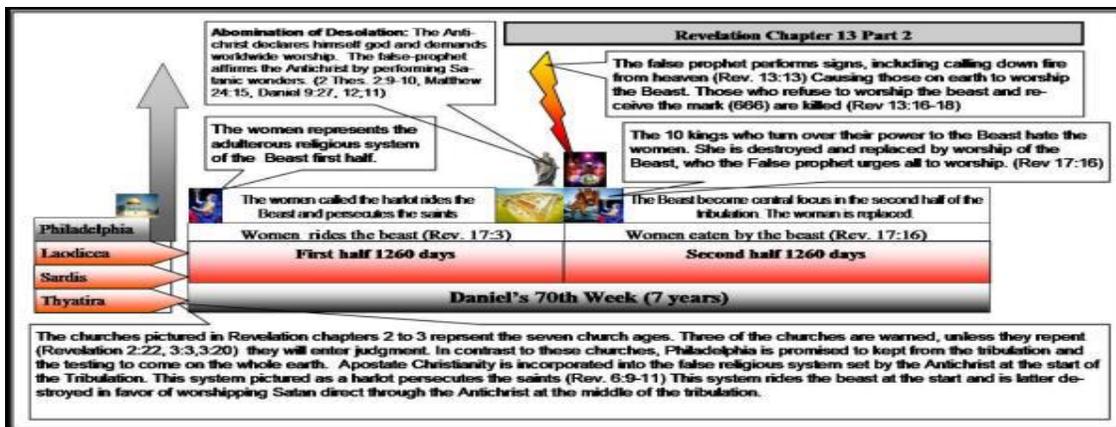
The Beast or the “Little horn” of Daniel 7:8 focuses on the military and political realms. While the second beast, the False Prophet will focus on the religious and economic means of submission.

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church, Liguori Publications, 1994, Pg. 223, Paragraph 841

² ibid, Pg. 222, Paragraph 839

In the 13th chapter, John sheds light on the methods used by this final world government to cement his universal power. The religious aspect of his kingdom takes a turn at the midpoint of the tribulation. The first 3.5 years of the 7-year tribulation the Antichrist and the False Prophet unite the world under a universal religious system (**Revelation 17:1-6**). In the 2nd half, the focus of this religious system becomes the Beast inhabited by Satan. The False Prophet performs satanic wonders including the “calling down of fire from heaven” to awe humanity into worshipping the Beast. He points to the resurrected Beast, the leader of the kingdom also called the Beast, urges Earth’s inhabitants to worship him. He instructs the world to create and worship an image of the first Beast. The image through satanic power appears to come to life and speak.

Those refusing to worship the image are subjected to death. If the military, political and spiritual power did not convince inhabitants of the Earth, the False Prophet applies economic tools to move the Earth’s inhabitants to submit. Those left alive on the Earth at this point in the 7-year tribulation must choose. They will have to accept the Antichrist as god on earth and live or accept Christ and face death. Those alive and faced with these choices will know exactly what to do based on the 13th chapter of Revelation.



The False Prophet

Revelation 13:11-12 *“¹¹ And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹²” And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”*

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I saw another beast... This is the third member of this unholy trinity, Satan's counterfeit of the trinity. This beast is a man called the "False prophet" (Rev 19:20). He is a religious leader who counterfeits the Holy Spirit, by pointing to the Beast (First Beast) as the object of truth and worship. The false-prophet and the Antichrist work together from the start. This new world religion will operate under the false ideal of "Relative truth", those who insist on Jesus being the focus of objective truth will be killed during the first half of the tribulation. (Revelation 6:9-11) Jesus spoke about this individual and the antichrist in the Olivet discourse:

Matthew 24:24 *"²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you before."*

Out of the earth.... (Gr. Ge....arable land, earth as a standing place) Contrasted to the "Beast out of the Sea" this Beast is out of the earth. Some commentators feel this reference to the Earth means he will be an apostate religious leader as opposed to being out of the sea of humanity.

He had two horns like a lamb.... (Gr. Arnion...diminutive of areen, affection term *lambkin* used mainly in Revelation, 29 out of 30 times) Lambs are used mainly in the scriptures as a picture of sacrifice; Jesus is called the "Lamb of God", God's Passover lamb. The lamblike nature of this beast demonstrates his religious aspect. The two horns have significant meaning and can be interpreted in several ways. It can also mean that it poses as the Christ when it is not Christ. Remember, Jesus came as a lamb.

Horns are clearly spelled out in scripture as representing seats of authority. The ten horns of the beast represent ten kings (Rev 17:12, Daniel 7:24). In Daniel 8, the horns on the ram and goat represent the Kings of Greece, Persia, and Media. These powers in the conflict, picture Greece as the one-horned goat and Persia-Media as the two-horned ram. Jesus is also pictured as a horn in Luke, He is called a "Horn of salvation," (Luke 1:69).

The two horns on this lamb can represent two distinct religious systems unified by the false prophet. There is strong evidence to suggest, this united religious system will be the adulterous church pictured in three of the seven churches (Laodicea, Sardis, Thyatira) unified with the remnants of Islam by the False Prophet.

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Four points regarding this position:

1. Catholicism already accepts Muslims and Jews as having salvation, without having to believe Jesus died on the Cross, or that he is the Son of God. (Quoted from their doctrinal statements)

841*The Church's relationship with the Muslims.* "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day."^[330]^[1]

839 "Those who have not yet received the Gospel are related to the People of God in various ways."³²⁵ *The relationship of the Church with the Jewish People.* When she delves into her own mystery, the Church, the People of God in the New Covenant, discovers her link with the Jewish People,³²⁶ "the first to hear the Word of God."³²⁷ The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to God's revelation in the Old Covenant. To the Jews "belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ",³²⁸ "for the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."³²⁹ ^[2]

2. Islam as a major force on the scene must be reduced for the Jewish Temple to be rebuilt at start of the 7-year tribulation period. The "Dome of the Rock" must be either be destroyed which is either the cause or the conclusion of a war between Islam and Israel. A defeated Islam will be ripe for a new religious system. If the dome of the rock isn't destroyed, then the temple will have to be built in a different site.



3. Those living at this time will look to unify a world filled with war and chaos, resulting from the Islamic war against Israel, (Ezekiel 38-39), and the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple. This church is exemplified by the Jesus' response to the 5 virgins who missed the coming of the bridegroom,

(Matthew 25:11-13) ***"11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, 'verily I say unto you, I know you not.' 13 'Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."***

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This same warning to watch is issued to the church of Sardis, which is warned they will miss his coming if they fail to watch. **Revelation 3:3** *“Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.”*

4. The adulterous church is destroyed in the 2nd half of the tribulation period as this unified faith is turned away from the adulterous woman and toward the Beast. (**Revelation 17:16**).

Spake like a dragon.... The source of this world religion will be Satan, whose goal is to destroy those created in the image of God. Biblical Christianity is exclusive; there is no room for a competing “Jesus.” Islam denies Jesus is God in the flesh and the Son of God, and that He died on the cross. The Muslim Jesus is not the Jesus of the Bible. Islam believes Jesus was a prophet, but not Messiah. Judaism today rejects Jesus as Messiah and labels him a false prophet. Many in the ecumenical movement deny Jesus as the son of God along with countless heretical beliefs. Here is what the bible says about those who reject the biblical Jesus.

1 John 2:22-23. *“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. ²³ Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”*

Matthew 7:22-23 *“Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?’ ²³ And then I will profess unto them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who work iniquity. (practice lawlessness)”*

In the second half of the tribulation it will involve the removal of religion’s mask, humanity will worship Satan in the person of the Antichrist, who will demand worldwide worship. Those who refuse will be killed. People worldwide will not be able to buy or sell anything unless they totally submit to the Beast and his false prophet. Daniel foretold this nature of the Antichrist over 2500 years ago.

Daniel 11:37 *“Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above them all.”*

Exercises all the power.... The role of this “false prophet” is to help the world accept the claims of the first beast. The first Beast is Satan manifested, so the second Beast is in complete union with him and works to bring him credibility.

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Before him..... As Aaron was the spokesman for Moses before Pharaoh and Egypt. The false prophet will represent the Beast before the world. In his name and presence, he points people on Earth to the Beast.

Causes the earth.... With signs and wonders and demonic spirits the Earth is deceived.

2 Thes 2:11-12 ***“¹¹And for this cause God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, ¹²that they all may be damned (condemned) who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”***

Rev 16:13-14 ***“¹³And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴For they are spirits of devils, working miracles, 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.**”*

Worship the beast.... The goal of the false prophet is for people to accept the deification and worship of the Beast.

Whose deadly wound was healed.... The death and resurrection of the Beast at the Mid-point will be in conjunction with the casting out of Satan from Heaven. His death and resurrection will be highlighted as evidence for the Beast being God on Earth. In the same way Jesus was crucified and resurrected was evidence of his being the Son of God, Satan will counterfeit the resurrection.

Satanic Signs & Wonders

Revelation 13:13-14 ***“¹³ And He doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”***

He doeth great wonders.... The false prophet does the wonders (signs) as a means of deception. Signs are not limited to God's kingdom alone. God allows Satan to also perform signs as a way of testing people.

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Deuteronomy 13:1-4 ¹*"If there arise among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Ye shall walk after the LORD and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him and cleave unto him."*

2 Thess 2:9-10 ⁹*Even him, (the lawless one) whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness (deception) in them that perish, because they received not the love of the truth, and they might be saved."*

A wicked and adulterous generation will turn from "Truth" to a "Lie" for the sake of a sign (Matthew 16:4). The psychics who claim to speak to the dead are in fact speaking to "Familiar Spirits", demons posing as departed loved ones (Lev 19:31, 20:6, 20:27). The practice is old; Satan has deceived people for thousands of years using the system. But God allows the deception because those who choose to follow the practice are being disobedient and, in the process, failing a test. Satan's restrictions on his deceptions will be removed during the 2nd half of the tribulation.

Maketh fire come down.... An impressive sign to those on the Earth who are being deceived, but a clear identifier to believers who are waiting for the return of Christ. Who will be able to question such signs without knowing the Truth? This is also a counterfeit sign of the two witnesses who called down fire on their enemies.

Which he had power to do.... Satan can only do what he is permitted to do as demonstrated in Job. Man is not being tempted beyond his ability to say no. But the test on earth has intensified because the time is short.

Job 1:9-10 ⁹*Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought (nothing) ¹⁰Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and bout all that he hath on ever side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*

Them which dwell therein.... The false prophet instructs the inhabitants on the Earth how to worship the Beast.

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The Image of the Beast.... (Gr...eikon... a likeness, that is, (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance:—image., an icon) Those on the earth will demonstrate their worship by making an image of the Beast. This is similar to Satan’s deceptions throughout history. The man’s nature is to be worshipped if ultimate power can be obtained. Great military leaders eventually viewed themselves as god on Earth, Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the great, and Julius Caesar are 3 memorable ones. The 20th century has had their share of leader worship transferred to image veneration. Lenin, Mao, Kim il Sung and Hitler are recent examples of leader worship turned to image veneration. Man worship will ultimately be played out as Satan inhabits the body of a man and demands the world worship him as god.



One of the first acts of Satan is to immediately have the first 3 of 10 commandments broken.

1. No god but God.
2. Do not make an image.
3. Do not worship the image

The resurrection of the Beast will be the focus of the image for those dwelling on the Earth.

In Daniel 3, the bible prepares the world for this coming event by the example of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, the three Hebrew boys who choose death rather than worship the image the king of Babylon sets up. The image is 60 cubits high, and 6 cubits wide, (60, 6) everyone was to bow to the image when the music played. The Hebrews refused and were thrown into a fiery furnace and were not harmed as one like; the “Son of God” rescued them. (Dan 3:25). The message in Daniel is to the whole world, if three Hebrew boys could survive a fiery furnace because the “Son of God” was in their midst, then we can survive because the “Son of God” has redeemed us, but we must not submit to the Beast.

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Daniel 3:1,7,17-18,25

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits and breadth thereof six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up."

17 "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king."

18 "But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

25" He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

God through the book of Daniel demonstrates the way of salvation for those living in the tribulation period. The picture of Daniel 3 when contrasted to Revelation 13 is striking.

	DANIEL 3	REVELATION 13
RULER	King of Babylon Daniel 3:1	King of final Babylon (Revelation 17, 18, Isaiah 14)
ACTION	King of Babylon set up an image	Antichrist sets up an image
NUMBER ASSOCIATED WITH IMAGE	60 x 6 (Daniel 3:1)	666 (Rev. 13:18)
INVOLVES	All peoples, nations, and languages (Daniel 3:7)	All those who dwell on the earth (Rev. 13:8,14)
THREAT	Worship the image or die	Worship the image or die
REBELS	Jewish men refuse to worship	The remnant, Jews, Israel refuses to worship
RESULT	Thrown into a fiery furnace	Israel and all those alive go into great tribulation (Revelation 12)
RESCUE	One like the son of man	Son of Man (Daniel 7:13)

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The image of the Beast

Revelation 13:15 *¹⁵ And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

And he had power.... The image created by men of the Beast seemingly comes to life. This Satanic miracle is allowed to take place by God. Man is being tested by this part of the strong delusion that God is allowing to fall on those who refuse to believe the "Truth". The "Image" of the Beast comes to life and takes and further validates the identity of the "Beast". Those who know the scriptures will have a clear choice.

The image of the beast.... The satanic powered Beast-Image is then able to reveal all who refuse worship, those who refuse are executed. Worldwide hunts will begin for those who are identified by the Beast for refusing to worship. For this reason, many will go into hiding and it will take the Angels at the return of Christ to find them and bring them to meet their Lord.

Matthew 24:30-31 *³⁰ 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.*

The Economic system of the Beast

Revelation 13:16-18 *¹⁶ And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ¹⁷ And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. . ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666).*

He causes all..... The False Prophet will implement a system to demand worship from all. The rich and powerful will not be able to escape the requirements. All people will need to submit to worshipping of the Beast.

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To receive a mark (Gr...charagma ; a scratch or etching, that is, stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue), graven, mark.) The Greek word indicates the mark to be an outside mark demonstrating loyalty and submission to the Beast. The location of the mark is either on the forehead or on the wrist.

That no one may buy or sell... The mark will be a system that allows control of the individual. Without submission to the Beast there will be no ability to participate in the economic system. Food, clothing, shelter, and fuel will not be available to those who have not submitted to the Beast.

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New technologies known as biometrics are being developed to track and control segments of the population. With the increase in terrorism little resistance to such a system can be logically justified today. Fear of terrorism has removed many of our concerns of intrusive government; citizens want to know who is a threat. One way is to have everybody marked and accounted for. VeriChip is just one company developing a system that is being used by some countries today.

Save he that had the mark Three types of identifications are listed.

1. The mark
2. Name of the Beast
3. Number of his Name

Let him who has understanding.... Here is another call of understanding to those who are alive at the Midpoint. This is one more piece of evidence for those who are alive not to accept the mark.

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The number of a man..... The Antichrist is a Man, and his name or some identifier is listed as a number. Each letter in a name has a numerical equivalent. When the letters in a name are added the total numerical value is the number of the name. Most interpreters of revelation feel this is what is meant by this verse. Whether the name uses a Greek or Hebrew letter is not known.

There is some evidence that the mark of the beast that is mentioned is also something quite different than just numbers. A former Muslim (terrorist) that became a Christian was given the opportunity to look at an ancient manuscript called the Codex Vaticanus. It is one of the oldest copies of the Bible, dating from the 4th century. As he read it, he saw symbols or writing instead of the numbers 666. He instantly knew what it was. It was Arabic for “There is no God but Allah and Muhammed is his messenger. This is imprinted on badges worn on Muslims foreheads and arms. The original text that says hand in **Revelation 13:16** really should read “arm” or forearm, which coincides with where Muslims wear their “badge” or pledge to Allah and Muhammed. To understand more about this, [Click on this link](#) and watch the interview of the former Muslim that is now in ministry. It explains in detail what verse 16 and 17 says.

If he is correct, then we are not looking for 666 but are looking for the Arabic which says, “There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his messenger.” This would tie in with horsemen with the swords and the fact that the Muslims are the enemies of the Jews and Christians.

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² *ibid*, Pg. 222, Paragraph 839