

Revelation 13:1b-10

The Unleashing of the Beast
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The Beast and His Kingdom

Revelation 13:1b Then I saw a **beast** coming up out of the sea, having **ten horns** and **seven heads**, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

Daniel 7:7, 24 After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had **ten horns**...As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

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Daniel's Visions of Kingdoms

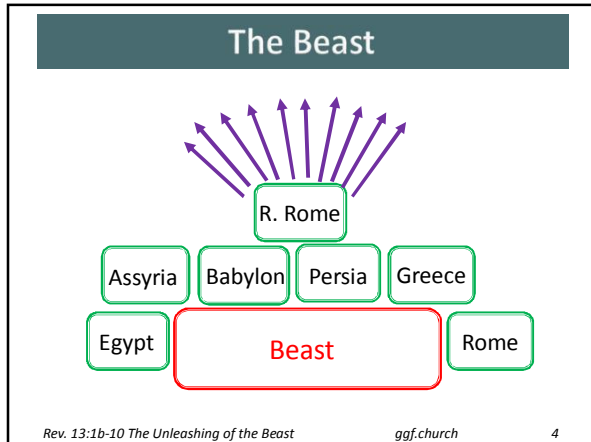
Daniel 2: Statue

1. Head of gold = Babylon
2. Breast and arms of silver = Medo-Persian
3. Belly and thighs of bronze = Greece
4. Legs, feet, & toes of iron and clay = Rome + R. Rome

Daniel 7: Four Beasts From the Sea

1. Lion with eagle's wings = Babylon
2. Bear = Medo-Persian
3. Leopard = Greece
4. Dreadful, iron teeth + 10 horns = Rome + R. Rome

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The Composite Nature of the Beast

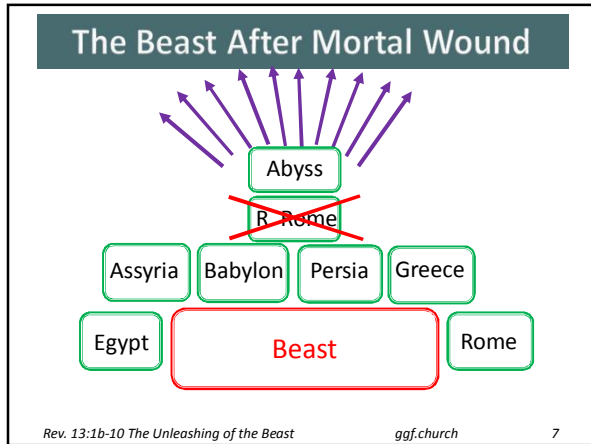
Revelation 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

Leopard = Greece (insatiable blood lust)
Bear = Medo-Persia (brute force)
Lion = Babylon (fearfully devours)

The Counterfeit Resurrection

Revelation 13:3-4 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; 4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

Revelation 5:6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.



The Beast Will Blaspheme God

Revelation 13:5-6 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and **blasphemies**, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. 6 And he opened his mouth in **blasphemies against God**, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

Daniel 7:8 While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth **uttering great boasts**.

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The Beast Attacks God's People

Revelation 13:7-8 It was also given to him **to make war with the saints and to overcome them**, and authority over every tribe and **people and tongue and nation** was given to him. 8 **All who dwell on the earth** will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

Daniel 7:25 He will speak out against the Most High and **wear down the saints** of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

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Believers Must Accept God's Providence

Revelation 13:9-10 LEB If anyone has an ear, let him hear! 10 If anyone is going into captivity, into captivity he goes. If anyone is to be killed by the sword, by the sword he is to be killed. Here is the patient endurance and the faith of the saints.

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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