

# *"A Beast Rising Up Out Of The Sea"*



  
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**“The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened.”**

As we have seen in our prior studies on the book of Daniel, prophecy runs in cycles and tends to follow the principle of “repetition & enlargement”. This principle is also seen in the prophecies of the Revelation, and as we go through this study on Revelation 13, one will notice that the prophecies of Daniel lay the foundation for those of Revelation. In other words, in order to understand the prophecies of the Revelation, one must first study and understand the prophecies of Daniel.



“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. 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.”

Revelation 13:1

What do you notice here that is similar to the prophecies of Daniel?

Immediately we are taken back to Daniel 7, where Daniel himself also saw beasts arising out of the sea: A Lion (Babylon), A Bear (Medo-Persia), A Leopard (Greece) and a fierce looking beast (Roman Empire). These 4 distinct beast as we have seen in our study of Daniel 7, represented 4 distinct world kingdoms that would come upon the scene and play a major role in Bible history and world events.



However, in the case of the Apostle John, he now sees, instead of 4 beasts (nations), 1 beast, comprised of the various parts of the beasts in Daniel's vision. This Beast in Revelation 13, is seen to John as an amalgamation of all those previous kingdoms.

It had the body of a leopard, its core foundation was made up of Greek philosophy, Daniel 7:6, Daniel 8:21-22.

It had the feet of a bear. In addition to its Greek philosophy, it stood upon Medo-Persian principles & laws. The Persians were known to have laws that could never be changed or altered. Esther 1:19, Daniel 6:8.

It had a mouth like a lion. It spoke proudly and exalted itself above all else, Daniel 4:28-30, Daniel 3:1-7. It fully reflected the arrogance, pride and false worship seen in Babylon.



This beast received its power & authority from the Dragon.

It was the Roman Empire, the great and fierce 4th Beast of Daniel 7, here represented in Revelation 13 as a dragon, which gave power and authority to the Papal Roman Empire (“the holy see”) to rule in its stead throughout western Rome, first beginning in the year 538AD until 1798 AD, exactly 1,260 years (time, times & a dividing of time).

We also notice that this Beast of Revelation 13 has 7 heads. If one counts the heads of all the beasts in Daniel 7: Lion (1 head), Bear (1 head), Leopard (4 heads), 4th beast (1 head), we also see a total of seven heads. Additionally, there were also 10 crowns on the 4th beast of Daniel 7:7, and 10 crowns upon the beast of Revelation 13, representing the 10 divisions of the western Roman Empire which arose after it fell.



We are told that this beast of Revelation 13 had a “blasphemous name”, and in Daniel 7:8,20,24,25, we see that coming up amongst the 10 horns was a little horn speaking “blasphemous” or “pompous words” against the Most High.

This little horn power, which we have identified in our prior studies of Daniel 7 & Daniel 8, is no other than the Roman Catholic Papal Power. In Revelation 13, this power is referred to as “the beast arising out of the sea”, and is seen as a conglomerate or a combination of all the powers which came before it: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and the Roman Empire.

This is not a new teaching, but rather, this was common knowledge among Protestant Churches during the days of the Reformation of the 13-16th Century. Unfortunately many Protestants today forget history and have all now joined themselves back with the Papal Power, rejecting the history and prophecies that are clear.



Throughout Daniel and the Revelation, this same power is constantly repeated over and over again under various names but as you study, one will notice that the characteristics of this power are always the same. She is a persecuting power, who persecuted and will again persecute God's faithful elect in these last days. She is a blasphemous power, speaking great words against Christ and exalts herself above all that is God. She sits in the temple or the Church of Christ, claiming to be a Christian organisation, yet she is completely contrary to anything Christian. She clothes paganism in Christian robes and the whole world has wondered after her. She is the Great Harlot, an apostate bride, who sits upon or rules over the affairs of this world. She commits spiritual fornication with the kings of the earth and the great businessmen of the earth.

Scripture is clear that the Papal power is clearly the AntiChrist power.



This and all the previous post in this current Bible Study Series is not aimed at any particular individual within Catholicism, but it is aimed at the organisation itself. It is Pagan in its foundational beliefs and many are deceived.

God has many faithful people within Roman Catholicism and He wants them all to be saved. Actually He wants that all people turn from their sins and turn to Him, Ezekiel 33:11; John 3:16.

Christ said that before He comes again, the gospel must be preached to every nation, and exposing the Beast power/The antiChrist system is all a part of the everlasting Gospel and must therefore be preached, Matthew 24:14, Revelation 14:6-12.

Therefore “Come out” of Babylon, come out of the lies and deception, and look to Christ and not to man. The Protest continues!





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