



Revelation 13

# Revelation – Chapter Thirteen

# THE THREE BEASTS IN REVELATION

1. The Beast from the Bottomless Pit (11:7; 17:8)
2. The Beast from the Sea (13:1)
3. The Beast from the Earth (13:11)



# Three Beasts of Revelation

BEAST (DRAGON) FROM THE ABYSS – Ch. 12	THE BEAST FROM THE SEA 13:1-10	THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH 13:11-18
Fiery Red		
Seven Heads		
Ten Horns		Two horns like a lamb
Seven Diadems on his Heads		Voice like a dragon
Sought to Destroy Child		Exercises authority of first beast
Cast out of Heaven		Causes earth to worship first beast
Cast to the Earth		Performs great signs
Called Devil and Satan		Receives those who dwell on earth
Persecuted the woman		Told those on earth to worship image of first beast
Persecuted the rest of her offspring	Authority over tribes, nations, etc.	
	All who dwell on earth worship	

NOTE: In addition to the three beasts, there is also an *image of* the first beast (vss. 14-15).

# The “Unholy Trinity”

## THE BEAST FROM THE SEA IS NOT THE DRAGON

1. Dragon gave him his power, throne, authority (2)
2. Worshiped dragon who gave authority to beast (4)



## BEAST FROM THE EARTH IS NOT THE DRAGON

1. Different appearance
2. It had only two horns (11)
3. It spoke *like* a dragon (11)



## THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH IS NOT BEAST FROM THE SEA

1. It was *another* beast (11)
2. Exercises authority of first beast (12)
3. Causes earth to worship first beast (12)





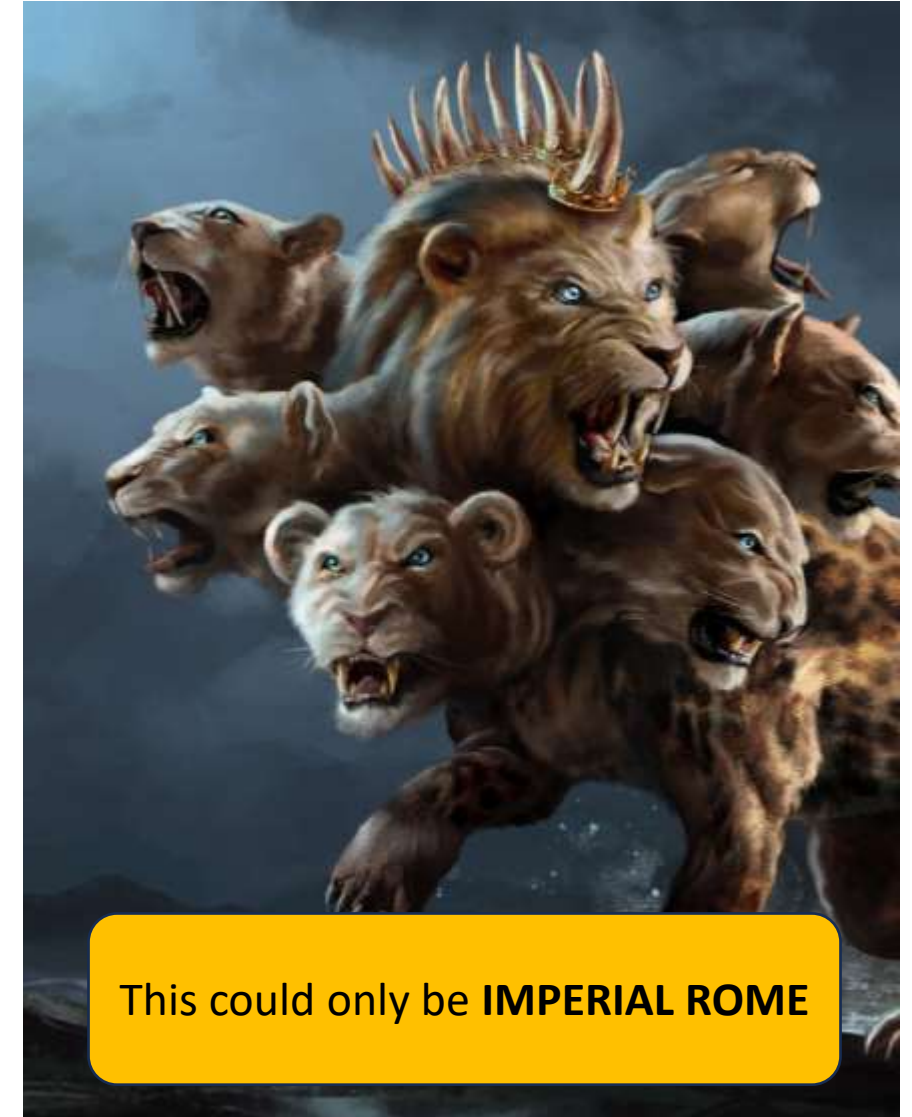
# What is the Fiery Red Dragon? – Revelation 12

- A great, fiery red dragon - 3
- With Seven heads - 3
- And ten horns - 3
- And seven diadems on his heads - 3
- His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth - 4
- The dragon stood before the woman... ready to devour the child - 4
- Fought with Michael - 7
- Did not prevail - 7
- No room in heaven - 8
- Was cast out - 9
- That Serpent of old – 9; 2 Cor 11:3
- *Called Devil and Satan - 9*
- Deceives the whole world –9; (2 Cor 11:3)
- Was Cast to the earth – 9; John 12:30; John 16:11
- His angels were cast out with him – 9; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6
- Spewed water out of his mouth - 15
- Was enraged with the woman - 15
- Made war with the rest of her offspring - 17
- This could only be **SATAN**



DANIEL 7	CHARACTERISTICS	REV 13
2, 3	A beast	1
3	Out of the sea	1
*6	Seven heads	1
7-8, 20-24	Ten horns	1
	Ten crowns	1
8, 11, 20, 25	Blasphemous names on heads	1
11:36	Speaking great things	5-6
*6	Like a leopard	2
*5	Feet of a bear	2
*4	Mouth like a lion	2
2, 8:24	Dragon gave him power	2
	Given mouth speaking great, blasphemies	5
7:25; 11:7	Given authority to continue 42 months	5
	Opened his mouth in blasphemy against God	6
	Blaspheme God's name	6
	Blaspheme God's tabernacle	6
	Blaspheme those who dwell in heaven	6
7:21, 25:8:24	Granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them	7
7:23	Authority given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation	7
	All who dwell on earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.	8
11:33	Captivity, Sword, Flame, Plunder	10

# Beast from sea – Revelation 13



This could only be **IMPERIAL ROME**

# The “Nero Redivivus” Myth



- Nero’s wound was mortal... but
- Nero did not rise from the dead.
- Nero never returned to the throne.
- Did John believe a myth?
- Did Jesus believe a myth?
- Did John (or Jesus) mistake Domitian for Nero?
- This seems a very dissatisfactory interpretation.



# Who is the Beast from the Earth?

Two horns like a lamb – 11

Spoke like a dragon - 11

Exercises all authority of the first beast - 12

Causes the **earth** to worship the first beast – 12

Performs great signs - 13

Causes fire to come down from heaven on the **earth** - 13

Deceives those who dwell on the **earth** by signs

Telling those who dwell on the **earth** to make an image of the beast – 14

Granted power to give breath to the image of the beast

Causes all to have a mark of the beast on right hand for forehead

None may buy or sell without the mark

**His number is 666**



1. The Emperor Cult?
2. Pagan Religions?
3. Jewish False Prophets?  
(Matt 7:15; Rev 16:13; 19:20; 20:10)



# Who was the Beast – 666?

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666. (Rev 13:18 NKJV)

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## Nero Caesar (Latin)

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# The Purpose of Revelation Thirteen

- The purpose of Revelation thirteen seems to be very similar to the meaning of Daniel chapter nine.
  - John supplies the identity of a great world power that will exercise dominion over the earth.
  - John identifies a specific ruler who will blaspheme God and make war with the saints
  - Daniel was assured “the saints of the Most High will possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.”
  - John’s reassurance will come later in Revelation.

"I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: 'Those great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings *which* arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

(Daniel 7:15-18 NKJV)



"Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns *are* ten kings *Who* shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first *ones*, And shall subdue three kings. 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. 'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy *it* forever. 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 7:23-27 NKJV)

# The “Cliff Notes”

- The nation of Rome will arise and exercise the power of Satan over the earth.
- The world will worship Satan vicariously through the Roman Empire.
- It will persecute the saints and overcome them.
- False prophets will exercise the authority of Rome and cause the earth to worship Rome.
- They will exploit the authority of the empire to persecute the saints.
- It will ostracize and boycott believers who do not worship Rome
- This beast is identified with Caesar Nero who organized the first persecution of Christians.

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