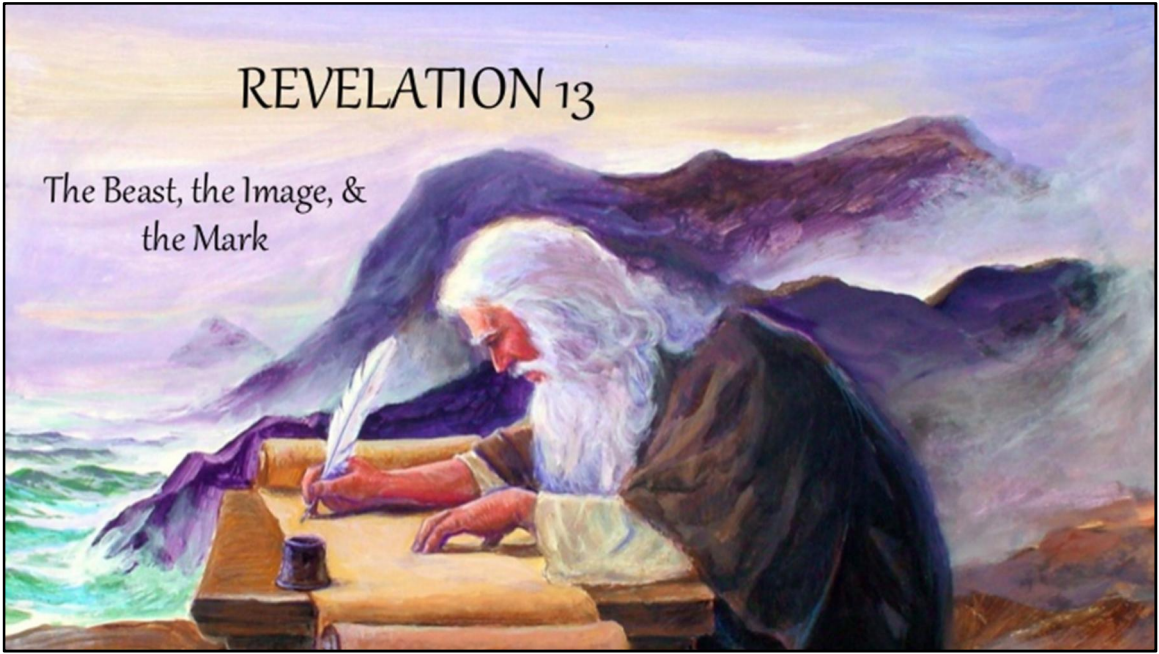


# REVELATION 13

The Beast, the Image, &  
the Mark



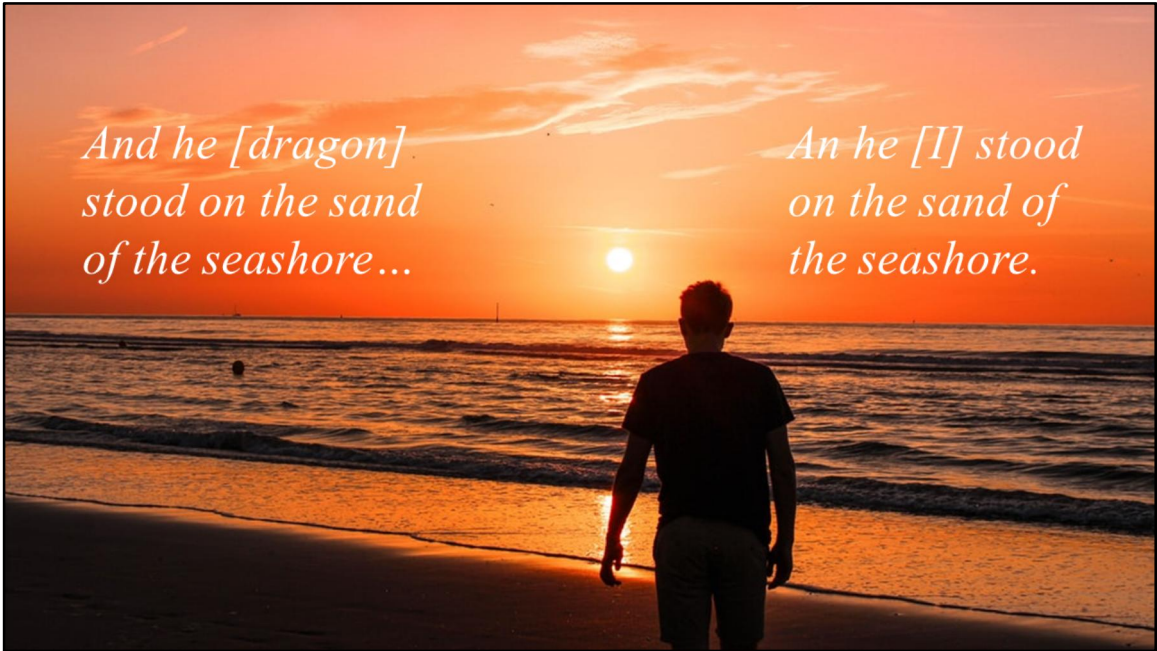


We are still in a parenthetical point in Revelation where chronologically we are not progressing but filling in with more background information.

In the previous chapter we were introduced to 5 of the 7 actors in this tribulation drama: the woman Israel, the woman's child the Christ, the dragon Satan, the Archangel Michael the protector of Israel, and last the remnant of Israel.

In Chapter 13 we are introduced to the last two actors and perhaps the most mysterious: the Beast from the Sea the

Anti-Christ and the Beast of the Earth the false prophet.



*And he [dragon]  
stood on the sand  
of the seashore...*

*An he [I] stood  
on the sand of  
the seashore.*

**13** *And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.*

Or

*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, ...*

There is some disagreement as to who stood on the sand of the seashore, the dragon (Satan) or John. This is due to a single letter being dropped from or added to the verb in the sentence in some manuscripts. This is a minor issue but the story line fits better when the dragon is viewed here. In some translations the first sentence in Rev 13:1 is placed in Chapter 12 as the last sentence. In this case it would fit the narrative better again with the dragon in

view, not John.





1 And 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. 2 And 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.



The identity of this beast widely believed by dispensationalist as the Revived Roman Empire due to the almost identical description in Daniel 7:7-8 where the fourth beast (Rome) is described again as having 10 horns (See also Rev 12:3 and Rev 17:3, 7).



## **Who or what is this beast?**

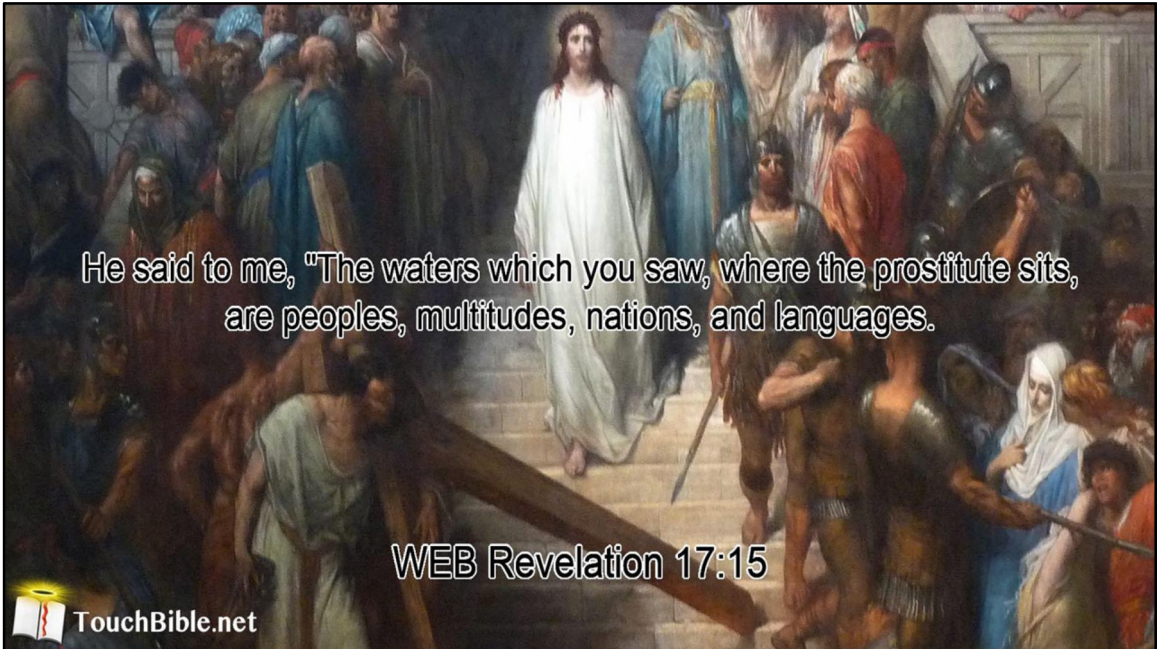
There is a great deal of speculation on the identity of this beast and no one opinion has enough scriptural support to be fixed in its position.

A world historical perspective holds the most scriptural support as the seven heads are most likely 7 major kingdoms of the world which have ruled in the past in succession and some to rule in the future.

This is supported by Daniels visions of the 4 beasts as successive world kingdoms and Revelation 17:9-12



which appears to describe the 7 heads as successive kingdoms. We will look at this in much more detail in chapter 17.



According to Revelation 17:15 we see the sea represents peoples, nations, multitudes and tongues of the world so this beast which comes up out of the sea is believed to be the Anti-Christ which would come out of the nations. The Anti-Christ is the ruler of the revived Roman Empire and it is Satan the dragon which gives him his power, authority and seats him as world ruler.



John sees one of the heads (kingdoms) wounded unto death, a parallel to the Lamb slain in Rev 5:6. The wound is healed and the corpse is revived and the entire world marvels at the miracle.



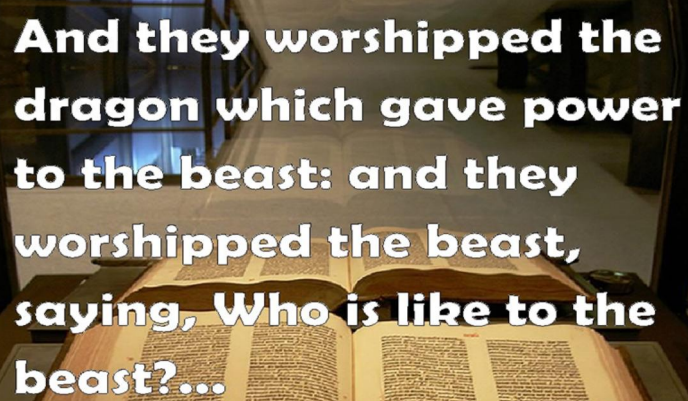
Some believe this revived character to be an actual historic figure, i.e. Nero, Hitler or some other. This is highly unlikely. Dispensationalist are inclined to see this resurrected individual as the pagan Roman Empire having long been the head of the beast now crushed in history, exterminated but to be revived in the future.

Pictured here are Mousseline and a statue of Nero



The beast is both the Anti-Christ and the revived Roman Empire itself. The revival of the future empire is considered a miracle and a demonstration of the power of Satan. The European Union is most likely tied to this Revived Roman Empire. The entire world will follow after this beast.



An open book, likely a Bible, is shown from a top-down perspective, resting on a dark surface. The pages are yellowed with age and contain dense, handwritten text in two columns. The book is slightly open, showing the gutter in the center. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting with some light sources.

**And they worshipped the  
dragon which gave power  
to the beast: and they  
worshipped the beast,  
saying, Who is like to the  
beast?...**

**—Revelation 13:4**

The dragon is Satan. The beast is the collective world powers of world history and includes the Anti-Christ which is the last world ruler.



The final form of apostasy is not simply the worship of some pagan deity but the worship of Satan Himself who ultimately wants to be “*like God*” (Is 14:14).

## Revelation 13:5-6

*<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

Anti-Christ is given authority to act for 42 months by Satan. Again the 3 ½ years, last half of the tribulation. It is clear, however, that he comes into power prior to this as he is the one to sign the 7 year covenant with Israel which begins the tribulation period (Dan 9:27). His role as world ruler over all the nations does not begin until the time of the great tribulation (mid-tribulation).

## Revelation 13:7

King James Version

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.

Here the worldwide extent of the beast's power is indicated. When it says power was given to him is indicative of Satan being the source of that power. Many saints will be martyred during this time along with many who are not saved.

## Daniel 7:23

King James Version

Thus 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.

The fourth beast Daniel speaks of is the Roman Empire, but it is clear Rome in its first appearance did not tread down and crush the entire world just that part they ruled over. The revived Roman Empire, however, will tread down and crush the entire world during the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation known as the Great Tribulation. World war will ensue for that time until Christ's return. This war will be in the form of rebellion from the universal sway of the beast and will peak at the end of the tribulation.



**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.**

**— Revelation 13:8 (NASB®)**

There is some confusion and disagreement by scholars as to the exact interpretation of this passage. Simply it means all those who are not saved will worship the beast.

This Book of Life and how names are included or omitted has mystified many, that is because of the poor translation of the original manuscript into this back water language we call English.

As translated in the NASB and several other translations we read something to the effect, “*everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world...*”

indicating the unsaved have never had their names in this book and never could, it is all predestination.

Let's look at how the KJV translates this passage along with several other translations:

## Revelation 13:8

King James Version

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.

In this translation it speaks of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world not the names of the living written from the foundation.

The best understanding of this Book of life is that all who are born or conceived in this world are written (described) in the book of life and those who do not believe in Christ will have his name blotted out from the Book of Life.

**'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.**

**— Revelation 3:5 (NASB®)**

## Revelation 13:9-10

*<sup>9</sup>If any man have an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup>He 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.*

This invitation is for any that hear. This is similar to the invitation to the 7 churches in chapters 2 & 3 but notice the part that is omitted. "...what the Spirit says to the churches." This part is left out and supports the belief the church is gone and no longer on earth.

Verse 10 demonstrates the law of divine retribution. Those who persecute the Saints and take them captive or kill them will likewise be dealt with in God's ultimate judgement. The Saints must persevere and maintain their faith during this final trial.



Walvoord summarizes this section:

*Taken as a whole, the first ten verses of Revelation 13 predict a future world government which from God's point of view will be a continuation of the ancient Roman Empire expanded ultimately to cover not only the area of the ancient empire but the entire world. This government will be empowered by Satan, and its primary objective will be forcing the whole world to worship Satan and his human representative, the world dictator.*

John Walvoord

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## The Second Beast

**Rev 13:11 Then I saw another beast, which came up out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb's horns, and it spoke like a dragon.**



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FIRST BEAST



SECOND BEAST

Here John sees a second beast arise, this one however says out of the earth. The first beast arose out of the sea and scripture indicates the sea as symbolic of the peoples, tribes, and nations of the world. This beast out of the earth is similar in nature coming from humanity but is more difficult to define.

The best explanation I can find is this beast represents man's spiritual side and moral decline. Man progressively substitutes man's norms for God's norms. It is a beast and a result of man's moral failure as society progresses further and further from God and is continually drawn

more towards evil.



**Rev, 13:12 - And he exercised all the power of the first beast before him, and caused the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.**



Through God's permissive will the second beast's power comes not from anarchy and conquest of war, but out of the daily life of men, their habits of tolerance then compromise, then apathy (loss of love) toward moral values. This is all caused by neglecting and drifting from Christ as the writer of Hebrews points out. These warnings were also clearly transmitted by John's critique of the seven churches earlier in this book.

This second beast is described as a lamb, is referred to later as a false prophet and is involved in worship would indicate him as a religious figure. There is scriptural

evidence that this individual is the head of the apostate church.



We, now, need to go back and review some world history. This is a map of the ancient Roman Empire.



This map shows the division in the Roman Empire which occurred towards the end of Constantine's reign, separating the Catholic Roman Empire with the Eastern Orthodox Catholic. The split was caused by the Bishop of Rome and Bishop of Constantine vying ultimate ecclesiastical power causing the separation.

Constantine became the Roman Emperor in 306 A.D. and reigned until 337. Constantine purportedly converted to Christianity and was baptized by Pope Sylvester. According to the popes, their seat found favor with Constantine and he granted them temporal power of the

Holy See. The Holy See is the Pope.

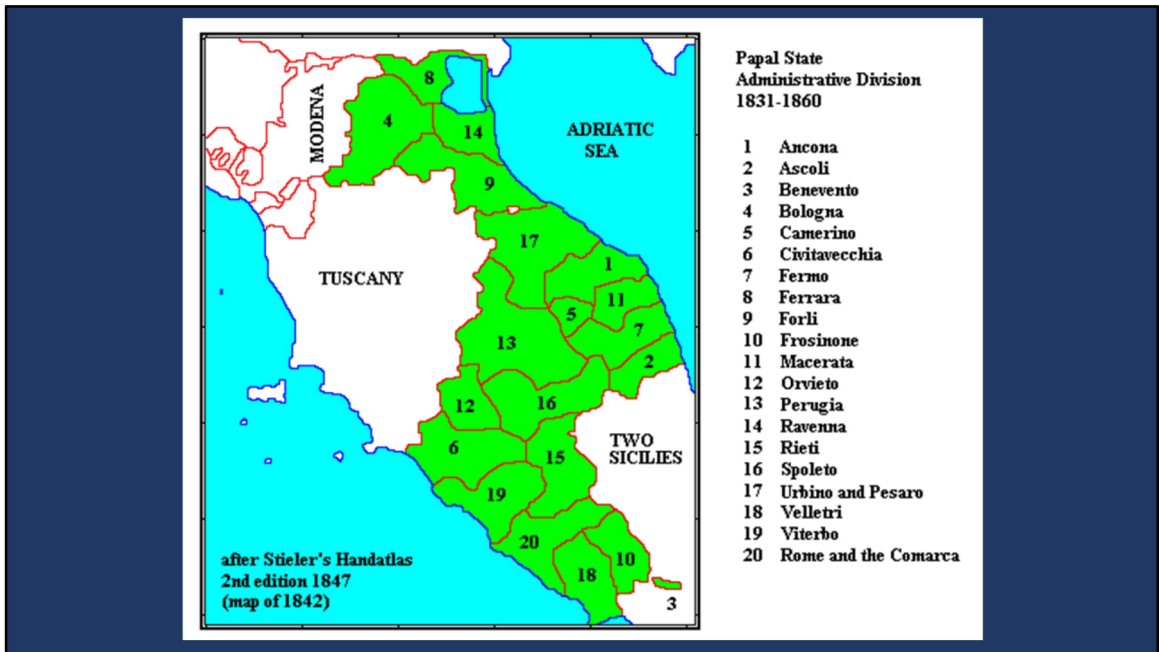


**Temporal power** is the designation of political and secular influence for the leading of a state or states by the Pope of the Catholic Church as distinguished from its pastoral and spiritual duties.

This is exactly like the relationship between the two beasts, where the first beast (Anti-Christ) gives power and authority to the second beast (False Prophet) and in turn the False Prophet champions the first beast as world ruler and worthy of worship. The False Prophet is believed to be the Pope, the head of the Apostate Church.

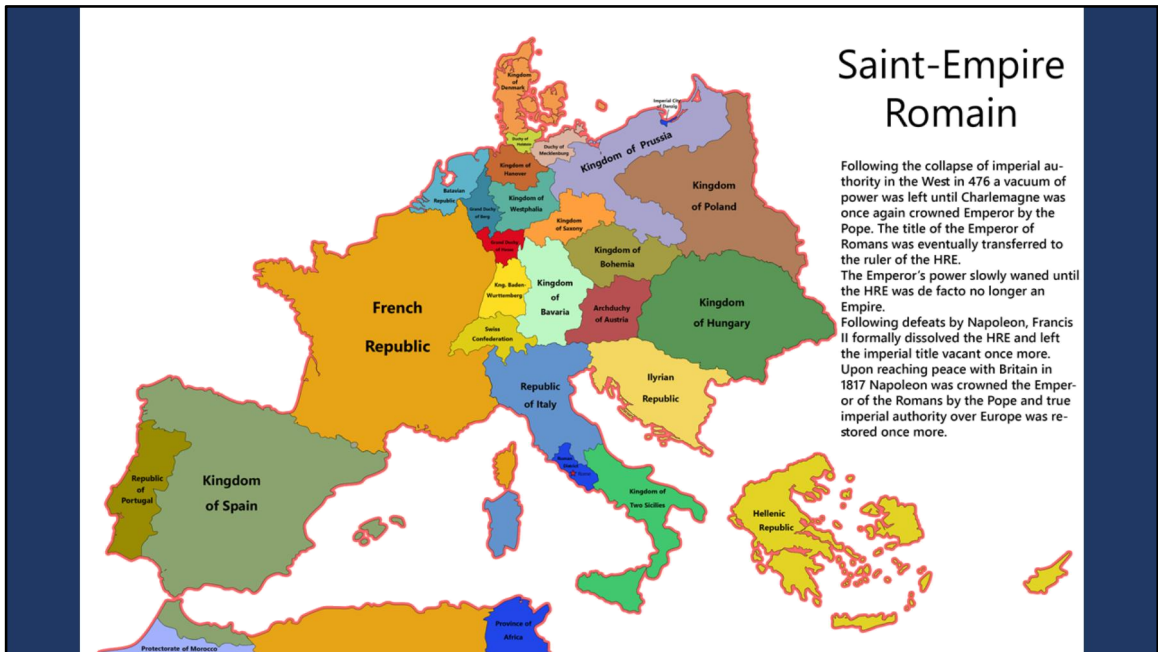


Papal tiara of Pope Pius IX, the last Pope to have reigned over the Papal States.



The Emperor of the Roman Empire gives power to the Church (Pope). Which, in turn influences the states to support the Empire.

This is a map of the Papal States the pope once oversaw. Section 20 is the location of Rome and today the pope rules over only Vatican City within Rome.



[Read slide last]

This new aspect of the empire was headed by the Pope or Popes and grew into what became known as the Holy Roman Empire. Popes grew to such influence that they conducted coronation ceremonies for new monarchs throughout Europe. Europe was dominantly Catholic and was influenced heavily by the church and its Pope. If the pope refused to conduct the coronation ceremony, it showed disfavor of the church with the monarch and therefore did not sit well with the people. For a monarch to survive, he or she needed the pope's blessing. This

gave the church enormous influence and power.

Other than Jesus Christ no other entity has influenced world history as much as the catholic church.

That he speaks like a dragon indicates Satan's evil influence on him. The second exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence and causes the world to worship the first beast.

In Revelation 17 we see the destruction of the apostate church, however this beast survives and facilitates the transition of all worldly worship to focus on the first beast and his image.

**And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.**

**— Revelation 13:14 (NASB®)**

The second beast evidently receives power from Satan to perform numerous miracles. There is scriptural support for Satan's ability to perform miracles (See Job).

Men will be deceived because of these miracles and out of fear or wonder will obey the false prophet and make an image to the first beast who appears to have been resurrected to life.

The image is the center of the false worship and the focal point of the final state of apostasy.

## Revelation 13:15-17

- He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The false prophet is given the ability, by Satan, to give breath to the image. Some translations say life.

According to Walvoord the passage is properly rendered, “*It was given to him to give spirit to the image of the beast.*” The word translated “*life*” (Gk., *pneuma*) as in the Authorized Version, is obviously an incorrect translation, as *pneuma*, commonly translated “*Spirit*” or “*breath*,” is quite different from *Zoe*, which means “*life*.” Expositors usually hold that the extraordinary powers given by Satan to the false prophet do not extend to giving life to that which does not possess life, because



this is a prerogative of God alone.

The intent of the passage seems to be that the image has the appearance of life manifested in breathing, but actually it may be no more than a robot.

The image is quite convincing to the masses and helps to turn them to worship the beast.



**No Mask - No Service  
No Mark - No Sale  
Do You See Where This Is  
Going? They Are Conditioning  
The People To Accept The  
Mark Of The Beast  
[Revelation 13:16-17]**

The mark of the beast is simply a token that they are beast worshipers and is in mimicry of the seal of the Holy Spirit on true believers.



Revelation 13:18

*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.*

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**Nero Caesar (Latin)**

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There is a great deal of speculation as to how this number is arrived. In Roman and Greek alphabet numbers are somehow given values and when letters in a name are added some have derived 666. Some say it indicates Nero the possibly the cruelest Roman Caesar or Domitian. Others have claimed Hitler or some of the popes somehow.

Any of these would create enormous fear if resurrected and empowered to hold world dominion. There is no other scriptural support for these ideas.



**"So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God created he him;  
male and female created he them."**

Genesis 1:27 (KJV)

King James Bible Online .org

The simplest explanation with scriptural support is the number 6 in the bible is representative of man. Man was created on the 6<sup>th</sup> day. Man is to work 6 days and take a sabbath day off. Ground was to be worked 6 years then one skipped as a sabbath year. Hebrew slaves were to be kept 6 years and released the 7<sup>th</sup>. The tabernacle was filled with the number 6.



Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.  
**Psalm 90:12**

There were 6 refuge cities designated in Israel. The number 6 is one short of the perfect number 7 indicating 6 as an imperfect number just as man is an imperfect soul. Three is the sign of completeness. God is complete in the Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The 6-6-6 is complete imperfection, the story of man a completely imperfect creature which could only reach perfection in the one true God.



## 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 12

<sup>1</sup> But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!  
<sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Paul describes the culture during these end times in his second letter to Timothy [2 Tim 3:1-5, 12].

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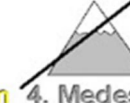
This first handout is a parallel analysis between Daniel’s and John’s descriptions of the historic beasts of world power. You can do your own study on this.


*Revelation 17:10-11*  
**The Seven Mountains are Seven Kings**

  
**1. Egypt**


  
**2. Assyria**


  
**3. Babylon**

  
**4. Medes & Persians**

  
**5. Greece**

**"Five are fallen"**

  
**6. Rome**  
Pagan = Caesar  
"one is"  
In John's day

  
**7. Rome**  
Papal = Pope  
"is yet to come"

**The Woman & The Ten Kings are the next Beast**  
**The 8th Beast**  
"The eighth is of the seven"

use Daniel 2 Iron & Clay

This second handout is a chart of the 7 mountains which are 7 historical world kingdoms. These are the 7 heads of the beast out of the sea. The ten horns are 10 kings which come out of the last world kingdom. I don't necessarily agree with the 7<sup>th</sup> mountain on this chart but we'll discuss that more when we get to Chapter 17.



Questions?