

Introducing the 2 Beasts of Revelation 13

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13:1 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.



The Jewish people in Biblical times regarded the sea as a wild, untamed, frightening place. It was a figure of evil and chaos that seemed to resist God, though the resistance was unsuccessful.

- 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.

Seven heads, ten horns, ten crowns
Body like a leopard
feet like a bear
mouth like a lion



From the place identified with evil and chaos and resisting God, a **beast** comes forth.

Because John calls him a **beast, not a dragon, the beast is likely an individual who receives instructions from the dragon.**

Both the dragon and the beast have seven heads and ten horns but do not confuse them as being the same. The dragon wore seven crowns on seven heads. The beast wore ten crowns on ten horns (Read Revelation 12:3 and Revelation 13:1)

This Beast is the Antichrist under the direction of Satan himself.

- The prefix *anti* may mean “the opposite of” or “instead of.” The Antichrist is the “opposite Jesus”; he is the “instead of” Jesus. Most people have focused on the idea of the “opposite Jesus.” This has made them think that the Antichrist will appear as a supremely evil person, that as much as Jesus went around doing good, he will go around doing bad. As much as Jesus’ character and personality was beautiful and attractive, the Antichrist’s character and personality will be ugly and repulsive. As much as Jesus spoke only truth, the Antichrist will speak only lies. **This emphasizes the idea of the “opposite Jesus” too much.**

- The Antichrist will instead be more of an “instead of Jesus.” He will look wonderful, be charming and successful. He will be the ultimate winner, and appear as an angel of light. In this sense the Antichrist will be a satanic messiah, *instead of* the true Messiah Jesus Christ.

The Bible gives him many names or titles for the
Antichrist

The *little horn* of **Daniel 7:8**

The *king of fierce countenance* of **Daniel 8:23.**

The *Prince that shall come* of **Daniel 9:26**

The *willful king* of **Daniel 11:36-45.**

The one who comes *in his own name* of **John
5:43**, whom Israel will receive as a messiah.

The *son of perdition, the man of sin, the lawless
one* of **2 Thessalonians 2:3.**

The seven crowns of the **dragon** expressed his strength and power, because seven is a number associated with strength and completeness.

The **ten crowns on ten horns** of the **beast** express his rule over a group of ten nations.



Revelation 13 & Daniel Comparison!



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1/2 of Revelation 13 is quoting from Daniel!

Revelation 13	Daniel	
Revelation 13:1 ↔	Daniel 7:2-3	“Beast” from “Sea”
Revelation 13:1 ↔	Daniel 7:7-8, 20, 24	“10 Horns”
Revelation 13:1 ↔ Revelation 13:5-6	Daniel 7:8,11,20,25 Daniel 11:36	“Blasphemy” & “Speaking Great Things”
Revelation 13:2 ↔	Daniel 7:4-6	“Leopard” / “Bear” / “Lion”
Revelation 13:2 ↔	Daniel 8:24	“Great Power” (Source)
Revelation 13:5 ↔	Daniel 7:25, 11:7	“42 Months” or 3½ Years
Revelation 13:7 ↔	Daniel 7:21,25, 8:24	“Conquer Saints”
Revelation 13:7 ↔	Daniel 7:23	Global Domination & Authority
Revelation 13:10 ↔	Daniel 11:33	“Captivity” “Sword” “Flame” “Plunder”
Revelation 13:15 ↔	Daniel 3:6, 15	“Worship” “Image” or “Die”

- The four beasts of Daniel 7 represented future kingdoms, beginning with the lion that represented the Babylonian Empire, the bear represented the Medo-Persian empire, the leopard represented the Grecian Empire, and the non-described beast represented the Roman empire.

Babylon 603 B.C. – 538 B.C.

Medo Persia 559 B.C. – 330 B.C.

Greece 333 B.C. – 30 B.C.

Rome 168 B.C. – 476 A.D.

- In Daniel's vision, the *ten horns* specifically represented *ten kingdoms* that this final world dictator has authority over (Daniel 7:24). In John's vision the **ten crowns** on the **ten horns** emphasize this idea.