

Cultural, Historic, and Geographic Context



Revelation Backgrounds 22

Two Beasts
Selected Cross-references

Revelation 13



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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

These (Bereans) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Unless otherwise noted, all biblical passages referenced are from the Complete Jewish Bible by David H. Stern. (Clarksville, MD: Messianic Jewish Publishers, 1998).



2

Revelation 13

Then the dragon stood on the seashore (12:18), and I saw a beast come up out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads. On its horns were ten royal crowns and, on its heads, blasphemous names. The beast which I saw was like a leopard, but with feet like those of a bear and a mouth like the mouth of a lion. To it, the dragon gave its power, its throne, and great authority.

One of the heads of the beast appeared to have received a fatal wound, but its fatal wound was healed, and the whole earth followed after the beast in amazement. They worshipped the dragon because he had given his authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who can fight against it?" It was given a mouth speaking arrogant blasphemies, and it was given authority to act for forty-two months.



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So it opened its mouth in blasphemies against God to insult his name and his Sh'khinah, and those living in heaven; it was allowed to make war on God's holy people and to defeat them; and it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. Everyone living on earth will worship it except those whose names are written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb slaughtered before the world was founded. Those who have ears, let them hear!



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"If anyone is meant for captivity, into captivity he goes! If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be killed!" This is when God's holy people must persevere and trust! Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. It had two horns like those of a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence; and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, the one whose fatal wound had been healed. It performs great miracles, even causing fire to come down from heaven onto the earth as people watch. It deceives the people living on earth by the miracles it is allowed to perform in the presence of the beast, and it tells them to make an image honoring the beast that was struck by the sword but came alive again.



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It was allowed to put breath into the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast could even speak; and it was allowed to cause anyone who would not worship the image of the beast to be put to death. Also, it forces everyone—great and small, rich and poor, free and slave—to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead preventing anyone from buying or selling unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This is where wisdom is needed; those who understand should count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person, and its number is 666.



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Perspective

"I am not anxious to know the number of the Beast, and I am thankful I will not have to live in that period. I am very thankful today that I know Jesus Christ as my Savior. Instead of spending time with Antichrist, I want to know Christ. I can say with Paul: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" (Php 3:10). J. Vernon McGee



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Beast From the Sea (Antichrist)

Revelation 13:1	References
And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads , with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Beast #1 – (Dan 7:4) – Lion (presumed to be Babylon) – 1 head and 0 horns o Beast #2 – (Dan 7:5) Bear (Medio-Persia) – 1 head and 0 horns o Beast #3 – (Dan 7:6) Leopard (Greek) – 4 heads and 0 horns o Beast #4 – (Dan 7:7) Dreadful (Rome) – 1 head and 10 horns o Total: 7 heads and 10 horns



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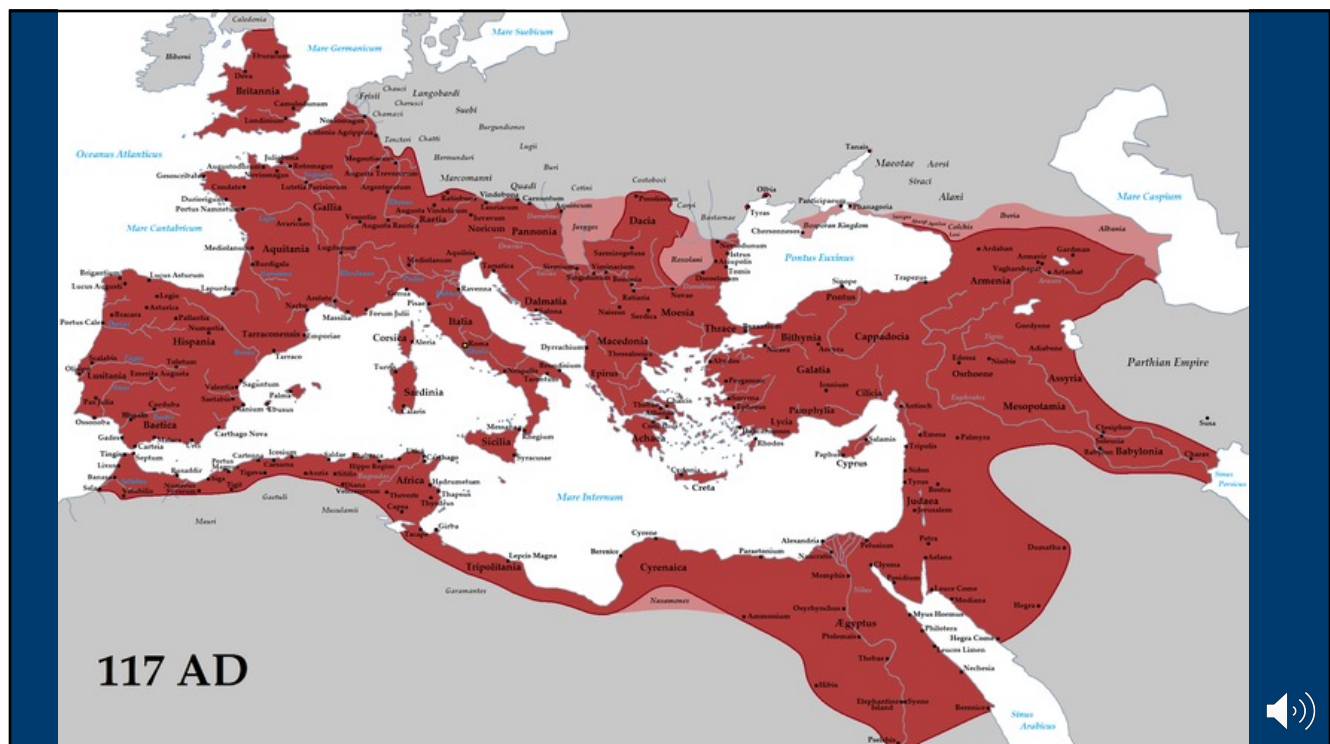
And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with **ten diadems** on its horns and **blasphemous names** on its heads.

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Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots.



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Satanic Father and Son

Revelation 13:2	References
And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.	



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Who is like you?

Revelation 13:3-4	References
One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"	Exodus 15:11 "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"



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Boastful, Blasphemous words

Revelation 13:5	References
And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.	Isaiah 14:13-15 - You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.



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Name, dwelling and those who dwell in Heaven

Revelation 13:6	References
It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.	Dan 7:8 And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.



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All authority on earth

Revelation 13:7-8	References
Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.	Dan 7: He will speak great words against the Most High, he will wear out the holy people of the Most High, and he will think to change times and laws; and they will be given into his hand for a season, seasons and half a season.



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Revelation 13:9	References
If anyone has an ear, let him hear:	Jesus' signature statement if ever there was one!



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To captivity and slain

Revelation 13:10	References
If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.	Jeremiah 15:2 And when they ask you, 'Where shall we go?' you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "'Those who are for pestilence, to pestilence, and those who are for the sword, to the sword; those who are for famine, to famine, and those who are for captivity, to captivity.'



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Beast from the Earth (False Prophet)

Revelation 13:11-12	References
Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.	Dan 8:3 I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal. It had two horns, and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.



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Very real signs

Revelation 13:13	References
It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people,	1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.



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False prophet

Revelation 13:14	References
and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived.	Mark 13:21-23 And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.



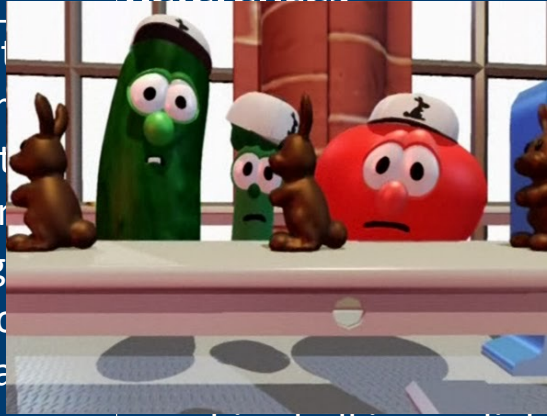
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Bowing to the image

Revelation 13:15

And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

References



worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.”



21

Mark on right hand or forehead

Revelation 13:16

Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead,

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Deut 6: And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”



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Revelation 13:17

so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.

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666

Revelation 13:18

This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

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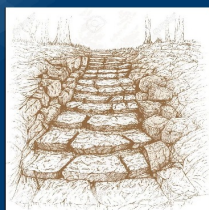
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**We don't focus on Antichrist;
We focus on Jesus Christ**



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**Talmidim
Way**



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