

# The Two Beasts

Revelation 13

- Beast out of the Sea
  - 7 Heads, 10 Horns
  - Heads with the name of blasphemy
  - One of heads: deadly wound healed
  - Powered by the Dragon for 42 months
  - Overcomes the Saints
  - Earth-Dwellers worship
    - All those not written in the Book of Life

## Four Beasts in Daniel 7



1

- Like a Lion
- With eagle's wings
- Wings plucked later
- Lifted up from earth
- Man's heart given



2

- Like a Bear
- Raised up on its side
- Had 3 ribs in its mouth
- Was told to arise and devour much flesh



3

- Like a Leopard
- With 4 fowl's wings
- Had 4 heads
- Given dominion



4

- Exceedingly dreadful, terrible beast
- Iron teeth, brass nails
- Had 10 horns
- A little horn, which plucked 3 horns

## Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2)



Head of Gold

ASSYRIO-BABYLONISH MONARCHY  
THE LION

(Nebuchadnezzar - Belchassar)

671 - 538 B.C.

Breast and Arms of Silver

MEDO - PERSIAN EMPIRE  
THE BEAR

(Cyrus and Darius)

538 - 331 B.C.

Belly and Thighs of Brass

GRECO - MACEDONIAN KINGDOM  
THE LEOPARD

(Alexander the Great)

331 - 160 B.C.

Legs of Iron

THE GREAT ROMAN EMPIRE  
THE DRAGON

(under the Caesars)

160 B.C. - 395 A.D.

Feet and Toes - Part Iron and Part Clay

KINGDOMS OF THE (10) TOES

1. Italy	496	6. Portugal	1138
2. France	752	7. Prussia	1139
3. England	803	8. Austria	1159
4. Belgium	806	9. Spain	1179
5. Holland	922	10. Greece	1829

496 - 1829 A.D.



## Revelation 13:1-10 (New King James Version)

### The Beast from the Sea

- ¶ 1 Then <sup>[a]</sup>I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having <sup>[b]</sup>seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
- 2 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.
- 3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.
- 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"
- ¶ 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to <sup>[c]</sup>continue for forty-two months.
- 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
- 7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every <sup>[d]</sup>tribe, tongue, and nation.
- 8 All who dwell on the 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.
- ¶ 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.
- 10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the <sup>[e]</sup>patience and the faith of the saints.

#### Footnotes

[a] 13:1 NU he

[b] 13:1 NU, M ten horns and seven heads

[c] 13:5 M make war

[d] 13:7 NU, M add and people

[e] 13:10 perseverance

#### Note:

##### NU-Text

These variations from the traditional text generally represent the Alexandrian or Egyptian type of text [the oldest, but sometimes questioned text]. They are found in the Critical Text published in the Twenty-sixth edition of the Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament (N) and in the United Bible Society's third edition (U), hence the acronym "NU-text."

##### M-Text

This symbol indicates points of variation in the Majority Text from the traditional text [a consensus of most Greek manuscripts]. It should be noted that M stands for whatever reading is printed in the published Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text, whether supported by overwhelming, strong, or only a divided majority textual tradition.

**Revelation 13:1** 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.

“**beast**” See **Revelation 13:2** the beast is called “him” a person= the antichrist

— The beast is mentioned 36 times in Revelation

“**the sea**” = The Gentile Nations

**Revelations 17:15** Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

**Isaiah 57:20-21**

20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.”

“**heads**” = the new world order or the 7 world headquarters

“**horns**” = Powers/ Rulers/Kings

“**ten crowns**” Ten kings/rulers

**Revelation 13:18** 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.

**1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

**Revelation 17: 15** Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues

**Revelation 17: 12** “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.”

### **Daniel 7 (Vision of the Four Beasts)**

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel <sup>[a]</sup> had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling <sup>[b]</sup> the main facts.

2 Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.

5 “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’

6 “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking <sup>[c]</sup> pompous words.

### **Vision of the Ancient of Days**

9 “I watched till thrones were <sup>[d]</sup> put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;

10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The <sup>[e]</sup> court was seated, And the books were opened.

11 “I watched then because of the sound of the <sup>[f]</sup> pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

12 As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time

13 “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

### **Daniel’s Visions Interpreted**

15 “I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit <sup>[g]</sup>within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 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:

17 ‘Those great beasts, which are four, are four <sup>[h]</sup>kings which arise out of the earth.

18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’

19 “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;

20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke <sup>[i]</sup>pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

23 “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.

24 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.

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute <sup>[j]</sup>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.

26 ‘But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever.

27 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.’

28 “This is the end of the <sup>[k]</sup>account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.”

### **Footnotes**

[a] 7:1 Lit. saw

[b] 7:1 Lit. the head or chief of the words

[c] 7:8 Lit. great things

[d] 7:9 Or set up

[e] 7:10 Or judgment

[f] 7:11 Lit. great

[g] 7:15 Lit. in the midst of its sheath

[h] 7:17 Representing their kingdoms, v. 23

[i] 7:20 Lit. great things

[j] 7:25 Lit. wear out

[k] 7:28 Lit. word

### **Daniel 4:28-33 (Nebuchadnezzar’s Humiliation)**

28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon.

30 The king spoke, saying, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?”

31 While the word was still in the king’s mouth, a voice fell from heaven: “King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!

32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.”

33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.

**Revelation 13:2** 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.

**Daniel 2:36-45**

36 “This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold.

39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly <sup>[m]</sup>fragile.

43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall <sup>[m]</sup>break in pieces and <sup>[o]</sup>consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

**Footnotes**

[m] 2:42 Or brittle

[n] 2:44 Or crush

[o] 2:44 Lit. put an end to

**Matthew 24:32-35 - The Parable of the Fig Tree**

32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near.

33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.  
35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**Mark 13:28-31 - The Parable of the Fig Tree**

28 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors!

30 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**Luke 21:29 - The Parable of the Fig Tree**

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.

33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**Revelation 13:3** And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

**Revelation 13:4** So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

**See Revelation 13:14** And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

**Zechariah 11:17** “Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded.

**Revelation 13:5** And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

**Revelation 13:6** Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

**Revelation 13:7** It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

**Revelation 13:8** All who dwell on the 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.

**2 Thessalonians 2:4 – (The Great Apostasy)** who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

**John 5:43** I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

**Revelation 13:9** If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

**Revelation 13:10** He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.