

# Satan's Man

Revelation 13:1-10

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## I. Introduction

- A. Revelation 13 introduces us to two beasts: one from the sea (verses 1-10), the Antichrist, and one from the land (verses 11-18), the False Prophet. See 19:20.
- B. These two and Satan make the unholy trinity, no separation of church and state here!
- C. "Adolf Hitler was but a 'choir boy' compared with the dictator that will take over the world during the tribulation." – *There's a New World Coming*, Hal Lindsey pages 180, 183.
- D. The poorer world conditions get, the riper the world becomes for a world dictator.
  1. Daniel 7, 9, 11

## II. The Beast from the Sea – vs. 1-10

- A. The description of the beast – vs. 1-3
  1. Remember this is how God views him – v. 1
  2. He was first seen in 6:2 and 11:7. He begins his rule in the first half of the tribulation. – v. 1
  3. "*and the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.*" – v. 1a
    - a. Best fits as 12:18
    - b. KJV reads, "*then I stood*", i.e., John
  4. "Beast" - literally, a monster, a vicious killing animal. – v. 1
  5. "Coming up out of the sea" – v. 1
    - a. Speaks of sea as troubled peoples or nations
      - i. Psalm 2:1; Isaiah 57:20; Revelation 17:15; 20:8
    - b. Some see sea as the abyss of 11:7; 17:8; 20:1; here Satan calls up his man!
    - c. Literally the Mediterranean Sea which Rome surrounded
  6. Ten horns - Revelation 12:3; like Satan, and/or 17:12 = 10 kings, the United States of the east. – v. 1
    - a. See Daniel 7:16-24
  7. Seven heads: - v. 1
    - a. Rome is called the city on seven hills. See Revelation 17:9
    - b. Others see the seven heads as successive world empires, i.e., Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia,

Greece and Rome, and the final kingdom of the Antichrist.

8. Horns with 10 diadems and blasphemous names – v. 1
  - a. This seems to describe his military might and desire for worship
9. He was likened to a leopard (Greece), a bear (Medo-Persia), a lion (Babylon). – v. 2
  - a. Daniel 7:1-12
  - b. John looks back, while Daniel looked ahead
10. He received his power and authority from the dragon (Satan). – v. 2
11. One of his ten heads suffered a fatal wound to the head – v. 3
  - a. One of the nations suffered a defeat and rose to power a second time, i.e., Rome
  - b. The political leader (one of the ten) that brought peace to the Middle East (Daniel 9:27) is fatally wounded. He comes to life again and demands worship. This is the Antichrist.
12. Read from Warren W. Wiersbe page 604, and David Jeremiah, page 157, 158
13. Since WWII Winston Churchill and others have spoken of a United States of Europe. – v. 3
  - a. A power between the superpowers of the east and the west.
- B. The worship of the beast – v. 4
  1. Satanic worship
  2. Worship of the Antichrist
    - a. "*who is like the beast...*" – idolization of his person
    - b. "*...who is able to wage war with him*" – idolization of his power
    - c. Answer to b in Revelation 19:11-16 – Jesus!
- C. The Activities of the beast – vs. 5-8
  1. "*and he was given authority to continue for 42 months*" (NKJV). This is the last half of the Tribulation. It starts with

“The abomination of Desolation.” (Matthew 24:45; Daniel 9:27; 11:31)

- a. All authority comes from the Father.
    - i. Daniel 4:25, 32; Matthew 28:18; John 19:10, 11
  - b. He was allowed to speak blasphemies
  - c. He spoke against God, His tabernacle, and the saints in heaven
2. He was allowed to make war with the saints on earth
  3. Non-believers praised his torture of the saints
  4. The book of life: Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 12:27; 22:19
  5. The Lamb = little lamb used 28 times in Revelation. Slain, slaughtered, or throat cut.
- D. God’s warning – vs. 9, 10
1. God’s desire is that man will hear and act – I Timothy 2:4; II Peter 3:9
  2. Note: it does not say what the Spirit is saying through the churches as in Chapters 2 and 3. Why?
    - a. The church has been raptured.
  3. Retribution for the Beast.
  4. God desires/orders his saints to respond as did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
    - a. See Daniel 3.

### III. Other Names for the Beast of the Sea

- A. Used by Daniel
  1. Little horn – Daniel 7:8
  2. Willful king – Daniel 11:36
- B. Used by Paul
  1. The man of lawlessness (sin – KJV) – II Thessalonians 2:3
  2. The son of destruction (perdition – KJV) – II Thessalonians 2:3
- C. Used by John
  1. Antichrist – I John 2:18, 22; 4:3; II John 7
  2. Beast – Revelation 11:7; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2, 10, 13; 17:3-17; 19:19, 20; 20:4, 10