

The image is a complex digital composition. The upper portion features a religious scene with a large group of people in white robes, some holding instruments, set against a dark sky with two prominent rainbows. In the lower foreground, a young boy in an orange life vest is climbing out of the water, looking back over his shoulder. To the left of the boy, there are several large, blue, spherical virus-like particles with red spikes. The overall tone is dramatic and apocalyptic.

The Beast from the Sea, Earth, & The Mark

Revelation 13 Pt. I

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Setting the Table

- John is standing on the same sea as the dragon to watch everything that will take place unfold.
- The Dragon is determined to annihilate the Church, and employs two entities to do so.
- Chapter 13 says little about the dragon. He remains very much in the background. He does his work not openly, but through people.
- Unlike Daniel 7 and Revelation 17:6-18, Revelation 13 is not followed by an interpretation within the chapter.

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Revelation 13: Outline

- The Beast from the Sea (Revelation 13:1-10)
- The Beast from the Earth (Revelation 13:11-14)
- The Image and the Mark (Rev. 13:15-18)

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The Beast from the Sea: Revelation 13:1-10

- 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. 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 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 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 patience and the faith of the saints.

Revelation 13:1-10 (NKJV)

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The Beast from the Sea: Described

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Revelation 13:1-2 (NKJV)

- Where Is The Beast Rising From?

- The Sea.
- A Literal Sea?
 - How does the Bible use sea/waters as a symbol?
 - *And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.*
- *Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."*

Daniel 7:3

Revelation 17:15

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Revelation 13:1-2 (NKJV)

- What Does The Beast Look Like?

- Seven Heads
- Ten Horns
- Ten Crowns on each horn

This beast has similar features of the dragon

- And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Revelation 12:3

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• What Does The Beast Look Like?

- Seven Heads
- Ten Horns
- Ten Crowns
- Each head a blasphemous name

This beast has similar features found in another Bible Prophecy vision

- Like a Leopard (Daniel 7:6 – Greece)
- Feet like a Bear (Daniel 7:5 – Medo-Persia)
- Mouth like a Lion (Daniel 7:4 – Babylon)
- Ten Horns (Daniel 7:7 – 10 Kings)

This beast is like the dragon and the political earthly kingdoms that preceded it.

- One Mortally Wounded Head that was healed

The Beast from the Sea: False Worship

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Revelation 13:3 (NKJV)

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- Notice The Counterfeit and Deceit

- The Copy:

- One Mortally Wounded Head that was healed
- Gk. Sphazó = Slain = Mortally Wounded (NKJV)

Where have we heard this language in the Bible?

- The Truth:

- This same term appears in Revelation 5:6, 13:8

This Beast power is imitating the work of Christ, particularly death and resurrection.

The Beast from the Sea: False Worship

- 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?”

Revelation 13:4 (NKJV)

- Notice The Counterfeit and Deceit

- The Copy:
 - Authority was given to Beast from the Sea

Where have we heard this language in the Bible?

- The Truth:

- Authority was given to the Christ (Matthew 28:17-19)
- When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen

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Revelation 13:4

- Notice The Counterfeit and Deceit

- The Copy:
 - Who is like the beast?

Where have we heard this language in the Bible?

- The Truth:

- Who is like God?
 - A question already asked and answered in scripture. (see. Ex. 8:10, 15:11; 1 Sam. 2:2; 2 Sam. 7:22, 22:32; 1 Kings 8:23 Ps. 89:6-7; Jer. 10:6; Mic 7:18)

- “To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One.

Isaiah 40:25

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Where have we heard this language in the Bible?

- The Truth:

- Who is like God?
 - ‘O Lord God, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds?

Deuteronomy 3:24

- “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

Isaiah 45:22

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- Notice The Counterfeit and Deceit
 - Notice in Revelation 12 the Dragon lost the War. That means the dragon is a defeated foe. Though the beast from the Sea wields great authority the origin of his authority comes from a power that has already been defeated. Therefore, just as the dragon is defeated, the Beast from the Sea is also defeated.

Revelation 13:4

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The Beast from the Sea: False Worship

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Revelation 13:5-7

- 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 pompous words.

- ^{24b} 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 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.

Daniel 7:8,24b-25

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Revelation 13:5-7

- What you say reveals what you are...
 - a mouth speaking pompous words.
 - ²⁵ He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,

Daniel 7:8,25

- Though this beast has features of those political powers that preceded it. Its intentions are not strictly political but religious. This entity aims to take the place of God and establish its own religion.

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- Who you fight reveals who you are...
 - Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,
 - Then the saints shall be given into his hand
- This beast is an outmatched bully. The Dragon who gave it authority already lost. In attacking the people of God, it aims to destroy the plan of God, not knowing that though it has the power to persecute, God will gain members for the kingdom through persecution, just before defeating the dragon and his subjects once and for all.

Daniel 7:25

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- When your fight is determined you realize who is really in control...

- For a time and times and half a time.

Daniel 7:25

- This beast flexes its blasphemous persecuting power for 42 months like the little horn.
- 42 months
- $42 \div 12 = 3.5$ years
- $42 \times 30 = 1260$ days

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- Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Revelation 12:12

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- Though this time frame covers the period 538 – 1798 AD, this segment in Earth's history suggest that evil is on the clock. In other words, time is winding down, iniquity will not last for ever, Michel will stand up and cut evil short in righteousness.

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Revelation 13:8-10

- Notice the people group distinction...

Those who dwell in heaven

vs

Those who dwell on the earth

- Though we all live on the Earth our dwelling places are not the same.
 - Those who have accepted that they are sojourners on this Earth, their dwelling place is in heaven (Phil 3:20).
 - For those who store their treasures on Earth (Mt. 6:19-20), their dwelling place is on the earth.

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- The Beast from the Seas accepts worship as if God.
- Notice the why of their worship...
 - Why will they worship the beast?
 - They will marvel at its imitation of the life of Christ – forgetting Christ to follow the counterfeit.

This is why we must study the truth, to avoid the enticing nature of the lie. This is why we who have ears, should hear. This is why to those who read receive a blessing.

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- Notice the two destinies...

- In the KJV, NKJV the translation can be misleading. One may think captures will become captives, and those who live by the sword will die by the sword.
- While the latter is true a proper translation of the text reveals something that encompasses both the people of God and the people of the dragon.

**If somebody is to go into captivity,
into captivity he goes;
if somebody kills with the sword,
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- *The first statement stresses the destiny of God's people. It states that their lives of loyalty and faithfulness will often involve imprisonment and death (cf. Rev. 12:11). But persecution is not the last word; the second statement stresses the destiny of the persecutors of God's people. God's people are not urged to resist but rather are called to endurance. The last word is with God, and he will bring judgment and retribution on the oppressors of his people.*
- With this the final sentence of the passage is appropriate

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The Beast from the Sea: Identified

- According to our study, on counterfeits and truth, the *beast from the sea* is a type of anti-Christ who replicates the works of Jesus but seeks to gain worship for itself..
- According to our study, the *beast from the sea* is a political and religious entity.
- According to our study, it is evident that this religious-political entity has a lack of reverence for God by claiming the prerogative of God as one who should be worshipped.
- According to our study, the *beast from the sea* persecutes the saints of God.
- According to our study, the period of the activities of the little horn (Dan. 7:25) and those of the [beast from the sea] (Rev. 13:5) are both set out in “forty-two months”.
- If these prophecies parallel, it is evident that both extend beyond the time of John and the 7 Churches Day to the end of time.
- Which religious-political entity fits the description best?
 - Answer: Papal Rome

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The background image is a composite. The top half features a religious scene with a large group of people in white robes, some holding instruments, under a rainbow. The bottom left corner shows a close-up of a coronavirus particle. The bottom right corner depicts a group of people, including a child in a life vest, on a boat in rough seas.

The Beast from the Sea, Earth, & The Mark

Revelation 13 Pt. II

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