



## REVELATION 13:1-10

### The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

**Billy Graham**, in his book, *Storm Warning*, (p.66) makes this warning, "There is something ominous in the air, and I am intrigued by both **THE HORROR AND THE HOPE** of what lies just ahead."

**The first 5 Personages have been revealed in Chap 12**

Now:

**#6: The Beast out of the Sea – The Antichrist** (vs 1-10)

**#7: The Beast out of the Earth – The False Prophet** (vs. 11-18)

#### **Revelation 12:18–13:10**

**12.18** And he (Satan) stood on the sand of the sea.

- **“He stopped”** on his way to war with the rest of the woman's seed. P Q read here **ἔσταθην [estathēn]** (I stood) when it has to be connected with chapter 13. <sup>1</sup>
- Some texts read, “And he [Satan] stood upon the sand of the sea.” The sea symbolizes the Gentile nations (Rev. 17:15). <sup>2</sup>  
**Revelation 17:15** And he said to me,  
“The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated,  
**are peoples and crowds and nations and languages.**
- **He may be a Gentile based upon the verbiage here.**
- **You will remember that Antichrist began his career as a peacemaker** (Rev. 6:2) and even “settled” the Arab-Israeli

<sup>1</sup> A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1933), Re 12:18.

<sup>2</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 604.

problem by making a covenant with the Jews to protect them for seven years (Dan. 9:27). 3

**Revelation 6:2** And I looked, and behold, a white horse, and the one seated on it had a bow, and a crown was given to him, **and he went out conquering and in order that he might conquer.**

**Daniel 9:27** **And he will make a strong covenant with the many for one week,** (7 years)

but in half of the week (3 ½ years, or 1260 days, or 42 months) he will let cease sacrifice and offering

and in its place a desolating abomination comes even until the determined complete destruction is poured out on the desolator.”

- o A **7 year** (Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week of years) covenant of peace which the Antichrist will break to declare himself to be God Almighty – the TRUE Messiah of Israel.

**1** And I (John) saw coming up out of **the sea** **a beast** <sup>4</sup> that had **ten horns** and **seven heads**, and on its horns **ten royal headbands** (“diadems”; ruling crowns), and on its heads **a blasphemous name.**

- Could be that the Antichrist will come out of the sea of people, nations and languages around the Mediterranean.
- If the beast from the sea is symbolic, then the sea also must be symbolic. Usually the sea in Scripture, if not more specifically identified, is the great sea west of Israel, that is, the Mediterranean Sea. 5

<sup>3</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 604.

<sup>4</sup> **2342. θηρίον *thērion***; gen. *thēriou*, neut. noun. A wild beast (Mark 1:13; Acts 10:12 [TR]; 11:6; Rev. 6:8 [cf. 15:1, 2]; Sept.: Gen. 1:24; Deut. 7:22; 28:26; Jer. 7:33). **Denotes particularly a venomous creature and is applied to a viper (Acts 28:4, 5).** May also refer to any kind of beast including the tame species (Heb. 12:20), the same as *zōon* (2226), animal. Paul applies to the Cretans the character of *kaká* (2556), evil, *thēria*, wild beasts (Titus 1:12). In the Sept., where sacrifices of beasts are mentioned, they are never mentioned as *thēria*, but as *zōa*, because the wild and bestial element is brought out in *thērion*. Throughout the NT, however, both *zōon* and *thērion* are rendered by the word “beast.” Yet the animals represented by these two words are far removed from one another. The *zōa* or “living creatures” stand before the throne and in them dwells the fullness of all creaturely life as it gives praise and glory to God (Rev. 4:6–9; 5:6; 6:1). They constitute a part of the heavenly symbolism. The *thēria*, the first and second beasts which rise up, one from the bottomless pit (Rev. 11:7) and the other from the sea (Rev. 13:1) with one making war upon the two witnesses and the other opening his mouth in blasphemies, form part of the hellish symbolism. Therefore, *thērion* is predominately used of lower animal life and can never be the name applied to glorious creatures in the very court and presence of heaven. Consequently, in Scripture, *zōa* should always be rendered as “living creatures” and *thēria* as “beasts.”

**Deriv.:** *thēriomachéō* (2341), to fight with wild beasts.

Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

<sup>5</sup> Henry M. Morris, *The Revelation Record: A Scientific and Devotional Commentary on the Prophetic Book of the End Times* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale, 1983), 234.

## Blasphemous names:

- Luciferian in that the names exalt man above God.
  - Lucifer
  - Nimrod
  - Nebuchadnezzar (until his salvation in Daniel 4)
  - Many rulers since then.
    - Roman Emperors were considered each gods on their own account – each with a blasphemous name demanding worship and obedience.

**2** And the beast that I saw was similar to **a leopard**, and its feet were like **a bear's**, and its mouth was like the mouth of **a lion**, and the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority.

- **John sees a “Beast” which embodies all 4 of Daniel’s beasts.**
  - **Daniel saw 4 beasts:**
  - **4 beasts are 4 Kings** which will arise – seemingly all at the same time out of the sea of people in turmoil on earth.  
**Daniel 7:17** ‘These great beasts which are four in number are **four kings who will arise from the earth.**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Beast is the Antichrist himself – the “Beast” of Revelation**
  - **37X in NKJV – “beast” is mentioned**  
**Daniel 7:7–8**  
**7** After this in the visions of the night I was looking **and there was a fourth beast, terrifying and frightful** and exceedingly strong, and it had great iron teeth, and it was devouring and crushing, and it stamped the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the other beasts that preceded it and it had ten horns.  
**8** I was considering the horns, and look, another little horn came up among them, and three of the earlier horns were rooted out from before it, and there were eyes like the eyes of a human in this horn **and also a mouth that was speaking boastfully.** (Rev 13:5-6)

- One consistent image throughout Revelation – the Beast with 7 heads & 10 horns

**Revelation 12:3** And another sign appeared in heaven, and behold, a great fiery red dragon, **having seven heads and ten horns**, and on his heads were seven royal headbands.

**Revelation 13:1** And I saw coming up out of the sea **a beast that had ten horns and seven heads**, and on its horns ten royal headbands, and on its heads a blasphemous name.

**Revelation 17:3** And he carried me away into the wilderness in the Spirit, and I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, **having seven heads and ten horns.**

**3 And one of its heads appeared as though slaughtered to death,** and its **fatal wound** had been healed. And the whole earth was astonished and followed after the beast.

### Identifying marks of the Beast:

- **Fatal wound on his head (v3-4)**
- **Foul blasphemous mouth (v5-6)**

Much speculation about the Beast and his mortal wound to the head

- Wound healed – **mentioned 3X in Rev 13**
  - Beast not resurrected – beyond Satan's abilities
  - Healed – miraculously – to the wonder of every nation
    - SO – they worshipped he who had such a miraculous healing

### Could this O.T. quote be an allusion to the final World Leader?

#### **Zechariah 11:17**

“Woe, my worthless shepherd who deserts the flock!  
May a sword fall on his arm and on his right eye!  
May his arm wither completely and his right eye be utterly blinded!”

- **Is this why the “mark of the Beast” is to be received on the hand or the forehead?** (Chuck Missler)

#### **4 And they worshiped the dragon**

because he had given authority to the beast,

#### **and they worshiped the beast,**

saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to make war with him?"

### **Satanically empowered, occupied, possessed**

#### **He can't be killed?**

- He heals from the worst of all sword wounds – miraculously
- Who will fight with such a master of destiny?
- **Worship of their NEW god begins** – satisfying the interest of Lucifer to be enthroned above the God of Israel.

#### **Isaiah 14:9–16**

**9** Sheol below is getting excited over you, to meet you when you come; it arouses the dead spirits for you, all of the leaders of the earth.

It raises all of the kings of the nations from their thrones.

**10** All of them will respond and say to you, 'You yourself also were made weak like us! You have become the same as us!'

**11** Your pride is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your harps; maggots are spread out beneath you like a bed, and your covering is worms.

#### **12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!**

How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

**13** And you yourself said in your heart,

**'I will ascend to heaven;**

**I will raise up my throne above the stars of God;**

**and I will sit on the mountain of assembly on the summit of Zaphon;**

**14 I will ascend to the high places of the clouds,**

**I will make myself like the Most High.'**

**15** But you are brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit.

**16** Those who see you will stare at you, they will look closely at you:

**'Is this the man** who made the earth tremble, who caused kingdoms to shake,

## **Ezekiel 28:2–10**

**2** “Son of man, say to the leader of Tyre,

‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

“Because your heart was haughty, and you said,

‘I am a god;

I sit in the seat of the gods,

I sit in the heart of the seas!’

But you are a human, not a god,

and you gave your heart to be like the heart of a god.

**3** Look, are you wiser than Daniel, so that no secret is hidden from you?

**4** By your wisdom and by your understanding you have gained for yourself wealth, and you have amassed gold and silver in your treasuries.

**5** By the abundance of your wisdom in your trading you have increased your wealth and your heart was proud in your wealth.” ’ ’ ”

**6** Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Because of your regarding your mind like the mind of a god,

**7** therefore look! I am bringing strangers over you, the most ruthless of the peoples, and they will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they will defile your splendor.

**8** They will thrust you down to the pit, and you will die a violent death in the heart of the seas.

**9** Will you indeed still say “I am a god!” before the face of your killers?

**And in fact you are a human**

and not a god in the hand of those who pierce you.

**10** You will die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers, for I myself have spoken!” declares the Lord Yahweh.

**5** And a mouth was given to him speaking great things and blasphemies, and authority to act was given to him for forty-two months.

**6** And he opened his mouth for blasphemies toward God, to blaspheme his name and his dwelling, those who live in heaven.

- **2nd identifier – Foul, Blasphemous mouth**

- Blasphemies against:

1. Against the Father

2. Against His Name

3. Against His dwelling place (the tabernacle of Heaven)

4. Against the saints in now living in Heaven

**7** And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to conquer them. **And authority was given to him** over every tribe and people and language and nation.

- John reminds his readers that the dragon, who in his fury has turned to wage war on the rest of the woman's "seed" (themselves), is going to vent that fury through his own "seed," the beast that comes out of the sea (the Roman Empire). <sup>6</sup>

**8** And **all those who live on the earth will worship him,** everyone whose name is not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered.

**Ephesians 1:3–5**

**3** Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places in Christ,

**4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,**

that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love,

**5** having predestined us to adoption through Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will,

**Revelation 3:5** The one who conquers in this way will be dressed in white clothing, and I will never erase his name from the book of life, and I will declare his name before my Father and before his angels.

**Revelation 20:15** And if anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear!**

- Notice that this expression differs from the similar formula found earlier in the book of Revelation, in that no reference is made to the church, significant evidence supporting the view that the church is not in view in this context. <sup>7</sup>

**10** If anyone is going into captivity, into captivity he goes. If anyone is to be killed by the sword, by the sword he is to be killed. Here is the patient endurance and the faith of the saints.

**Daniel 7: 23** "Thus he said:

'The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth,

<sup>6</sup> Gordon D. Fee, *Revelation*, New Covenant Commentary Series (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2011), 178.

<sup>7</sup> Jerome H. Smith, *The New Treasury of Scripture Knowledge: The Most Complete Listing of Cross References Available Anywhere- Every Verse, Every Theme, Every Important Word* (Nashville TN: Thomas Nelson, 1992), 1524.

Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms,

**And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.**

- The persecutors of the Church shall suffer that which they inflict on the saints. <sup>8</sup>

### **Benediction**

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,  
that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears,  
may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly to our hearts,  
that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living,  
to the honor and praise of Thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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<sup>8</sup> Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 2 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887), 528.