



Revelation Ch 13

Part 1

666

The tale of two beast.

- So here we have the introduction and a little more detail about the two beasts.
- Remember they are beasts, and Satan is the Red dragon.
- The first beast Vs 1-10 is from the sea
 - John saw the beast. This beast is from the sea.
 - This is where a lot of people believe he is a gentile.(the sea is “the people”)
 - 7 Heads (7 kingdoms)
 - 10 Horns (10 rulers)
 - 10 Crowns (NOT victor’s crowns)
 - From Dan 7:3-8 (however they are in reverse order)

The beast from the sea

- Leopard (Conquers swiftly)
- Feet like a Bear (Controls extensively)
- Mouth of a Lion (Communicates arrogantly)

Dan 7

- **1. The First Beast – The Lion with Eagle’s Wings (Daniel 7:4)**
- **"The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off, and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human, and the mind of a human was given to it."**
- **Represents: Babylon (605–539 B.C.)**
- **Symbolism:**
 - The **lion** represents **Babylon’s strength** and **royalty**.
 - The **eagle’s wings** symbolize **speed and power** (Babylon’s rapid conquest).
 - The **wings being torn off** could indicate **Nebuchadnezzar’s humbling experience** (Daniel 4:33).
 - Standing on two feet **like a man** suggests Babylon’s transition to a more humanized rule, possibly referring to Nebuchadnezzar’s repentance.

Dan 7

- **2. The Second Beast – The Bear (Daniel 7:5)**
- **"And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And it was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'"**
- **Represents: Medo-Persian Empire (539–331 B.C.)**
- **Symbolism:**
 - The **bear** represents **Medo-Persia's brute strength**.
 - It was **raised up on one side**, indicating that **Persia was stronger than Media** in their dual empire.
 - The **three ribs in its mouth** likely represent the **three major conquests** of the Medo-Persian Empire:
 - **Babylon** (539 B.C.)
 - **Lydia** (546 B.C.)
 - **Egypt** (525 B.C.)
 - The command to **"devour much flesh"** aligns with **Persia's expansion and dominance**.

Dan 7

- **3. The Third Beast – The Leopard with Four Wings and Four Heads (Daniel 7:6)**
- **"After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule."**
- **Represents: Greece (331–168 B.C.)**
- **Symbolism:**
 - The **leopard** represents **Greece's swiftness in conquest.**
 - The **four wings** symbolize **the extreme speed of Alexander the Great's military campaigns.**
 - The **four heads** represent the **four generals who divided the empire after Alexander's death** in 323 B.C.:
 - **Cassander** (Macedonia & Greece)
 - **Lysimachus** (Thrace & Asia Minor)
 - **Seleucus** (Syria & Mesopotamia)
 - **Ptolemy** (Egypt & Palestine)
 - Greece was **given authority**, indicating **divine permission for its rule.**

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- **4. The Fourth Beast – The Dreadful, Terrifying Beast with Ten Horns (Daniel 7:7-8)**
- **"After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns."**
- **Represents: Rome (168 B.C.–476 A.D.) & A Future Revived Empire**
- **Symbolism:**
 - This beast is **not likened to an animal** because of its **unique brutality**.
 - The **iron teeth** connect it to the **legs of iron in Nebuchadnezzar's statue (Daniel 2)**, linking it to Rome.
 - Rome **crushed and dominated nations** with overwhelming power.
 - The **ten horns** represent **ten kings or kingdoms that emerge from Rome**.
 - **The little horn (Daniel 7:8) represents the Antichrist**, who rises among the ten and **speaks arrogantly against God**.

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- One of its heads was wounded to death.
- [Zec 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."

1. The “Worthless Shepherd” – A Prophecy of the Antichrist?

Some scholars believe that **this verse describes the Antichrist**, based on several reasons:

- **He is called a “shepherd”** – In biblical language, shepherds refer to rulers or leaders of Israel (**Ezekiel 34, John 10:11-13**).
- **He “leaves the flock”** – This suggests that he was once part of the flock but betrays them.
- **His injury (withered arm, blinded right eye)** – Some link this to **Revelation 13:3**, where the Beast (Antichrist) receives a **deadly wound that is healed**, leading the world to worship him.

• **A false Messiah must come from among the Jews** – Many cite **John 5:43**, where Jesus says:

“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.”

This suggests that **Israel may accept a false Messiah**.

• **The term “shepherd” could imply a leader of Israel** – Some argue that Israel would only accept a **Jewish leader** as their Messiah.

• **Some rabbis and Jewish traditions expect a political Messiah** – If the Antichrist deceives Israel, he might present himself as the Messiah they expect.

• **Daniel 9:26** – The Antichrist comes from the people who destroyed the Temple (the Romans in 70 A.D.), meaning he likely arises from a revived **Roman Empire (Europe or the Mediterranean world)**.

• **The “False Prophet” in Revelation 13:11 may be Jewish** – Some believe the False Prophet (who promotes the Antichrist) is Jewish because he has “two horns like a lamb” (possibly symbolizing a **religious** figure from Israel).

- **The Roman Empire's Eastern and Western Divisions**
- The Roman Empire was vast and included **both Western and Eastern regions:**
- **Western Roman Empire** – Included **Italy, Gaul (France), Spain, Britain, and North Africa.**
- **Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantine Empire)** – Included **Greece, Turkey (Asia Minor), the Levant (Israel, Syria, Lebanon), Egypt, and Mesopotamia.**
- By the **4th century A.D.**, the empire was **officially divided** into **Western Rome (ruled from Rome)** and **Eastern Rome (ruled from Constantinople, modern-day Istanbul, Turkey).**
- **Jews in the Eastern Roman Empire**
- The **Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire** had a **significant Jewish population**, especially in **Judea, Syria, Egypt, and Asia Minor (modern Turkey).**
- **Jews had lived in Babylon (modern Iraq) for centuries**, and many Jewish scholars and leaders came from there.
- The **Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament)** was made in Alexandria, Egypt, showing that **Jewish communities thrived in the Hellenistic (Greek-speaking) world.**
- Thus, a **Jewish person could certainly have been a citizen of the Eastern Roman Empire.**

- **The Antichrist and the Revived Roman Empire**
- According to **Daniel 9:26**, the **Antichrist comes from the people who destroyed the Second Temple (the Romans in 70 A.D.)**.
This has led to the belief that he must **come from a revived form of the Roman Empire**.
- Since the Roman Empire **included both Western and Eastern territories**, the Antichrist **could theoretically come from either side**.
- **Could He Be a Jewish Leader from the Eastern Roman Empire?**
- If the **Antichrist claims to be Israel's Messiah**, it would make sense **for him to have Jewish ancestry**.
- Many Jews lived in the **Levant (Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria), Mesopotamia (Iraq), and Anatolia (Turkey)**, all of which were part of **Eastern Rome**.
- A Jewish leader from this region **could fulfill both the prophecy of coming from Rome and being accepted by Israel**.

Historical Jewish-Roman Connections

- Many Jews held **Roman citizenship**, just like **the Apostle Paul (Acts 22:25-28)**.
- There were **Jewish communities in Rome itself**, as well as throughout **Greece, Turkey, Syria, and North Africa**.
- Some influential **Jewish leaders collaborated with Rome**, including **Herod the Great**, who ruled Israel as a Roman client king.
- **John 5:43** – Jesus said, *“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.”*
→ This suggests Israel **may accept a false messiah**, possibly a Jew.
- **Zechariah 11:17** – The "worthless shepherd" could refer to a **Jewish leader who betrays Israel**.
- **Daniel 11:37** – Says the Antichrist *“will show no regard for the gods of his fathers”* (some say this could mean Jewish ancestry).

Some thoughts...

- What about the injuries in Zechariah 11:17?
- “His arm shall completely wither” – This could symbolize loss of strength, power, or authority.
- “His right eye shall be totally blinded” – This could represent spiritual blindness or deception.
- I am not sure because the people worship him because of the “healing”
- Could also be physical and that is why people worship him
 - Also note the link with the “mark” of the beast. Vs 16

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- This leads to the worship of Satan.

Satan's Original Rebellion – "I Will Be Like the Most High"

In **Isaiah 14:12-14**, which describes **Lucifer's fall**, Satan declares:

**"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High."** (Isaiah 14:14)

This passage reveals **Satan's desire to be equal to God**. Instead of serving, he sought **God's throne and worship**.

Similarly, **Ezekiel 28:2, 12-19**, which describes the **King of Tyre but also reflects Satan's fall**, says:

"Your heart is lifted up, and you say, 'I am a god; I sit in the seat of gods.'"
(Ezekiel 28:2)

Satan's Demand for Worship from Jesus

When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, he made his ultimate desire clear:

“All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

(Matthew 4:9)

This moment proves that **Satan wants to be worshiped as God** and will offer power and control to those who do so. **Jesus rejected this outright**, quoting

Deuteronomy 6:13:

“You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only shall you serve.”

(Matthew 4:10)

The Antichrist as the Object of Worship

• **Revelation 13:4** – The world will worship both **Satan and the**

“So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast.”

• This means **Satan indirectly receives worship through the Antichrist.**

The "Abomination of Desolation"

- **Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15, 2 Thessalonians 2:4** – The **Antichrist** will set himself up in the Temple, declaring himself as God.

“He will exalt himself above all that is called God or is worshiped and will set himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.”

(2 Thessalonians 2:4)

- This is the **ultimate fulfillment of Satan’s goal—to replace God and receive worship from humanity.**

The False Prophet Enforces Worship

- **Revelation 13:11-15** – The **False Prophet** (a religious figure) will **force the world to worship the Antichrist.**

- The **image of the Beast** will be created, and those who refuse to worship it **will be killed.**

D. The Mark of the Beast

- **Revelation 13:16-18** – The **Mark of the Beast (666)** will be required for commerce, symbolizing **total allegiance to Satan.**

- Those who **take the mark are pledging loyalty to the Antichrist and Satan**, worshiping them instead of God.

Who is Allah?

- **"Allah"** is the **Arabic word for "God."** It is used by **Muslims, Arabic-speaking Christians, and Arabic-speaking Jews** to refer to God.
- **Islam teaches that Allah is the one true God**, the same God worshiped by **Abraham, Moses, and Jesus**.
- Arabic-speaking **Christians** before and after Islam also use **"Allah"** to refer to the God of the Bible.
- **Key Question:**
If "Allah" simply means "God" in Arabic, then does it refer to the same God as the Bible?

Biblical God (YHWH / Jehovah)	Islamic Allah
Trinity – One God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)	Strictly one – No Trinity, only one indivisible being (Quran 4:171)
Jesus is God (John 1:1, 14, Colossians 2:9)	Jesus is just a prophet, not divine (Quran 5:72)
Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9)	Salvation is based on works and Allah's will (Quran 23:102-103)
God is a loving Father (1 John 3:1)	Allah is not seen as a "father" in a personal sense

Could Allah Be Satan?

Some Christians believe that **Allah is actually Satan in disguise**, pointing to:

Denying the Trinity – 1 John 2:22 says:

"Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son."

- Since Islam **denies Jesus as the Son of God**, some argue that **Allah cannot be the true God but a deception.**

- **The Name "Allah" Is Never in the Bible** – Unlike **YHWH**, which appears throughout Scripture, **"Allah" does not appear in the Hebrew or Greek texts.**

- **Satan Masquerades as an Angel of Light** –

- Islam teaches that Muhammad received revelations from the angel **Jibril (Gabriel).**

- **Galatians 1:8** warns:

"Even if an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached, let them be under God's curse!"

- Some believe this suggests Muhammad's revelations were **from a deceptive spirit, not God.**

Alternative Perspective: Allah Is a False God, Not Necessarily Satan

Others argue that **Allah is not Satan but simply a false god** (like Baal or Molech):

- The **Bible describes many false gods**, such as:

- Baal** (1 Kings 18)

- Dagon** (1 Samuel 5)

- Molech** (Leviticus 18:21)

- Deuteronomy 32:17** says:

“They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they had not known.”

- This suggests that **false gods could be associated with demonic forces.**

If Allah is not the true God, he could be a false god empowered by demonic deception

Was Muhammad's Revelation from God?

Muslims believe that **Muhammad received divine revelations** from **Gabriel**, but the **Bible warns about false gospels delivered by angels:**

"Even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!"

(Galatians 1:8)

Since **Islam contradicts the Bible** on key doctrines (Jesus' divinity, salvation, and the Trinity), many Christians believe that **Muhammad's revelation was not from God but a deception.**

Could Islam Be Influenced by Pagan Arabian Religion?

Before Islam, **Arabia was polytheistic**. The people of **Mecca worshiped many gods**, with the main deity being **Allah**, worshiped at the Kaaba alongside **360 other idols**.

- **Muhammad's tribe, the Quraysh, were caretakers of the Kaaba.**
- **Muhammad rejected polytheism and declared that only "Allah" should be worshiped.**
- **Some believe that Muhammad rebranded the chief Arabian deity into the monotheistic God of Islam.**

Does Islam Come from Ishmael?

- Muslims claim that **Ishmael (Abraham's son with Hagar) is the ancestor of Muhammad.**
- The **Bible acknowledges Ishmael but states that the covenant is through Isaac:**
"But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year."
(Genesis 17:21)
- While Ishmael's descendants did form Arabian tribes, the **Bible never states that a prophet (like Muhammad) would come from Ishmael.**

Ishmael

Genesis 3:15 is a foundational prophecy that foretells the battle between good and evil:

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

(Genesis 3:15)

Key Symbols in This Verse:

- The **"serpent"** = **Satan** (Revelation 12:9, Revelation 20:2)
- The **"woman"** = Symbolically represents **God's people (ultimately, Mary, the mother of Jesus)**
- The **"seed of the woman"** = **Jesus Christ**, who would defeat Satan (Galatians 3:16)
- The **"seed of the serpent"** = **Satan's followers, system, and possibly individuals used by him**

So could the antichrist be Muslim?

The Antichrist Could Be From a Former Roman Territory

- **The Roman Empire controlled the Middle East**, including:
 - **Turkey, Syria, Egypt, and Iraq**—all regions that later became **Muslim**.
- If the **Antichrist comes from a revived Roman Empire**, he **could come from a Muslim-majority nation** (such as Turkey or Syria) and still fit the prophecy.

The Antichrist Could Be an Apostate Jew or Half-Jewish

- He **may have Jewish ancestry but be secular or convert to Islam**, making him appealing to both **Jews and Muslims**.
- Some scholars believe **Daniel 11:37** suggests he will **reject the faith of his ancestors**, meaning he could **be a Jew who turns against Judaism**.

The Islamic Mahdi (Messianic Figure) Resembles the Antichrist

- **Islam teaches about a coming global ruler called the Mahdi.**
- **Many of his characteristics resemble the biblical Antichrist, such as:**
 - He will **rule the world for seven years** (similar to Daniel's 70th week).
 - He will **establish a one-world government.**
 - He will **force people to follow his rule** (similar to the Mark of the Beast in Revelation 13).
- **Some Bible scholars believe Islam's Mahdi could be the same person as the Antichrist.**

The Antichrist's Identity Matters Less Than His Deception

Regardless of whether the **Antichrist is Roman, Jewish, or Muslim**, the **key issue is deception**:

- He will **claim to bring peace** but will lead the world into **worshipping Satan**.
- He will **persecute Christians and Jews**.
- He will **set up a global system requiring the Mark of the Beast**.

VS 5-8 This is how you also know him.

- Great power is given to him and his mouth!
- He speaks great things
- Blasphemies
- 42 months (3.5 years)
 - This is the second part of the tribulation.
- He blasphemies
 - His name
 - His tabernacle
 - Those who dwell in heaven (maybe those who were taken????)
- He is able to make war over the saints
 - He overpowers them
 - This is worldwide
 - To be a believer means you will die.
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Vs 9-10

- He that have an ear let him hear.
 - This is a warning
 - As to what is to come.
 - He that lead into captivity shall go, he who uses the sword, die by the sword.
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- This phrase suggests that **those who persecute others will face judgment themselves.**
 - It could refer to the **Antichrist's government, which will imprison and kill many believers.**
 - However, it **also serves as a warning to Christians:** They should **not respond to persecution with violence** because **God Himself will bring justice.**

- Because of the phrase he who has an ear let him hear I think this is the case.
 - The problem is, this is saying if who go to the sword you will die by the sword.
 - That is going happen anyway.
- All could be correct as it ends with this is the patience and the faith of the saints.
- [Jas 1:2](#) My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
- *Patience* *hoop-om-on-ay'*
- From [G5278](#); cheerful (or hopeful) *endurance, constancy*: - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).
- Same word used in REV 13:9