

Journey Through the Bible: Revelation

Session 25: Two Prophetic Images Part II (Chapter 13)

Remember Acts 17:11

Revelation Outline (1:19):

- Write what you have seen,
- What is,
- **What will take place after this**

"A Great Sign:"

- A Picture Painted to Reveal a Biblical Truth
- The Pageantry of Scripture
- A Parable of Redemptive History
- Ch. 13: “

The Persons of the 1st Sign:

The Woman	People of Israel
The Child	Christ (Individual/Body of)
The Red Dragon	Satan
Michael	Archangel
The Persecuted	Faithful Remnant (12:17)

Correction:

The Red Dragon (12:3-4):

- 7 Heads and Crowns (*διαδήματα* “Diadem”):
 - o Completion/Ruler’s Crown
- 10 Horns (Symbolic: Power & Strength):
 - o 10 = 6 (Fallen)+4 (Nature)
 - o Ref. Dan. 7:7-8; 8:9-10

Claims Complete Rule, Authority, and Power Over a Fallen Creation.

The Beast from the Sea (13:1-8):

θηρίον “Theon” a dangerous animal:—(venomous, wild) beast. -*Strong’s Definitions*

Prophetic Echo: Philistines (Judges, Samuel I & II)

Description: Ref. Dan. 7:3-8

- Echo of the Four Beasts of Daniel
 - o Bring Other Nations into Subjugation
 - o Wage War Against the People of God
 - o Blaspheme God (Abandon the Seasons/Torah)
 - o Israel will be Oppressed for 3½ years
 - o God will Judge and Condemn the Coming Ruler

The Beast from the Sea (Cont.):

- Echo of the Description of the Dragon
 - o 10 Horns (Power), 7 Heads (Rulership), 10 Crowns (Authority)
 - o Horns Had a Blasphemous Name (Demonic Influence?)
- Difference in Physical Appearance
 - o Body of a Leopard (Speed)
 - o Feet of a Bear (Strength)
 - o Mouth of a Lion (Danger)
- Fatal Wound
Ref. Idol Shepherd Zech. 11:17
(עֵלִיל) *ēlîl* good for nothing, by analogy vain or vanity; specifically an idol:—idol, no value, thing of naught.
-Strong's Definitions
 - o Damage Sustained from a Lethal Attack, Healed (Right Eye & Arm)
 - o Healing Prompts Wonder and Worship (Seemingly Invincible)
- The Wonder for the Sea Beast Results in Worship of the Dragon
 - o Dragon Grants Authority (Regency) to the Sea Beast (42 Months: 3½ Years Ref. Dan. 8:9-12))
 - o Slanders God and His Faithful (Citizens of Heaven)
 - o Declares War Against the Faithful
 - o Conducts a Successful Oppression C.F. Dan. 7:21-22; (Tribulation Saints/Church Already Raptured)
 - o Unifies the World Under a Single Government
 - o All the Unsaved Come to Worship the Beast
 - o V. 10: C.F. Reverse Echo of Jer. 15:2

The Coming World Ruler:

- Old Testament
 - o Seed of the Serpent (Gen. 3:15)
 - o Little Horn that Grows (Dan. 7; 8)
 - o Price that Shall Come (Dan. 9)
 - o Willful King (Dan. 11)
 - o Idol Shepherd (Zech. 11:16-17)

- New Testament
 - One who comes in his own name (Jn. 5:43)
 - Man of Sin (2Thess. 2:3)
 - Man Doomed to Destruction (2 Thess. 2:3)
 - Lawless One (2 Thess. 2:8)
 - Antichrist (1 John 2:22)
 - Sea Beast (Rev. 13)
- Characteristics
 - Intelligent (Ezk. 28:3; Dan. 7:20; 8:23)
 - Persuasion (Dan. 7:20; Rev. 13:2)
 - Political Acumen (Dan. 8:25; 11:21)
 - Financial Planner
(Rev. 13:17; Ezk. 28:4-5; Ps. 52:7; Dan. 11:38-43)
 - Military Strategist
(Isa. 4:16; Dan. 8:24; Rev. 6:2; 13:4)
 - Administrator (Rev. 13:1-2; 17:17)
 - Knowledgeable in Religious Figures
(2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:3-15)
 - Mortally Wounded/Survived
(Zech. 11:17; Rev. 13:3)

Antichrist Model of 3:

Antichrist: Against or In the Place of (Pseudo)

- Dragon: Devil (Fallen Angel)
- Sea Beast: Political Leader
- Land Beast: False Prophet (Jn. 5:43)

The Beast from the Land (13:11-15):

γη "Ge" earth(-ly), ground, land, world. -Strong's

- 2 Horns (Lesser Power but Resembles Christ)
 - Spoke with the Dragon's Voice
 - "Wolf in Sheep's Clothing"
 - Acted as Religious Rep. of the Sea Beast
 - Empowered to Deceive with Miracles
(Anti-Elijah: Fire from Heaven)
- Acting as False Prophet and False Priest
 - Positions Abomination in the Holy of Holies
 - Idol of the Sea Beast: Empowered to Speak
 - Those Refusing Worship are Executed (Caesar)
 - Forced Reception of the "Mark" On the Places of Wounding (Head and Arm/Hand)
 - Institutionalized Financial Oppression of the Faithful

