

Morning Sermon November 14, 2021

*“The Beast from the Sea” Revelation 13:1-10*

*I. Beasts, symbolic of ungodly government rule –*

**13** 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, ... Revelation 13:1 A (NKJV)

*I believe this is the same beast that was mentioned in chapter 11, who kills God’s two witnesses –*

**7** When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. Revelation 11:7 (NKJV)

1. Chapter 11 says this beast comes out of the bottomless pit, representing its spiritual, moral or maybe better immoral origins –

2. Here in chapter 13, the beast rises up out of “the sea” which represents the great mass of sinful, unregenerate, unbelieving mankind –

A. The sea in Scripture is different from rivers / water in general –

**20** But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. **21** “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.” Isaiah 57:20–21 (NKJV)

B. Water / rivers are symbols of the refreshing, life-giving power of the Holy Spirit -

**37** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-39 (NKJV)

C. Salt water from the sea is undrinkable, and that which comes from man’s unregenerate nature has no real life in it, good government is impossible without God –

3. We know beasts in Scripture are symbolic for ungodly government because we are told this is the case –

**17** ‘Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. Daniel 7:17 (NKJV)

A. Here the ten crowns on ten horns represent a combo government –

B. Seven heads, also is symbolic as seven is the number of perfection or completion and could represent perfect, completed or total RULE –

The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. Revelation 13:2 (NKJV)

*This is perfect rule over a rebellious world of sinful people, Satan is the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, Ephesians 2:2 B (NKJV)*

*This is not sovereignty over or equal to God, Satan might like us to think he had such power, his power / authority is great but not even close to God’s!*

*II. The combo-Government, even one-world, anti-God, Satanic government is seen in this passage -*

... 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. Revelation 13:1B - :2 (NKJV)

1. In Daniel 7, the characteristics of animals mentioned here represented three different kingdoms –

**2** Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. **3** And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. **4** The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it. **5** “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’ **6** “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. Daniel 7:2–6 (NKJV)

- A. *The lion with eagle wings mentioned in Daniel 7:4 was Nebuchadnezzar, and Babylon, Daniel knew Nebuchadnezzar*
- B. *The bear – Daniel 7:5 represented the Medo-Persian empire and*
- C. *The leopard, with four wings, the Greek empire under Alexander the Great –*

*Each one of these empires defeated the one before it, they did not unify against God's people, yet ...*

- 2. *The beast in Revelation 13:2 has parts of all these animals –*

<sup>2</sup> **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. Revelation 13:1 A**

- A. *Symbolizing at the very least that the ungodly kingdoms of this world have unified!*
- B. *This is what the 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Horsemen of Revelation 6, war, economic disparity, death in general hinder so the Horse #1 the gospel can go forth ...*
- C. *Yet, near the end of time God allows ungodly men to unify into the beastly government!*

- 3. *Note this beast is the dragon's (Satan's) doing, his ungodly, evil masterpiece -*

**The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. Revelation 13:2 B (NKJV)**

- III. *Note, this beast will have a seemingly Christ-like, resurrecting head -*

<sup>3</sup> **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. Revelation 13:3 (NKJV)**

- IV. *World wide worship of Satan, the Dragon, world-wide admiration of the beast –*

<sup>4</sup> **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)**

*Celebrating sin is the start of Satanic / Dragon worship ...*

- V. *Note what the beast is given: given by God? Yes!*

1. *A mouth –*  
<sup>5</sup> **And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies... Revelation 13:5 A**

2. *Authority –*  
**and he was given authority... Revelation 13:5 B**

3. *Temporarily -*  
**to continue for forty-two months. Revelation 13:5 C**

4. *He, the beast, this false government will use this mouth and power to fight with God and attempt to destroy Christ's church –*

<sup>6</sup> **Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> 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. Revelation 13:6-7**

5. *Every non-believer, including fake-Christians, will worship Satan, and this beast -*

<sup>8</sup> **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. Revelation 13:8 (NKJV)**

- VI. *Hear these things, believe -*

<sup>9</sup> **If anyone has an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup> 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 13:9–10 (NKJV)**

- 1. *Here, God predicting these things, telling us these things in advance, because He is in control of them!*
- 2. *He would have His people respond in a certain way, like Christ – not taking prisoners, not killing, it won't help ... :10 A*
- 3. *Here we told we need:*
  - A. **Patience** – *we are not taken immediately to Heaven, but must deal with some Hell on earth!*
  - B. **Faith** – *when things are going crazy and Satan rules, temporarily, we need to believe God's Word – Isaiah 26:3-4*

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