

LEARNING TO INTERPRET REVELATION

Rev. 13:1-10

Introduction: In our last study time we began to examine Revelation 13 and immediately encountered a vision John the Apostle saw of a beast rising from the sea. The beast had seven heads and ten horns with ten crowns upon them.

Immediately we set ourselves to answer the question, “Who or what is this terrible beast?” As we searched for other Scripture to explain this Scripture, we found similar descriptions of a beast in Daniel chapter 7. I am confident we all spent many hours this week comparing Dan. 7 with Rev. 13:1-10. In this session we will look at the fruit of our labors!

Revelation 13:1–10 ***1 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	Daniel 7	Comments
<p>1 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.</p>	<p>1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head <i>while</i> on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. 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.</p>	<p>Both Daniel and John were given visions by God of things to come. They each saw a beast rising out of the sea. Interestingly, it was the same sea. Patmos, where John was exiled, is in a branch of the _____ Sea. Daniel would have called that same sea the Great Sea.</p>

	<p>Also ... 23 “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all <i>other</i> kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.</p> <p>24 The ten horns <i>are</i> ten kings <i>Who</i> shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first <i>ones</i>, And shall subdue three kings.</p> <p>25 He shall speak <i>pompous</i> words against the Most High,</p>	<p>Daniel saw four beasts rise, each representing a _____ and a _____. Daniel’s fourth beast changed into an even more terrible beast.</p> <p>Clearly God is showing each of them that a _____ king will arise and shall take over a federation of nations.</p> <p>This man will _____ the God of heaven and stand against all that is _____. Elsewhere the Bible calls him the _____. 1 John 2:18</p>
<p>2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like <i>the feet of a bear</i>, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>5 “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and <i>had</i> three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7 “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that <i>were</i> before it, and it had ten horns.</p>	<p>Daniel and John list the lion, bear, leopard, and terrible beast in _____ order. That is because Daniel was looking _____ into history, and John is looking _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lion – Babylon • Bear – Medo _____ • Leopard – Greece • Beast – _____ • Even more terrible beast – _____ Roman Empire <p>In Daniel’s visions (there are more than just this one in Dan. 7), each kingdom leads to the _____ one in _____ order. In John’s vision, the final kingdom of antichrist has characteristics of _____ of the world empires that came before it.</p>

<p>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.</p>	<p>19 “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, <i>with</i> its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, <i>which</i> devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;</p>	<p>Both Daniel and John saw that this beast took control of the world. John, what may have been a quasi-_____ of the antichrist himself, causing people to marvel and follow him. Some students think it is the _____ of antichrist that rises from the ashes of history that astounds the people.</p>
<p>4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who <i>is</i> like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”</p>	<p>20 and the ten horns that <i>were</i> on its head, and the other <i>horn</i> which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance <i>was</i> greater than his fellows.</p>	<p>The bottom line is that the lost people of the earth worship both the antichrist and _____ who empowers him.</p>
<p>5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for <u>forty-two months</u></p>	<p>25 He shall speak <i>pompous</i> words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then <i>the saints</i> shall be given into his hand For <u>a time and times and half a time.</u></p>	<p>John speaks of the beast’s _____ and talk of great things. Daniel calls them _____ words, intending to change times and law, no doubt including times and laws established by _____ Himself. Both John and Daniel are very specific about the amount of time the antichrist will have _____ control of the world – 3 ½ years.</p>
<p>6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.</p>		<p>Specifically, John elaborates that the antichrist will blaspheme the _____ of God, the _____, and all the residents of heaven.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>21 “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,</p>	<p>The beast will be the world’s dictator for the _____ second half of the tribulation (3 ½ years). He will even be able to slay _____. He will rule every people group of the earth.</p>

<p>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.</p>		<p>The _____ people during the last half of the tribulation who will not be seduced by the antichrist will be those who are truly _____ believers whose names are written in the Book of Life.</p>
<p>9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>9 “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; 10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened. 13 “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, <i>One</i> like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.</p> <p>14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion <i>is</i> an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom <i>the one</i> Which shall not be destroyed. Of the antichrist, Daniel writes: 26 ‘But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy <i>it</i> forever. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom <i>is</i> an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’</p>	<p>The visions God gave to both John and Daniel, as frightening as they are, both end in a _____ and comforting note. John’s vision basically says, “The antichrist will ultimately get what is coming to him.”</p> <p>Daniel is offered more detail. Daniel sees the _____ room of heaven, just as John did in Rev. 4 and 5.</p> <p>God the Father gives dominion to _____, the Lamb of God, the Son of Man.</p> <p>The rule antichrist exercised upon the earth during the _____ will be taken away and destroyed.</p> <p>But the saints, the saved, shall share in the everlasting Kingdom of their Lord and shall _____ and _____ Him forever and forever.</p>