

## Revelation 13:1-18 **Antichrist Beast from the Sea – False Prophet Beast from the Earth**

### The Beast from the Sea

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.

### The Beast from the Earth – The False Prophet

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

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Facts Revealed:

### The Beast from the Sea – The Antichrist

✚ **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**. [\[Revelation 13:1\]](#)

- ✧ On this portion of Scripture the one standing on the seashore changes by translation in English as well as in Greek:
  - ✧ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. [\[KJV, NKJV, AMP\]](#)
  - ✧ And the Dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. [\[NIV, NASU\]](#)
  - ✧ And he stood on the sand of the seashore. [\[ASV, NASV, NASB, RSV\]](#)
  - ✧ Whoever was standing on the sand of the seashore may be questionable, however, John witnessed the flow of events that followed which he recorded in the account.
  - ✧ The **Beast rising out of the sea** is the **Antichrist**, the human ruler of the world. [\[Revelation 13:1-8\]](#)
  - ✧ **Rising out of the sea** represents his emergence from the masses of humanity. [\[Revelation 17:15\]](#)
  - ✧ **Seven heads** is the same representation we saw first for Satan the Red Dragon, [\[Revelation 12:3\]](#) however it is not Satan because he receives his power and authority from Satan. [\[Revelation 13:2\]](#)
  - ✧ The **seven heads** we see later to represent the seat of his kingdom on seven hills (mountains) as revealed in the description of the Beast on which the woman sits. [\[Revelation 17:9\]](#)
  - ✧ The **seven heads** also represent the seven major world rulers prior to the Antichrist. [\[Revelation 17:10\]](#)
  - ✧ The **Ten Horns** and ten crowns represent the **ten kings** who align themselves with the Antichrist in the last three and a half years. [\[Revelation 17:12-14, Daniel 7:7-8, 19-28, Revelation 12:3, 13:1, 17:12, 16\]](#)
  - ✧ **Blasphemous name** agrees with Antichrist descriptions of Scriptures when he sets himself up as god exalting his name above the name of God and speaking evil against God. [\[Revelation 13:1, 5-6, 17:3, Daniel 7:25, 11:36\]](#)
- ✚ 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**. [\[Revelation 13:2\]](#)
  - ✧ The description of the Antichrist pictures him as ferocious and destructive. [\[Daniel 7:7-8, 23, 11:36\]](#)
  - ✧ The Antichrist has power over the nations, but not his own power, it is the power, throne, and authority of Satan himself. [\[Revelation 13:2, Daniel 8:24\]](#)
- ✚ 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**. [\[Revelation 13:3\]](#)

- ✧ The mortal wound of the Antichrist causes disfiguration. [\[Zechariah 11:17\]](#)
- ✧ His miraculous recovery and strength causes the world to look at him with awe.
- ✧ He will be the embodiment of Satan and the world will follow him out of fear.
- ‡ **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?**" [\[Revelation 13:4\]](#)
  - ✧ Worship of Satan and the Antichrist is entirely based on fear.
  - ✧ People worship Satan because they know he is the source of the power of the Antichrist.
  - ✧ No one of earth will be able to make war against the Antichrist and prevail.
- ‡ **And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.** [\[Revelation 13:5\]](#)
  - ✧ He speaks great things and blasphemies. [\[Revelation 13:5, Daniel 7:24-25, 11:36-39\]](#)
  - ✧ God allows the Antichrist to have his own way for three and a half years (42 months, 1,260 days).
- ‡ **Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.** [\[Revelation 13:6\]](#)
  - ✧ The Antichrist is clearly and openly hostile against the knowledge of God.
- ‡ **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.** [\[Revelation 13:7, Daniel 7:21, 25\]](#)
  - ✧ God will allow this tyrant to prevail over the Saints of God and to overcome them.
  - ✧ When the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished. [\[Daniel 12:7\]](#)
  - ✧ The Antichrist will have authority over every tribe, tongue, and nation, he will be the supreme world ruler at the time of the end.
- ‡ **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. [\[Revelation 13:8\]](#)
  - ✧ The worldly people will worship the Antichrist.
  - ✧ God has reserved for Himself a remnant who will not worship the Antichrist, even though he has power to overcome them.
  - ✧ Those Saints have their names written in the Book of life of the Lamb. [\[Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 15, 21:27, 22:19\]](#)
  - ✧ Jesus knows those who are His own and has a book to prove it.
  - ✧ The Book of Life is the Book of Jesus Christ the Lamb.
  - ✧ The death of Jesus on the cross had been planned and established before the creation of the world. [\[Ephesians 1:4, Hebrews 4:3, 1 Peter 1:18-20, Revelation 13:8, 17:8\]](#)
- ‡ **If anyone has an ear, let him hear.** [\[Revelation 13:9\]](#)
  - ✧ The truth is revealed in this book, however the choice to accept and believe it is left up to the hearer or reader.
  - ✧ Jesus invites us to accept this revelation, but grants us the right to choose.
- ‡ **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.** [\[Revelation 13:10\]](#)
  - ✧ I believe this is a rewording of prophecy that indicates that some are destined to go into captivity and others are destined to be killed [\[Revelation 6:11, 20:4\]](#)
  - ✧ This is a common understanding of prophecy.
    - And it shall be, if they say to you, 'Where should we go?' then you shall tell them,
      - Thus says the Lord:
      - "Such as are for death, to death;
      - And such as are for the sword, to the sword;
      - And such as are for the famine, to the famine;

And such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.'" [Jeremiah 15:2, 43:11-12, Daniel 11:33, Luke 21:23-24]

- ✧ This information is a call for the Saints to stand firmly and patiently in endurance and faith, knowing it will pass, and whether dead or alive, the Saint who endures to the end will receive his reward in the Kingdom of God and of the Lamb.
- ✧ This verse indicates that the Antichrist and False prophet with their demand for worship and the Mark of the Beast, is the greatest test of Christian endurance that will ever come to test those who dwell on the earth. [Revelation 3:10]
- ✧ We can then stand like Job who said:

"For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And He shall stand at last on the earth;  
And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,  
That in my flesh I shall see God,  
Whom I shall see for myself,  
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!" [NKJV Job 19:25-27]

### The Beast from the Earth – The False Prophet

- ✧ Then I saw **another beast coming up out of the earth**, and he had **two horns like a lamb** and **spoke like a dragon**. [Revelation 13:11]
  - ✧ This man has the pomp, prestige and appearance of a religious leader who comes out of a worldly based religious origin.
  - ✧ He has the appearance of a lamb, but speaks with the authority of Satan.
- ✧ And **he exercises all the authority of the first beast** in his presence, and **causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed**. [Revelation 13:12]
  - ✧ This man has world acceptance as a religious leader.
  - ✧ His influence is in support of the one world ruler, the Antichrist, for whom he promotes world worship, using the evidence of the deadly wound which was healed as the miraculous evidence of his credentials.
  - ✧ He is from a religion that seeks a miracle to be one of the qualifications of his position as the supreme head.
- ✧ **He performs great signs**, so that he even makes **fire come down from heaven** on the earth in the sight of men. And **he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs** which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, **telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived**. [Revelation 13:13-14, Matthew 24:24, Mark 13:21-22]
  - ✧ The apparent miracles he is able to do publicly, will appeal to those who look for the miraculous over the Word of God.
  - ✧ His apparent humility will be seen in the fact that he exalts the Antichrist instead of himself.
  - ✧ He is one who is accustomed to seeing images made of individuals for the world to worship, and people of his religion are accustomed to worshipping the images.
  - ✧ He causes an image of the Antichrist to be made and calls on the world to worship it.
  - ✧ This is a fulfillment of the words of Paul:

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way**. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the

brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. [\[NKJV 2 Thess 2:7-12\]](#)

† **He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast**, that the image of the beast should both **speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed**. [\[Revelation 13:15\]](#)

✧ The False Prophet will seemingly make the image speak.

✧ The image will pronounce the death penalty against anyone who will not worship the image.

† He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a **mark** on their **right hand** or on their **foreheads**, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the **mark** or the **name of the beast**, or the **number of his name**. [\[Revelation 13:16-17\]](#)

✧ No one or class of people will be exempt from the death penalty if they refuse the **Mark, Name, or Number of the Beast**.

† Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666. [\[Revelation 13:18\]](#)

✧ People through the ages have been looking with suspicion at every numbering system that has come along, considering whether it might be the 666 of the Mark of the Beast to the point of hysteria.

✧ The deciding factor will be when the number 666 is associated with worship of a man, or an image, or the name of a man, and is used to identify the person as a worshiper.

✧ It will also be required for the purchase or sale of any product. [\[Revelation 13:16-17\]](#)

✧ The Mark will be applied to the forehead or on their right hand.

✧ Having the **name of the Beast** or the **Number of his name** might suffice in the place of the **Mark of the Beast**, however, it appears that the Mark of the Beast will be the most common application of this law. [\[Revelation 14:9-11\]](#)