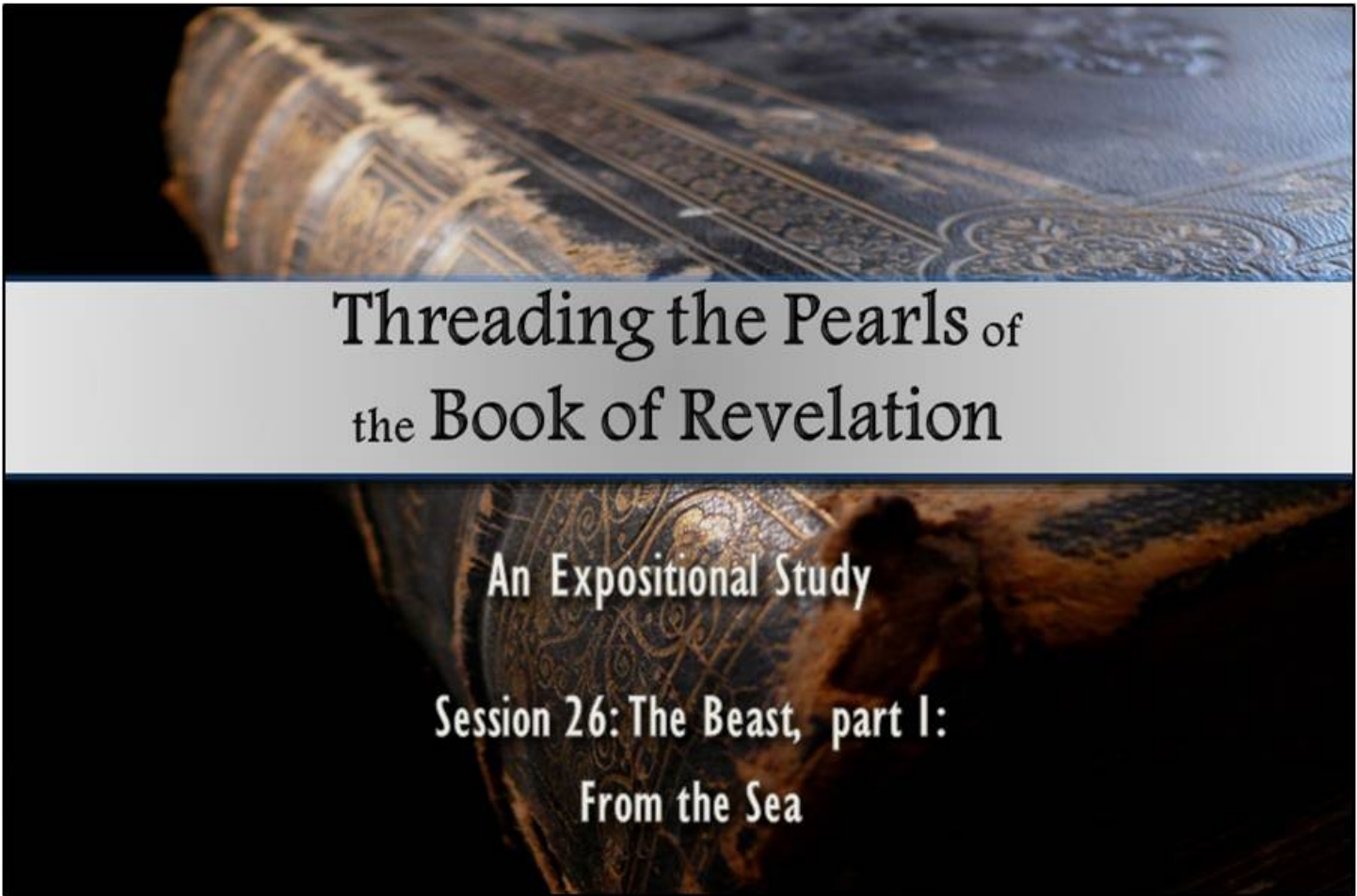




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I saw *a beast rising up out of the sea*, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

[REV 13:1]



REVELATION 13

1 And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.

And I saw

ACTS 28:3-6, when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. ⁴So when *the natives saw the creature* hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live." ⁵But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

Beast

DAN 7:18-23, 'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.' ¹⁹"Then I wished to know the truth about *the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful*, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; ²⁰"and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows...

Coming out of the sea

DAN 7:2-7, 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...;

ISA 27:1, In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And *He will slay the reptile that is in the sea*;

PSM 68:21-23, God will wound the head of His enemies, The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in His trespasses. ²²The Lord said, "I will bring back from Bashan, *I will bring them back from the depths of the sea*, ²³That your foot may crush them in blood, And the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies".

Ten horns

DAN 7:19-20, ...the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; ²⁰"and *the ten horns that were on its head*, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

Seven heads

PSM 74:12-14, For God is my King from of old, Working salvation in the midst of the earth. ¹³You divided the sea by Your strength; *You broke the heads of the sea serpents* in the waters. ¹⁴You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

CONSIDER THIS —

The mystery of the ten horns:

REV 17:12. The ten horns which you saw *are ten kings* who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

Ten crowns

DAN 7:24, *The ten horns are ten kings* Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.

On his horns

REV 17:12-13, "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but *they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.* ¹³"These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

On each head

REV 17:3, I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, *having seven heads* and ten horns; REV 17:9, "Here is the mind which has wisdom: *The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.*

A blasphemous name

2PET 2:1-3, there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom *the way of truth will be blasphemed.* ³By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.





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2 And the beast, which I saw, was like to a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his own strength, and great power.

The beast I saw

HEB 12:20-21, they could not endure what was commanded: "And *if so much as a beast touches the mountain*, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." ²¹And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling".

Resembled a leopard

DAN 7:6, 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;

JER 5:1-9, ...⁵I will go to the great men and speak to them, For they have known the way of the Lord, The judgment of their God." But these have altogether broken the yoke And burst the bonds. ⁶Therefore a lion from the forest shall slay them, A wolf of the deserts shall destroy them; *A leopard will watch over their cities*. Everyone who goes out from there shall be torn in pieces, Because their transgressions are many; Their backslidings have increased...

Feet like... a bear

PRO 28:15, Like a roaring lion and *a charging bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people*;

AMOS 5:15-20, It may be that the Lord God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. ¹⁶Therefore the Lord God of hosts, the Lord, says this: "There shall be wailing in all streets, And they shall say in all the highways, 'Alas! Alas!' They shall call the farmer to mourning, And skillful lamenters to wailing. ¹⁷In all vineyards there shall be wailing, For I will pass through you," Says the Lord. ¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! For what good is the day of the Lord to you? It will be darkness, and not light. ¹⁹It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And *a bear met him!* Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! ²⁰Is not

the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?

Mouth like... a lion

PSM 22:20-21, Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. ²¹Save Me *from the lion's mouth* And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me; 1KING 20:35-36, a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor by the word of the Lord, "Strike me, please." And the man refused to strike him. ³⁶Then he said to him, "Because you have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, surely, as soon as you depart from me, *a lion shall kill you.*" And as soon as he left him, a lion found him and killed him; AMOS 3:8-12, A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy? ⁹"Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod, And in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say: 'Assemble on the mountains of Samaria; See great tumults in her midst, And the oppressed within her. ¹⁰For they do not know to do right,' Says the Lord, 'Who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.' " ¹¹Therefore thus says the Lord God: "*An adversary shall be all around the land*; He shall sap your strength from you, And your palaces shall be plundered." ¹²Thus says the Lord: "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear, So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria-In the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!

JER 4:7, *The lion has come up from his thicket*, And the destroyer of nations is on his way. He has gone forth from his place To make your land desolate. Your cities will be laid waste, Without inhabitant.

CONSIDER THIS —

How is the beast like a leopard?

DAN 7:6, 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.

The dragon gave the beast his power

HEB 2:14, Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy *him who had the power of death*, that is, the devil.

The dragon gave the beast... his throne

REV 2:12-13, to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: ¹³'I know your works, and where you dwell, *where Satan's throne is*.

The dragon gave the beast... great authority

ROM 13:1, Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and *the authorities that exist are appointed by God*. ²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.





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3 And I saw one of his heads as it were slain to death: and his death's wound was healed. And all the earth was in admiration after the beast.

One of the heads of the beast

DAN 8:23-24, in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, *A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.*
²⁴His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

Seemed to have had a fatal wound

ISA 51:9, Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake as in the ancient days, In the generations of old. Are You not the arm that cut Rahab apart, And *wounded the serpent?*

Wound had been healed

DEUT 32:39, 'Now see that I, even I, am He, And there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; *I wound and I heal;* Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand.

Whole world was astonished

EZE 28:19, All who knew you among *the peoples are astonished at you;* You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever""";

EZE 26:15-16, "Thus says the Lord God to Tyre: 'Will the coastlands not shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry, when slaughter is made in the midst of you?
¹⁶Then all the princes of the sea will come down from their thrones, lay aside their robes, and take off their embroidered garments; they will clothe themselves with trembling; they will sit on the ground, tremble every moment, and *be astonished at you.*

The whole world... followed the beast

JER 11:8-12, they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done.' " ⁹And the Lord said to me, "A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁰"They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and *they have gone after other gods to serve them;* the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers."
¹¹Therefore thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will surely bring calamity on them which they will not be able to escape; and though they cry out to Me, I will not listen to them. ¹²"Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

CONSIDER THIS —

What will happen to those who have the seal of God on their foreheads? (see REV 7:3-4)

DAN 8:24, His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and *also the holy people.*



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4 And they adored the dragon, which gave power to the beast: and they adored the beast, saying: Who is like to the beast? and who shall be able to fight with him?

Men worshiped the dragon

1KING 16:30-33, Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. ³¹And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and *served Baal and worshiped him*. ³²Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. ³³And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him;

1KING 22:51-53, Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel. ⁵²He did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin; ⁵³for *he served Baal and worshiped him*, and provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

Given authority to the beast

LUKE 4:6-7, the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; *for this has been delivered to me*, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷"Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours".

[Men] also worshiped the beast

2THES 2:3-4, Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴who opposes and *exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped*, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God;

LEV 20:1-5, the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who *gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death...*' ⁴And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, ⁵then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech.

[Men] asked "Who is like the beast?"

DEUT 9:1-3, "Hear, O Israel: You are to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, ²"a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you heard it said, '*Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?*'" ³"Therefore understand today that the Lord your God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you.

"Who can make war against him?"

ECC 7:13-14, Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked? ¹⁴In the day of prosperity be joyful, But *in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other*, So that man can find out nothing that will come after him;

LUKE 14:31, what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider *whether he is able* with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

CONSIDER THIS —

Did the devil have this authority? If he did not, would have Jesus been tempted?

LUKE 4:6-7, the devil said to Him, "*All this authority* I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷"Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."



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5 And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things, and blasphemies: and power was given to him to do two and forty months.

Beast was given a mouth

2KING 18:28-36, the Rabshakeh stood and *called out with a loud voice in Hebrew*, and spoke, saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria!"²⁹"Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you from his hand;³⁰nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, "The Lord will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria"..."

Utter proud words

DAN 7:8, I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and *a mouth speaking pompous words*.

Blasphemies

LEV 24:15-16, you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. ¹⁶And *whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death*. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the Lord, he shall be put to death;
ISA 37:28-29, I know your dwelling place, Your going out and your coming in, And your rage against Me. ²⁹Because your rage against Me and *your tumult Have come up to My ears*, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came".

Exercise his authority

MARK 10:42, Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and *their great ones exercise authority over them*;

LUKE 22:25, *The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them*, and those who exercise authority over them are called "benefactors."

Forty-two months*

* NOTE — 42 months = 3 1/2 years.

DAN 9:26-27, the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. ²⁷And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and *in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease*, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate;

DAN 7:25, the saints shall be given into his hand *For a time and times and half a time*.

CONSIDER THIS —

The king of Assyria, or the 'Assyrian', can be used idiomatically as the coming world leader:

ISA 37:29, Because your rage against Me and *your tumult Have come up to My ears*, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came."



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6 And he opened his mouth unto blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

Opened his mouth

PSM 5:8-10, Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face. ⁹For *there is no faithfulness in their mouth*; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. ¹⁰Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You;

LAM 3:46-47, All our enemies Have *opened their mouths against us*. ⁴⁷Fear and a snare have come upon us, Desolation and destruction;

ROM 3:13-19, "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; ¹⁴"Whose *mouth is full of cursing and bitterness*." ¹⁵"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶Destruction and misery are in their ways; ¹⁷And the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸"There is no fear of God before their eyes." ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

To blaspheme God

2KING 19:6, Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the Lord: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which *the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me*;

DAN 7:25, *He shall speak pompous words against the Most High*, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law.

To slander his name

LEV 18:21, you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech, *nor shall you profane the name of your God*: I am the Lord.

[To slander] his dwelling place

EZE 23:36-39, The Lord also said to me: "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations. ³⁷"For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and even sacrificed their sons whom they bore to Me, passing them through the fire, to devour them. ³⁸"Moreover they have done this to Me: They have defiled My sanctuary on the same day and profaned My Sabbaths. ³⁹"For after they had slain their children for their idols, on the same day *they came into My sanctuary to profane it*; and indeed thus they have done in the midst of My house;

EZE 35:12-15, you shall know that I am the Lord. I have heard *all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel*, saying, "They are desolate; they are given to us to consume." ¹³"Thus with your mouth you have boasted against Me and multiplied your words against Me; I have heard them." ¹⁴"Thus says the Lord God: "The whole earth will rejoice when I make you desolate. ¹⁵"As you rejoiced because the inheritance of the house of Israel was desolate, so I will do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of Edom—all of it! Then they shall know that I am the Lord".

[To slander] those who live in heaven

EZE 13:19, *will you profane Me among My people* for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?"

CONSIDER THIS —

The Assyrian will again blaspheme the Lord:

2KING 19:6, Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the Lord: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.



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7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them. And power was given him over every tribe, and people, and tongue, and nation.

Given power to make war

DAN 7:21-22, I was watching; and *the same horn was making war against the saints*, and prevailing against them, ²²until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

War against the saints

2KING 19:3-4, they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth. ⁴It may be that the Lord your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the Lord your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for *the remnant that is left*'".

To conquer [the saints]

1KING 9:6-9, if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, ⁷"then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. ⁸"And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?' ⁹"Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore *the Lord has brought all this calamity on them*'".

Given authority over

DAN 7:23, 'The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And *shall devour the whole earth*, Trample it and break it in pieces; MATH 21:23-26, when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And *who gave You this authority?*" ²⁴But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: ²⁵"The baptism of John-where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶"But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Every tribe, people, language and nation

PSM 118:8-9, It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man. ⁹*It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in princes;*

EZE 31:3-7, Indeed Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon, With fine branches that shaded the forest, And of high stature; And its top was among the thick boughs... ⁶All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs; Under its branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young; And *in its shadow all great nations made their home*. ⁷Thus it was beautiful in greatness and in the length of its branches, Because its roots reached to abundant waters.

CONSIDER THIS —

A specific event that will mark when the war will end:

DAN 7:21-22, "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²²until *the Ancient of Days came*, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.



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8 And all the dwell upon the earth adored him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb, which was slain from the beginning of the world.

Inhabitants of the earth

JER 17:12-13, A glorious high throne from the beginning Is the place of our sanctuary. ¹³O Lord, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me Shall be *written in the earth*, Because they have forsaken the Lord, The fountain of living waters".

All... will worship the beast

DAN 11:37, "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for *he shall exalt himself above them all*."

All... names

EPH 1:19-21, what is the exceeding greatness of His [God the father's] power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and *every name that is named*, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Not written in the book

REV 20:12-15, I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And *anyone not found written in the Book of Life* was cast into the lake of fire.

Book of life

EXO 32:31-34, Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! ³²"Yet now, if You will forgive their sin-but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." ³³And the Lord said to Moses, "*Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book*." ³⁴"Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin".

CONSIDER THIS —

He shall prosper, until...

DAN 11:36-37, the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper *till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done*. ³⁷"He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all."

Belonging to the Lamb

1JON 3:10-12, In this *the children of God* and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. ¹¹For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹²not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

Slain from the creation

1JON 3:8, He who sins is of the devil, for *the devil has sinned from the beginning*. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

The creation of the world

ISA 40:21-24, Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. ²³*He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless.* ²⁴Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.





REVELATION 13

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.**He who has an ear**

PSM 115:4-8, Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. ⁵They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; ⁶*They have ears, but they do not hear*; Noses they have, but they do not smell; ⁷They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. ⁸Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them; EZE 12:2, Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see but does not see, and *ears to hear but does not hear*; for they are a rebellious house.

Let him hear

JER 5:21-23, 'Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And *who have ears and hear not*: ²²'Do you not fear Me?' says the Lord. 'Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it. ²³But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; They have revolted and departed; DEUT 5:26-27, 'For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? ²⁷'You go near and hear all that the Lord our God may say, and tell us all that the Lord our God says to you, and *we will hear and do it*.'

CONSIDER THIS —

Who are the children of the devil?

1JON 3:10, In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.



GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Daniel chapter 7 and REV 13:1-9.

- ⊕ **1. List the similarities in the description of the beasts in DAN 7 with that of John's account in Revelation. Where do the two accounts make note of something that the other does not?**

REV 13:1, 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.

REV 17:3, I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

- ⊕ **2. What do the heads and horns signify?**
(see also DAN 7:24, REV 17:9 & REV 17:12-13)

DAN 8:23-24, in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes. ²⁴His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

- ⊕ **3. Who gives the beast his power? And, what does this power allow the beast to accomplish?**
(see also REV 13:2 & HEB 2:14)

PSM 68:21-22, God will *wound the head of His enemies*, The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in His trespasses.

²²The Lord said, "I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea.

- ⊕ **4. How can the releasing of the beast from the sea be part of God's plan?**
(see also GEN 3:15, DEUT 32:29 & REV 13:3)

REV 13:5, he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and *he was given authority* to continue for forty-two months.

- ⊕ **5. Who gives the beast this authority?**
(see also ECC 7:13-14, LUKE 4:6-7, ROM 13:1)

REV 13:8, *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.

- ⊕ **6. Why might the inhabitants of the earth worship the beast?**
(see also JOHN 5:43 & 2THES 2:9-12)

NEXT SESSION —