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Prayer

Lord, I thank You that because Your Spirit lives in me, I have everything I need to overcome any attack the devil would try to orchestrate against me. Because Your resurrection power resides in me, I am stronger than the devil; I am tougher than any problem; and I can outlast any time of difficulty. It is not a question of IF I will win, but of WHEN I will win the victory! I thank You for giving me the power of the Holy Spirit to outlast every attack and to persist until I have accomplished what You have asked me to do! In Jesus' name. Amen

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Scripture

Revelation 13

Revelation 13:1-18 (AMP)

1 [AS] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and blasphemous titles (names) on his heads. 2 And the beast that I saw resembled a leopard, but his feet were like those of a bear and his mouth was like that of a lion. And to him the dragon gave his [own] might and power and his [own] throne and great dominion. 3 And one of his heads seemed to have a deadly wound. But his death stroke was healed; and the whole earth went after the beast in amazement and admiration. 4 They fell down and paid homage to the dragon, because he had bestowed on the beast all his dominion and authority; they also praised and worshiped the beast, exclaiming, Who is a match for the beast, and, Who can make war against him? 5 And the beast was given the power of speech, uttering boastful and blasphemous words, and he was given freedom to exert his authority and to exercise his will during forty-two months (three and a half years). 6 And he opened his mouth to speak slanders against God, blaspheming His name and His abode, [even vilifying] those who live in heaven. 7 He was further permitted to wage war on God's holy people (the saints) and to overcome them. And power was given him to extend his authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation, 8 And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration and pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb that was slain [in sacrifice] from the foundation of the world. 9 If anyone is able to hear, let him listen: 10 Whoever leads into captivity will himself go into captivity; if anyone slays with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Herein is [the call for] the patience and the faith and fidelity of the saints (God's people). 11 Then I saw another beast rising up out of the land [itself]; he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke (roared) like a dragon. 12 He exerts all the power and right of control of the former beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell upon it to exalt and deify the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed, and to worship him. 13 He performs great signs (startling miracles), even making fire fall from the sky to the earth in men's sight. 14 And because of the signs (miracles) which he is allowed to perform in the presence of the [first] beast, he deceives those who inhabit the earth, commanding them to erect a statue (an image) in the likeness of the beast who was wounded by the [small] sword and still lived. 15 And he is permitted [also] to impart the breath of life into the beast's image, so that the statue of the beast could actually talk and cause to be put to death those who would not bow down and worship the image of the beast. 16 Also he compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads, 17 So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 Here is [room for] discernment [a call for the wisdom of interpretation]. Let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, for it is a human number [the number of a certain man]; his number is 666.

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Revelation 13. The Two Beasts**The First Beast, vv. 1–10**

The red dragon of chapter 12 is clearly Satan. Chapter 13 introduces us to two beasts through which Satan establishes control over the multitudes of earth's people. The first beast seems to be a political figure, and the second beast appears to be a religious figure. Both receive their power and direction from Satan, the great deceiver and imitator.

The first beast who rises out of the sea is generally thought to be the Antichrist. The sea is often used as a symbol for the multitudes of earth's people. Perhaps this is a hint that the Antichrist will be a politician who rises to fame in an ordinary way, as many others have done throughout history. This first beast "resembled" a leopard, had the feet of a bear, and a mouth like a lion. This description is similar to the first three of Daniel's four beasts (Daniel 7:3–6). However, this beast seems to be most similar to Daniel's fourth beast, which retains, in some measure, the characteristics of his predecessors. Because the term "beast" is used, it is easy to imagine that its physical appearance is strange and animal-like. However, the resemblance to the leopard, bear, and lion may very well be in nonphysical characteristics, such as being a cunning hunter, someone who camouflages himself well in his setting.

Like the dragon, to whom it was subservient, the beast had seven heads and 10 horns (see chap. 17). The "seven heads" loaded with blasphemy are explained further in chapter 17 . They symbolize seven empires and seven kings that are, or were, under the control of the beast, who receives his power from Satan. John tells us that five (empires/kings) are fallen, one is, and one is yet to come (17:10). There is much speculation on the identity of the five that are fallen. Some believe them to be the significant empires that ruled through the ages, including the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, and Grecian empires (see The World Powers of Biblical Times for more on the six world empires of biblical times). The one that "is" is generally thought to be the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire was never conquered; it rotted from within and eventually lost its position of world power.

Others believe that the seven heads represent the five kings who reigned up to John's day, the sixth king that was in power during John's life, and a seventh king that is yet to come, which is generally thought to be the Antichrist.

The "ten horns with ten crowns on his horns" seem to be identical to the 10 toes of the fourth beast in Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2:33, 40–43) and the 10 horns of the fourth beast in Daniel's dream (Daniel 7:7 , 24). An angel tells Daniel what the 10 horns represent: "the ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom [the final kingdom]. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws" (Daniel 7:24).

"One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed" (Revelation 13:3). It comes as no surprise that Satan, the great imitator, orchestrates the "death and resurrection" of the Antichrist. A cheap imitation, indeed, but the "whole world was astonished and followed the beast." How easily people are deceived if they don't know the truth found in God's Word!

To the preterist interpreter, this first beast is the old Roman Empire, whose mission was to persecute the church. The futurist interpreter believes that this beast (the Antichrist) is a literal man who will rise to political power in a revived Roman Empire and will continue as a world power for 42 months. He will blaspheme the name of God and will be given power by Satan to make war on the saints (God's true believers)—but the rest of the world (those whose names are not written in the Book of Life) will worship the demon-possessed politician. It will be a time of trouble the like of which the world has never known. At the end of this 3½ years of terror, Christ will return to reclaim His dominion of the earth from Satan.

The Second Beast, Revelation 13:11–18

This beast looked like a lamb and will hold a place of religious authority. The first beast looked like a leopard, bear, and lion and possessed political power. Both received power from Satan and appear to be allies. It appears that we have the making of an impostor trinity!

The second beast was able to influence the earth itself and its inhabitants to worship the first beast. Can you imagine that even the rocks were influenced by this man? Satan's power to deceive is truly frightening.

John previously mentioned that the first beast seemed to have a fatal wound but had been healed (v. 3). Here we learn that it was the lamb beast that brought him (the first beast) to life again. The lamb beast is afterward called the "false prophet" (16:13 ; 19:20 ; 20:10), that is, the pretender-lamb.

To the preterist interpreter, the lamb beast is the priestly system of the Roman Empire, organized to enforce emperor worship. To the futurist interpreter, the lamb beast is the ecclesiastical head of the world's last empire, of which the political head will be the leopard beast, the Antichrist himself.

The Number 666

This number represents the name of a man, or possibly a group of men, or an institution headed by a man or group of men. Neither Hebrew nor Greek has separate symbols for numbers; rather, letters were also used as numerals. Thus, in Greek, A=1, B=2, etc. The letters of the name, when added together, total 666.

Few things in the Bible have given rise to such speculation as the meaning of "the number of the beast." Each era in history has discovered the name of a leader who is seen as impersonating the ultimate evil of the Antichrist, from the head of the Roman Empire of Paul's day, to Napoleon, to Adolf Hitler.

In our time it has been claimed that the object is a number rather than a name, and that this number is incorporated in the barcodes on consumer products.

Others understand the number symbolically: 6 is man's number, just short of 7, which is God's number; 666 is a "trinity" of sixes. The square of 6 is 36; when we add up all numbers from 1 through 36, the total is 666. The significance, then, is that the beast, powerful as he is—and no matter how powerful he may become—is still not as powerful as God.

At the close of chapter 13, John tells us that the false prophet, who receives his power from the great imitator, Satan, requires everyone to receive a mark on his right hand or his forehead. Without this mark, people could not buy or sell anything (Revelation 13:16–17). Remember the seal God placed on the forehead of all the servants of God at the beginning of the Great Tribulation (7:3). (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 943-945)

The Beast And The False Prophet: V1 The beast will rise out of the ten nations of the European Community ("ten horns"). Verse "Seat" means throne. Satan will give the beast his power, throne and authority. VV3-4 An attempt to assassinate the beast will put out one of his eyes and paralyze an arm (Zechariah 11:17). V7 "The saints" refers to Israel. VV 11-15 This "beast" is the false prophet who leads the people to worship the beast and to erect an image in his honor. VV16-18 The number of the name of the beast is 666. People will have a mark on their heads or hands in order to buy and sell.(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; comments; page198)

Jer 5:22 — Do you not fear and reverence Me? says the Lord. Do you not tremble before Me? I placed the sand for the boundary of the sea, a perpetual barrier beyond which it cannot pass and by an everlasting ordinance beyond which it cannot go? And though the waves of the sea toss and shake themselves, yet they cannot prevail [against the feeble grains of sand which God has ordained by nature to be sufficient for His purpose]; though [the billows] roar, yet they cannot pass over that [barrier]. [Is not such a God to be reverently feared and worshiped?] and saw Rev 11:7 — But when they have finished their testimony and their evidence is all in, the beast (monster) that comes up out of the Abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war on them, and conquer them and kill them. Rev 17:8 — The beast that you saw [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is going to come up out of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and proceed to go to perdition. And the inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been recorded in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they look at the beast, because he [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is [yet] to come. Da 7:2 — Daniel said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens [political and social agitations] were stirring up the great sea [the nations of the world]. Da 7:3 — And four great beasts came up out of the sea in succession, and different from one another.

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