

The Seven Headed Beast Revelation 13:1-10

I. Description of the Beast – 13 & 17

1. It rises out of the sea – 13:1 Out of bottomless pit – 17:8
It is the “place of destruction” as seen in 17:8
There are “blasphemous names” on its heads – 13:1
2. Satan is standing on the sand of the sea – 12:17
It seems that he is calling for the beast to come out of the sea – the pit
Note this beast has 10 horns and 7 heads – a kin to the dragon – 12:3
Obviously they are related & prepared to attack Israel – 12:13-17
3. This beast is described as having beast-like members – 13:2
Daniel described nations that will attack Israel like beasts – Dan. 7:4-7
- 3 beasts are described to Daniel as a lion (Babylon), a bear (Persia), a Leopard (Greece)
4. The dragon (Satan) gave his power to the beast 13:2
Satan also gave of his power & authority to this beast
5. While these 7 heads may seem to appear together in reality They appeared at different times – 17:7-11
They are kingdoms coming into power & ruling over Israel
6. There are 7 kings ruling at different times over 7 kingdoms
Each of them ruling over Israel harshly keeping them in subjection
1 of these 7 kings was the one ruling over Israel when John was living - 17:10
This was Rome who crucified Jesus & later destroyed Jerusalem & the Temple
Titus the Roman ruler destroyed the Temple & Jerusalem
3 of these 7 rulers have already ruled over Israel in subjection – 17:10
Babylon, Persia and Greece these first 4 are all listed in Daniel
Persia under Haman passed an edict to kill all Jews (Book of Esther)
The one who is yet to come is the antichrist who will come in the Tribulation
This one yet to be revealed is predicted in the New Testament
2 Thess. 2:1-12 – Paul speaks of the “man of sin”
There are 2 not yet mentioned but who persecuted Israel before they were taken into captivity into Babylon
But both of these two are found in the Bible
One is Egypt where Israel was in slavery for more than 400 years
The other kingdom ruling over Israel was Assyria -2 Kings 17

- The King of Assyria captured the 10 tribes living in northern Israel
He took the Jews into captivity and replaced them with other people
There is no record that these from Israel ever returned in mass
This explains the Hostility between Jews & Samaritans
7. This may help us understand the Tribulation – Rev. 13:3
One of the beasts’ head seemed to have a mortal wound
But its mortal wound was healed and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast.
This led to the fact that they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying,
“Who is like the beast, and who can fight against us?” – 13:4
Is this man’s challenge against God?
 8. The beast was given a mouth of haughty & blasphemous words - 13:5-6
Again the 42 months speak of 3 ½ years when this beast will rule
One of the things that stands out in this beast, this antichrist is that he speaks blasphemies against God
He speaks to blaspheme the name of God, and His dwelling (heaven)
 9. Note this in the first 2 of the 7
Pharaoh spoke lightly of Jehovah (God of Israel) – Ex. 5:2
“Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice”
He defied God and had his magicians do what Moses & Aaron did
Sennacherib, king of Assyria blasphemed God
When he took the cities of Israel (the 10 tribes of Israel) – 2 Kings 17
And he blasphemed God when he attacked cities of Judah – 2 Kings 18:27-35
King Hezekiah and Isaiah the **prophet who resisted him**

II. Authority to Make War – 13:7-10

1. The Antichrist is given authority to make war – 7
This war is directed on Israel & on the saints in Israel
2. Authority is also given to this beast to rule – 7
Over every tribe and people and language & nation
So that all on earth will worship the beast – 8
“Those whose names are not written in the book of Life, of the Lamb”
They belong to the One who was slain (Jesus)
3. This is directed to those who have an ear to hear – 9
What is determined will be what is done – 10
This calls for endurance and faith of the saints

