

Study Notes – Revelation 13

The third Interlude – Part 2: The Antichrist comes to power

Rev 12:18 ¹⁸ And he stood on the shore of the sea.

- ✓ Who is the Antichrist?
 - Is he already on the world stage ready to be revealed?
 - He will be a servant of satan and serve his master well. No wonder the Scriptures name him Beast.

Two Beasts

Rev 13:1 ¹ Then I saw a beast rising out of the sea, that had ten horns and seven heads. On his horns were ten royal crowns, and upon his heads were slanderous names.

- ✓ beast rising out of the sea - What does John mean when he says that the Beast will come out of the sea?
 - Daniel said: "I was looking in my vision at night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were churning up the great sea. ³ Four huge beasts came up from the sea, each different from the others. Daniel 7:2-3
 - Then he tells me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. Revelation 17:15

The sea in Daniel 7 and Revelation are the same. They are the Gentile nations from which will come empires and the antichrist. Each of the empires (Egypt, Syria, Babylon, Medes / Persia, Greece, Romans, and Antichrist (future)), mentioned in Daniel treated people in a beastly manner and ruled the world brutally. Whatever these despots said was treated as law and this will be true of the antichrist rule.

- ✓ ten horns and seven heads – In Revelation 12:3, satan is described this way.
 - "After this in my vision at night, I looked and behold there was a fourth beast—terrifying, frightening, tremendously strong, with large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed—and anything that was left it trampled with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that came before it; it had ten horns. Daniel 7:7
 - This Kingdom Daniel writes about became the Roman Empire and it trampled everything in its' path.
 - Daniel's fourth beast had 10 horns, what about the 1st three?

13.2 ² Now the beast that I saw was like a leopard, his feet like a bear's, and his mouth like a lion's. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

- ✓ "The first was like a lion with eagle's wings. As I watched, its wings were pulled off and it was lifted off the ground. It was made to stand upon two feet like a man, and the heart of a human was given to it. ⁵ "And behold there before me was another beast, a second one, like a bear. It raised itself up on one side; it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh!' ⁶ "After that I looked, and behold, there was another one like a leopard. On its back it had four wings like those of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and it was given authority to rule. Daniel 7:4-6
 - Lion with Eagle wings is Babylon – the first beast.
 - Bear is Medo/Persian – the second beast
 - Leopard is Greece – the third beast

Note the Kingdom order is reversed. Daniel's vision looks forward (he lived in Babylonian reign) and John's looks backward (he lived in the Roman reign).

- ✚ The 10 horns Daniel saw on the 4th beast are also the 10 toes that King Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon) saw in his dream of the Kingdom statue – Babylon being the golden head. Dan 2:31-47



- ✚ Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly potter's clay and partly iron, so this will be a divided kingdom. It will have some of the strength of the iron, for you saw the iron mixed with clay. ⁴² As the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ Just as you saw iron mixed with clay, people will mix with one another, but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ "Now in the days of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will this kingdom be left to another people. It will crush and bring to an end all of these kingdoms. But it will endure forever." Daniel 2:41-44
- ✚ The 10 toes are a royal confederacy in the days of the Tribulation.
- ✚ The 7 heads represent sequential world Kingdoms that have ruled over Israel: Egypt, Syria, Babylon, Medes / Persia, Greece, Romans, and Antichrist (future).

Seventy Weeks

²⁴ "Seventy weeks are decreed concerning your people and your holy city, to put an end to transgression to bring sin to an end, to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. ²⁵ So know and understand: From the issuing of the decree to restore and to build Jerusalem until the time Mashiach, the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and 62 weeks. It will be rebuilt, with plaza and moat, but it will be in times of distress. ²⁶ Then after the 62 weeks Mashiach will be cut off and have nothing. Then the people of a prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. But his end will come like a flood. Until the end of the war that is decreed there will be destruction. ²⁷ Then he will make a firm covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of abominations will come one who destroys, until the decreed annihilation is poured out on the one who destroys." Daniel 9:24-27

- ✓ Mashiach will be cut off and have nothing - crucifixion
- ✓ Then the people – Rome
- ✓ prince who is to come – antichrist
- ✓ destroy the city and the sanctuary – Romans 70 AD

"This calls for a mind having wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated. They are also seven kings— ¹⁰ five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. ¹¹ The beast that was and is not—he himself is the eighth, and is one of the seven, and is heading for destruction. ¹² The ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. Revelation 17:9-12

- ✚ The antichrist will come out of the Gentile nations (revived Roman Empire) and will be given power by satan himself, the dragon.
- ✚ He will be unrighteous and violent.
- ✚ The antichrist is the final in a succession of secular rulers spoken of by Daniel and John. His kingdom will be the last before Jesus returns to earth to reign from Jerusalem.
- ✚ The world and its kingdoms have been given to satan, now satan gives the world to the antichrist.
- ✚ During the temptation of Yeshua, satan offered Yeshua the world.
 - ⁵ And leading Him up, the devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "I'll give to You all this authority along with its glory, because it has been handed over to me and I can give it to anyone I wish. ⁷ Therefore, if you will worship before me, all this shall be Yours." ⁸ **But answering, Yeshua told him, "It is written, 'You shall worship ADONAI your God, and Him only shall you serve.'" Luke 4:5-8**

13.3 ³ One of his heads seemed to have been slain, but the fatal wound was healed. The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast.

- ✚ the fatal wound was healed – (he plegetou thanatou autou etherapeuthe): "the wound of the death was healed"
 - The antichrist is associated with the 10 horns (toes) and they are on the 7th head (the last kingdom before Yeshua's). Does this mean that the man himself is killed in an assassination attempt?
 - It's quite possible that satan would want to mimic the resurrection of Yeshua from the dead through the antichrist.
 - The deceit of the last days will be like no other.
 - This "miracle" results in the antichrist being worshipped. Zch 11:12-17 (the foolish worthless shepherd).
 - How can that be - Only God has the power to give life to the dead?
 - Yeshua said: "For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and show great signs and wonders so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen." Matthew 24:24
 - In the last days there are going to be works and wonders so powerful that even the elect can be fooled. God has given power and authority on this earth to satan for a time and we don't know exactly what he has been granted.

13.4 ⁴ And they worshiped the dragon, because he had given authority to the beast. They also worshiped the beast, chanting, "Who is like the beast, and who can make war against him?"

- ✚ The satan powered antichrist killed the two witnesses that no one could kill! So, they worshipped satan and the resurrected antichrist. They think he is all powerful and are awe struck.

13.5 ⁵The beast was given a mouth uttering great boasts and blasphemies. It was given authority to act for forty-two months.

- ✚ The antichrist has no power in himself, this is based on how many times “was given” and “was granted” is used. God gives this authority through satan. The antichrist is a puppet controlled by the devil.
 - Daniel wrote of his “pompous” “slanderous” words. He will blaspheme God and deceive people. Words will mean what he wants them to mean.
 - “While I was pondering the horns, behold, another horn, a small one, sprang up between them, and three of the first horns were uprooted from before it. And behold, this horn had eyes resembling human eyes and a mouth speaking boastfully. Daniel 7:8
 - “I kept watching because of the boastful words that the horn was speaking. I continued watching until the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. Daniel 7:11
 - Of the ten horns on its head, the other horn that sprang up before which three others fell—that horn eyes and a mouth speaking arrogant things, and its appearance was more imposing than its companions. Daniel 7:20
 - He will speak words against the Most High and will continually harass the kedoshim of the Most High, and will try to change the appointed times and law. The kedoshim will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time. Daniel 7:25
 - Who will fall for his lies and worship the antichrist? Everyone “whose name has not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah. ⁴ He chose us in the Messiah before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before Him in love. Ephesians 1:3-4
 - God limits his time of Tyranny to 42 months. 3.5 years the last half of the Tribulation.

13.6 ⁶Then he opened his mouth with blasphemies against God, to slander His name and His tabernacle—that is, those dwelling in heaven.

- ✓ His tabernacle – (skene): a tent, booth, dwelling place
- ✓ those dwelling in heaven:
 - The Old Testament Saints (Moses, David)
 - The raptured “church”
 - Believers who died in the first 3.5 years
 - Two Witnesses
 - Martyrs coming out of the last 3.5 years
 - God, Yeshua, Holy Spirit & Heavenly Host

13.7 ⁷He was also permitted to make war against the kedoshim and overcome them, and he was given authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.

- ✚ Scripture proves Scripture
 - As I was watching, that horn was waging war against the kedoshim and overpowering them, Daniel 7:21

- He will speak words against the Most High, and will continually harass the kedoshim of the Most High, and will try to change the appointed times and law. The kedoshim will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time. Daniel 7:25
- After these things I looked, and behold, a vast multitude that no one could count—from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues—was standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands Revelation 7:9
- Then he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14

13.8 All who dwell on the earth shall worship him - everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who was slain.

- ✚ not been written – (ge graphtai): perfect tense which implies that the names of the Earth Dwellers never are going to be written in the Book of Life.
 - God knows the human heart, knew from before He created them, that some hearts would be so stony calloused, they will never repent and turn to God & Yeshua to be saved.
 - And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15
- ✚ Book of Life of the Lamb – (biblion): of the “Book of Life”. Rev 17:8, 20:12, 21:12
 - “in Revelation 20:12 of other books to be opened in the Day of Judgement, containing the record of human deeds.” *Vines Expository Dictionary*
 - Book of the Living – a record of every human conceived – life beginning at conception.
 - All their days are numbered and written down.
 - Being blotted out is the result of premature death.
- ✚ “Book of Life” and “Lamb’s Book of Life” are the same book and contain the names of those who have been born again and sealed with the Holy Spirit. They are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Omnipotent God knows everyone who will have faith in Yeshua and has written their name in the “Book of Life” before the foundation of the earth. If your name is not written in this book your destination is eternity in the “Lake of Fire”. Rev 3:15, 20:12, Phil 4:3, 1 John 5:4-5, Rom 8:37-39, Eph 4:30, John 6:35-40, 10:27-30, Titus 3:5

13.9-10 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If anyone is meant for captivity, to captivity he goes. If anyone is to be killed by the sword, by the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and faith of the kedoshim.

- ✚ This verse in Greek manuscripts is: “ei tis echei aichnalosian, hypagei ei tis en machaira, dei auton apoktanthenai”, translated: if anyone (is) for captivity, (then) he is going, if anyone (is) for (the) sword, he must be killed.” The subject here is the believer, not his enemy.

The False Prophet

13.11 ¹¹ Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

- ✓ Horns – (keras): used in plural as a sign of strength.
 - On the heads of “beasts” symbolic of natural potentates.
 - This Beast comes with persuasive words (demonic) that deceive the Earth Dwellers. 2 Chr 11:13-15, Matt 7:15-16, Mrk 24:11-14
- ✚ He will be given a name in Chapter 16
- ✚ “Land” may indicate Jewish ancestry or possibly lowly humanity.

13.12 ¹² He exercises all the authority of the first beast before him, and he makes the earth and all those who dwell in it worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

- ✓ worship the first beast – Worshipping the first beast will not be a choice, it will be demanded as the new world religion.
 - Freedom of worship will be gone.
 - Everyone will have to be 100% in line with the ordered demands of the antichrist led government.
 - There is now the “unholy trinity”.
 - The earth dwellers (unbelievers) will worship the antichrist. Rev 13:4, Dan 11:36, 2 Ths 2:4

13.13 ¹³ He performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven in the sight of men.

- ✓ He performs great signs – people will be in awe and ready to do whatever the “false prophet” tell them to do because of his great deceit.
- ✓ fire come down from heaven – Fire from Heaven relates to God’s power. 2 Kings 1:8-12

13.14 ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth through the signs he is permitted to perform, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image in honor of the beast who has the sword wound yet lived.

- ✓ make an image – (tous emous tous kataoi kountas): “those (people) of mine who dwell”
 - This may hint at John’s people, the Jews, in this deception as the image will be placed in the Temple.
 - I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me. But if another comes in his own name, you will receive him. John 5:43
 - The Sanhedrin make all Temple decisions.
- ✓ the beast – The Beast will sit as God in the Temple of God.
 - "So when you see ‘the abomination of desolation,’ which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy Place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. Matthew 24:15-16
 - "You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴ Do not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or on the earth below or in the water under the earth. ⁵ Do not bow down to them, do not let anyone make you serve them. For I, ADONAI your God, am a jealous God, bringing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, Exodus 20:3-5

13.15 ¹⁵ The second beast was permitted to give life to the image of the first beast, so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause all who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

- ✓ give life to the image – whether the image is given “life” by modern technology or not, the image is capable of knowing who isn’t worshipping the beast and his image.
 - The blueprints for the Tribulation Temple, which is ready to be built when the false peace treaty is signed, has ultramodern technology drawn into the plans.
 - Siri & Alexa monitor and know about you today...

13.16 ¹⁶ He also causes all—the small and the great, the rich and the poor, the free and the slave—to receive a mark on their right hand or upon their forehead.

- ✓ Causes – (poieo): to do, to make
- ✓ Mark – (charagma): a stamp, impress, graven
 - It differs from (stigma) tattoo mark or scar like Paul carried on his body. Gal 6:17
 - It also differs from the seal (sphragida) placed on the 144,000 of Israel. Rev 7:2
 - It will represent ownership by the antichrist.

Note: In the Papyri, (charagma) is always connected with the emperor; can contain his name and effigy and year of his reign. It is necessary for buying and selling. Found on documents, making them valid. An official seal.

- ✓ right hand – On the skin it could be altered or removed. Imbedded in the tissue?
- ✓ Forehead –
 - The High Priest wore a plate of gold on his forehead engraved with “Holiness to the Lord”. It declared him to be set apart for the purpose & ministry of God. Exo 28:36-38
 - The 144,000 sealed of Israel have the name of the Father and the Lamb written on their foreheads. Rev 7:3
 - Harlots wore a mark on their forehead identifying their harlotry. Jer 3:3

13.17 ¹⁷ And so no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark—either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

- ✓ no one can buy or sell – The mark is tied to his global economic system. No mark, no access to even the most basic of human needs.
- ✓ unless he has the mark – For his mandate to be enforced there must be some kind of system in place to track people – marked & unmarked.
- ✚ For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His Temple. The One seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They shall never again go hungry, nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne shall shepherd them and guide them to springs of living water, and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes." Revelation 7:15-17

13.18 ¹⁸ Here is wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is a number of a man, and his number is 666.

- ✚ A riddle of sorts and interpretations.
 - The seven “hills of Rome”: this is not the name of a Roman Emperor. You can’t fit a backward looking allegorical peg into a future looking literal hole.
 - What do they mean? Here are some biblical clues:
 - Man was created the 6th day. Gen 1:26-27
 - 6 is the number of man: incompleteness, human will against God Independence from God – sin.
 - The 6 fingers and 6 toes of men who were defiant against God. 1 Chr 20:6
 - Gematria – a complex way of using mathematical ingenuity to identify a name. In Jewish tradition Ragil is the basis for all other methods. Each letter has a numerical value. This is a complex way of figuring this mystery out.
 - The triple number represents an evil trinity: Satan, Antichrist & False Prophet.