



GATEWAY EQUIP

The Unholy Trinity with the Beast and the False Prophet

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Revelation 12:17-13:18 (NKJV)

1. The Dragon / the Devil [Revelation 12 mentioned the dragon, serpent, devil & Satan.]

^{12:17} And the **dragon** was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

2. The Beast from the Sea

^{13:1} 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.

3. The Beast from the Earth

^{13:11} 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

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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.

<u>Religious Leader (High Priest)</u>	<u>Civic Ruler</u>
Elijah (a spiritual rather than civic leader)	
Aaron	Moses
Satan's Imitation	
False Prophet	Antichrist

I. The Beast from the sea (Political Beast; Antichrist, Rev. 13:1-10).

The term “Antichrist” (*antichristos*) only appears 4 times in the Bible: 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3 & 2 John 7. The term “Beast” is used 35 times [in Rev. 11:7; 13:1, 2, 3, 4 (3x), 12 (2x), 14 (2x), 15 (3x), 17, 18; 14:9, 10; 15:2; 16:2, 13; 17:3, 7, 8 (2x); 17:11, 12, 13, 16, 17; 19:19, 20 (2x); 20:4 & 10.]

In Rev. 13:2, the lion, bear and leopard are mentioned in Dan 7:4-6 where they represent the earlier kingdoms of Babylon, Medes & Persians, and Greece. So, this political beast has the strengths of previous kingdoms.]

Daniel 7:2-7 (NIV)

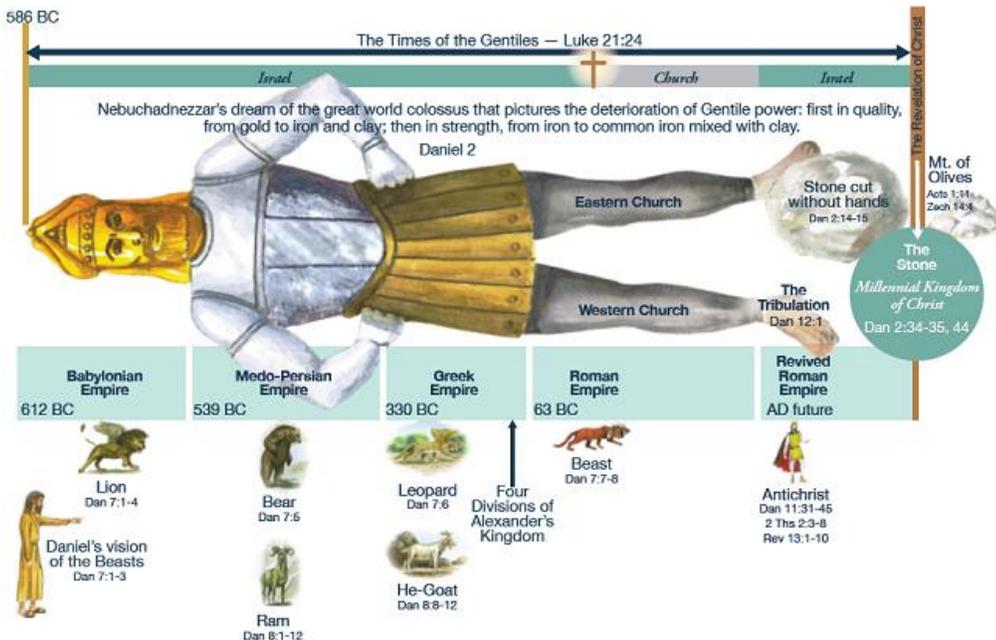
² Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And **four great beasts came up from the sea**, each different from the other. ⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it. [**Babylon**]

⁵ “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’ [**Medo-Persia**]

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. [**Greece**]

⁷ “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. [**Rome**]

Daniel’s Prophetic Timeline (Daniel 2, 7, 9–12)



- **The Beast (Antichrist) wears 10 crowns with 10 horns – representative of great power which are contemporary kings (Rev. 13:1) according to Revelation 17:12.**

Revelation 17:12 (NKJV) – “The **ten horns** you saw are **ten kings** who have not yet received a kingdom, but who **for one hour** will receive authority as kings along with the beast.

- **The Beast (Antichrist) has 7 heads – successive heads (Rev. 13:1) according to Revelation 17:10-11.**

Revelation 17:10-11 (NKJV) – ¹⁰ They are also **seven kings**. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while. ¹¹ The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.

Some Bible commentaries list the first 6 kings are. (Julius Caesar, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Domitian, the Antichrist who will rule during the Tribulation.)

So, the Antichrist will gather together the political powers of history. He will garner the wisdom of the kingdoms of this world.

Other descriptions of the Antichrist.

- Daniel 7:25 – he shall wear out the saints of the most High.
- Daniel 8:23 – he is a stern-faced king.
- Daniel 8:23 – he is a master of intrigue. In other words, he will help people to understand riddles or puzzles. In helping people to see things from other perspectives, he will be a negotiator.
- Daniel 8:24 – he will have great power, but it won't be his own.
- Daniel 8:24 – he shall destroy wonderfully (literally, the Hebrew says, "He will have extraordinary ability to pervert morality.")
- Daniel 8:24 – he will succeed in whatever he does.
- Daniel 8:24 – he will destroy the mighty men and the holy people (Israel and believers.)
- Daniel 8:25 – he causes lies to prosper.
- Daniel 8:25 – he considers himself superior – he will be a man of tremendous pride.
- Daniel 8:25 – he makes people feel secure, but when they feel secure, he destroys them.
- Daniel 8:25 – he comes presenting a great program of peace.
- Daniel 8:25 – he will oppose Christ, the Prince of princes.
- Daniel 8:25 – he will be destroyed, but not by human power.
- Daniel 9:26 – he will come out of the people who cut off the Messiah the Prince.
- Daniel 9:27 – he will make a covenant with the nation of Israel.
- Daniel 9:27 – he will break that covenant and persecute Jews.
- Daniel 11:21 – he will be a contemptible person.
- Daniel 11:37 – he will show no regard for the God of his fathers.
- Daniel 11:37 – he will not have the desire of women. A eunuch? A homosexual?
- **2 Thes. 2:3-4 – Paul calls him the "man of lawlessness."**

2 Thess. 2:3 (NASB) – Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.

Lawlessness – ἀνομία

Romans 7:12 & 14 (NKJV) – ¹² Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good....¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

1 Timothy 1:8 (NKJV) – The law *is* good if one uses it lawfully.

Revivalist Charles Finney - "When you tell sinners that without the Holy Spirit they never will repent, they are very liable to pervert the truth, and understand by it that they *cannot* repent, and therefore are under no obligation to do it until they feel the Spirit. It is often difficult to make them see that **all the "cannot" consists in their unwillingness, and not in their inability**.... We, as moral agents, **have the power to obey God**, and are **perfectly bound to obey**, and the reason we do not is, that we are **unwilling**. The influences of the Spirit are wholly a matter of grace. If they were indispensable to *enable* us to perform duty, the bestowment of them would not be a gracious act, but a mere matter of common justice."

Finney, C. G. (1835). [Lectures on revivals of religion](#) (p. 97). New York: Leavitt, Lord & Co.

- 2 Thes. 2:4 – he will pretend to be God Himself.
- 2 Thes. 2:4 – he will occupy a rebuilt temple, the temple of God.
- 2 Thes. 2:9 – he will perform the will of Satan.
- 2 Thes. 2:9-10 – he deceives those who are perishing with counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders.
- 2 Thes. 2:11 – he will bring a strong delusion to the whole world.

II. The Beast from the earth (Religious Beast; False Prophet, Rev. 13:1-10). Called "false prophet" in Rev. 16:13, 19:20 & 20:10).

Zechariah 2:12 (NKJV) – And the Lord will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

- False prophets of the Old Testament led God's people to worship other gods. Revelation 13:12 says that the second beast causes people to worship the first beast.
- In Rev. 13:11, he speaks "like a dragon." Prophets speak.
- In Rev. 13:13, this beast does miraculous signs. Prophets do miracles.
- In Rev. 13:14, he sets up an idolatrous religious system. False prophets do that.

The false prophet is submissive to the Antichrist.

- Rev. 13:12, he makes people worship the Antichrist.
- Rev. 13:14, he gives the signs on the behalf of the Antichrist, and he sets up an image (or an idol) of the Antichrist.
- Rev. 13:15, he engineers the martyrdom of all who fail to worship the Antichrist.
- Rev. 13:17, he puts the mark of the beast – or the mark of the Antichrist – on everyone's body.

~ The “mark of the beast” (first mentioned in Revelation 13:17) ~

- When will the mark be instituted? (Rev. 13:14-17; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20 & 20:4)
- The Antichrist speaks blasphemies for 42 months (Rev. 13:5).

2 Thessalonians 2:2-4 (NKJV) – ³ 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, ⁴ who 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.

Daniel 9:24 & 27 (NIV) – ²⁴ “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.... ²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

Revelation 12:6 & 14 both describe a 3 ½ year time when the Dragon is intensely persecuting Israel.

The number of the beast (Rev. 13:17).

- “www” = 666?
- 666 could be as simple as 3 numbers each short of the perfect 7.
- Nebuchadnezzar's image (Dan. 2) is 60 cubits high and 6 cubits broad.
- Who is the Beast of 666?