

“The Beast Wants Your Worship”

Revelation 13: 1-4

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The pressure to cave to the culture's demands is enormous!

Three Hebrew heroes, *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego*, refused to cave to the pressure



God warns Nebuchadnezzar of his demise if he will not repent

Nebuchadnezzar refuses God's warning and experiences
“unintended consequences”



All must learn who is really in charge - *GOD, not me!*

GOD hates pride! - Proverbs 6: 16

How to not conform to indoctrination pressure:

“Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the king’s delicacies” Daniel 1: 8

Verse 1

The Beast from the sea

What is the sea?

*Allow Scripture to interpret
Scripture - Revelation 17: 15*

- The sea is referring to Gentile nations
- Antichrist is a Gentile and will come out of the Roman empire
Daniel 9: 26

Daniel's prophecies of coming kingdoms are spot on - *predicted hundreds of years beforehand!*

Bible Prophecy proves the validity of the Bible!

Who are the seven heads?

The seven heads are seven world kingdoms - Revelation 17: 9-10

Five have fallen; one is, and the other has yet to come

Five fallen = the seven beast kingdoms - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece

One is = Rome is #6 at the time John was writing

One to come = the ten nation,
beast-led, worldwide empire is
#7

*Everyone of these kingdoms is
immersed in the worship of
false gods!*

**The woman sits on seven
mountains or kingdoms -**

Who is the woman?

*The woman is the harlot world
religious system - religious
Babylon - Revelation 17: 1-3*

Religious Babylon will permeate the earth during the first half of the tribulation

A one-world religion (*syncretism*) = **COEXIST**

The beast will hate this system and eventually turn on it and destroy it
Revelation 17: 16

Ten horns with ten crowns -

**The ten horns are identified for us -
Revelation 17: 12-13**

**These are the ten toes of part
clay and part iron in Daniel's
vision of world kingdoms**

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of The Latter Days



BABYLON
606-538 BC

"His image's head was of fine gold...
Thou art this head of gold."
(Daniel 2:32, 38)

PERSIA
538-331 BC

"...His breast and his arms of silver...
after thee shall arise another Kingdom
Interior to thee..." (Daniel 2:32, 39)

GREECE
331-63 BC

"...His belly and his thighs of brass...
another third Kingdom of brass,
which shall bear rule over all the
earth." (Daniel 2:32, 39)

ROME
27 BC-
1453 AD

"His legs of Iron...And the
fourth Kingdom shall be strong
as iron; for as much as iron
breaketh in pieces and
subdueth all things::
" (Daniel 2:33, 40).

DIVIDED
ROMAN EMPIRE
WRE 27 BC-476 AD
ERE 67 AD-1453 AD

" His feet part of Iron and part of
clay... partly strong and partly broken...
they shall not cleave one to another."
(Daniel 2:33; 41-43)

CHRIST'S
KINGDOM

"...A stone...smote the Image upon
his feet... (and) became a mountain,
and filled the whole earth... the God of heaven (shall) set up a Kingdom,
which shall never be destroyed..." (Daniel 2:34, 35, 44)



Verse 2

The dragon gave him his power

Antichrist is Satan's man, and he gives him power, his throne, and authority

Why the leopard, bear, and lion?

These are symbolic of powerful, satanic world kingdoms in the past (Greece, Persia, Babylon)

Each kingdom takes on characteristics of the previous kingdom and builds on it

The final kingdom, Rome, is the most dreadful of all!

Verse 3

**Antichrist is killed and
resurrected**

**What about the mortal head wound
(*antichrist is killed and resurrected*)**

*Allow Scripture to interpret
Scripture - Revelation 17: 8, 11*

**How does the world (*earth
dwellers*) respond to this?**

*“all the world marveled and
followed the beast”*

**Satan possesses the antichrist in
the middle of the Tribulation**

**He performs miracles that will
mesmerize the world**

Satanic/Demonic Miracles

- Exod 7–8
- Deut 13:1-3
- Matt 7:21-23; 24:24
- Acts 8:9; 16:16
- Gal 1:6-9
- 2 Thess 2:9
- Rev 13:3, 13, 15; 16:13-14



Verse 4

Satan possesses antichrist

**The earth marvels and directs
worship to whom?**

The dragon!

**This gives credence that the
antichrist is possessed**

**Satan is getting what he always
wanted - *worship and adoration!***

**Two people in Scripture are called
the son of perdition:**

Judas - John 17: 12

Antichrist - 2 Thessalonians 2: 3

Both possessed by Satan himself!!

**CLOSING: THE BEAST WANTS YOUR
WORSHIP**

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is the unveiling of future events ***God wants you to know!!***

This study is not an easy one; the journey is difficult and current events are scary!

One must dig for the gold!

This takes time and effort and
COMMITMENT!!

Those who are committed to the
process are given a promise in
Revelation 1: 3

Blessed = “*markarios*” = fully
satisfied, content, pleased,
complete, because
GOD INDWELLS YOU!!

When you feel unsettled or
disturbed, *remember our God is
sovereign and in control!*

Allow God to enter your chaos and
bring peace to your storm!

*Calm waters are found close to
our Savior!!*



**Our lives are not always pastoral,
calm or tranquil**

**You may be in the middle of a
storm**

This painting is entitled, *“Peace!”*



God has a peace place just for you!

**Simply, *walk in what He has
given you!!***

SELAH - PAUSE AND REFLECT!