

YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS

Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and
Minds of All Who Receive Him

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Revelation 13: The Beast from the Sea & the Beast of the Earth

Good evening, welcome to our Friday Night Bible Study. Tonight, we begin our study of Revelation 13. In this chapter, God is warning us through John concerning a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns; but understand this, what is spoken in chapters 12 and 13 is symbolic of Satan's hatred of Israel past, present, and future.

We now understand that from the beginning the woman was continually with child, crying in the pain of travail, experiencing the labor pains of delivery, and pursued and persecuted by Satan. Throughout this journey, we are realizing the true magnitude of the entire message of the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi, and the entire message of the New Testament from Matthew to Revelation.

Satan's persecution of God's people continues even today; we know him to be the deceiver of the world. He not only deceived the nations; he deceived some of the angels as well, persuading a number of them to join him in his revolt against God ([Revelation 12:3-4](#); [Revelation 12:7-9](#); [Isaiah 14:12-15](#)). In this study we will be reading, discussing, and gaining further clarity related to the differences in:

- The Beast from the Sea (verses 1-9), and
- The Beast from the Earth (verses 11-18)

The Fallen Kingdoms

- **Israel divided** - Following the reign of King Solomon, the Israel was divided ([1 King 11](#); [1 Kings 12](#))
- **1. Egypt** – A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph, and he enslaved the Israelites ([Exodus 1](#))
- **2. Assyria** - The king of Assyria went throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria and besieged; he brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and from

Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities ([2 Kings 17](#))

- **3. Babylon:** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, as his servants were besieging it, and he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the Lord ([2 Kings 24](#))
- **4. Persia (Medo-Persia):** Darius the Mede conquered Babylon, Belshazzar was slain, and Darius the Mede received the kingdom; and the kingdom was divided and given to the Medes and Persians ([Daniel 5:1-6, 18-31](#)). King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon would conquer and plunder Egypt, but he never conquered, occupied, or ruled Egypt. Later on in history, Egypt was ultimately conquered and absorbed into the Persian Empire; which also absorbed by Rome, referred to as the "fourth kingdom"
- **5. Greece (Macedonian / Greek Empire):** Persia is defeated by Greece; making way for the next kingdom that was more powerful than the others ([Daniel 8:1-14; Daniel 8:15-26](#)).
- **6. Rome:** The Roman empire was in power during the New Testament era. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Joseph was guided by God to take the child in taken to Egypt, then later he left Egypt and he turned aside into the region of Galilee, and dwelt in a city called Nazareth. The census that prompted Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem was ordered by the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus. This decree required everyone to return to their own ancestral city to be registered ([Matthew 2:1-22; Luke 2:1-52](#)).
- **7. The Seventh Kingdom:** Interpreted in eschatology (end-times prophecy) as an impending or future world power. Revelation mentions that a beast will be an "eighth" king, but he "belongs to the seven" and ultimately goes to destruction ([Revelation 17:1-6](#)).

By the Wisdom of Our God, Through His Holy Spirit, Truth Is Revealed

- [Revelation 12:1-5; Revelation 17:9-18](#) (And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads)
- [1 Corinthians 2:1-16](#) (However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing)
- [Revelation 15:1-5](#) (Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete)
- [Revelation 21:22-27](#) (The glory of the new Jerusalem)
- [Revelation 14:9-11](#) (Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God)
- [Daniel 2:31-45](#) (Daniel reveals Nebuchadnezzar's dream concerning kingdoms)
- [Daniel 4:10-17; 20-34](#) (Daniel reveals Nebuchadnezzar's dream)

- [Daniel 7:1-13; 15-27](#) (Daniel said: “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea)

Read on your own time to further your own knowledge and understanding: The Books of Isaiah and Ezekiel reveals what God spoke to His prophets concerning Babylon, Assyria, Moab, Syria, Israel, Ethiopia, Egypt, Jerusalem, and the impending judgment on the earth.

God Has Not Forgotten His People

- [Psalm 74:2-18](#) (Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, the tribe of Your inheritance which You have redeemed; this Mount Zion where You have dwelt)
- [John 5:24-47](#) (Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life)
- [Revelation 7:1-8](#) (...Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads)
- [Revelation 7:9-16](#) (After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands)
- [Psalm 118:22-27; Matthew 21:33-44; 1 Peter 2:1-10](#) (The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone)

The Deceivers and the Deception Sent Into the Earth

- [2 John 1:7-11](#) (For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist)
- [1 John 2:18-22](#) (Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour)
- [1 John 4:1-6](#) (Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world)
- [2 Corinthians 4:1-4,7-18](#) (...But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded)
- [2 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#) (...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, 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)