

THE BEASTS OF REVELATION 13

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It is important for us to be aware of the narrative of the text of the scriptures when looking at prophecy. We can try to be responsible students ... but not dogmatic!

Daniel 7:3-8 (NKJV)

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. (Babylon ... Iraq) 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.

5 "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. (Iran) 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!'

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. (Modern day Turkey and that region)

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. (Rome didn't really do that) It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. (The Islamic Empire)

8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. (The Roman view is The Papacy or if you go with the Islamic Realm ... The Antichrist)

Daniel 7:11-14 (NKJV)

11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; **I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.** (At the return of The Lord Jesus)

12 As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

13 "I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, One like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!

He came to the Ancient of Days, (Jesus)
And they brought Him near before Him.

14 **Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion,** (Jesus)

Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom the one
Which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:17-18 (NKJV)

17 **Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth.** (Future tense ... Four kings that shall arise)

18 **But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'**

Daniel 7:19-22 (NKJV)

19 "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, **exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;**

20 **and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which**

had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favour of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

Daniel 7:23 (NKJV)

23 "Thus he said:

'The fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all other kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.

Does the above verse encompass the whole world or potentially a more limited territory? (Hebrew: Kol Ara ... the whole earth). Is that expression used elsewhere? Yes ... see the verse below.

Daniel 2:37-39 (NKJV)

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold.

39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which **shall rule over all the earth**. (Kol Ara .. In Nebuchadnezzar's territory... where he ruled ... the territory within the remit of the prophecy ... centred around the Middle East ... in the Islamic territory)

Revelation 6:7-8 (NKJV)

7 When He opened **the fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

8 So I looked, and **behold, a pale horse**.^{*} See verses below. (Greek: Chloros ... Green. The colour of Islam is green. Why?

Mohammed's favourite colour. He wore a green cloak and a green turban. At one time ... only important Muslims could wear green turbans. His writings are full of references to the colour green. According to the Quran ... evidently ... in Paradise ... Muslims will be clothed in green garments of fine silk) And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

(Authority over one fourth of the earth to kill. Muslims represent about 25% of the population. What about the number of nations? There are approximately 50 Muslim nations out of 200 ... About 25%. What about land area? About 12.5 million square miles out of about 50 million square miles are Muslim countries. It seems the Green Horse has authority over about one quarter of the whole earth. All Arab flags (other than Qatar) are made up of either or all of ... white, red, black and green. They only use the four colours of the 4 Horsemen of The Apocalypse. Interesting?)

***Revelation 8:7 (NKJV)**

7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and **all green grass** (Greek: Chlorus ... Green not pale!) was burned up.

***Revelation 9:4 (NKJV)**

4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any **green thing**, (Greek: Chlorus) or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

***Mark 6:37-40 (NKJV)**

37 But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

38 But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on **the green grass.** (Green ... Greek: Chlorus)

40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.

William Tyndale's translation from 1525 states "green horse".

Daniel 7:24 (NKJV)

24 **The ten horns are ten kings**

Who shall arise from this kingdom.

And another shall rise after them;

He shall be different from the first ones,

And shall subdue three kings.

He arises after the ten! The traditional view is 10 kings that will arise one at a time over many centuries ... right up to the 9th with the 10th one yet to come. The second view which might be more natural just reading it. These 10 arise at the same time ... yet to come. Then after the 10 have come together ... the "little horn" (Islamic Antichrist) shall subdue 3 of them. Daniel tells who they are.

Daniel 11:40-43 (NKJV)

40 **"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack**

him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a

whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he

shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. (The

Islamic antichrist)

41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but **these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.**

42 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians (Hebrew: Ethiopians = Cushites ... Modern day Sudan) shall follow at his heels. (Strong Islamic countries)

Daniel 7:25-27 (NKJV)

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. (Perhaps changing to an Islamic calendar? With Sharia Law ... everywhere) Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

26 'But the court shall be seated,
And they shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy it forever.

27 Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,
Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

Revelation 13:1-3 (NKJV)

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.**
(This beast is a composite of Daniel 7) 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 marvelled and followed the beast.** (Traditionally ... we have believed this is the Roman Empire which suffered a deadly wound in 476AD when Rome fell. In reality The Roman Empire didn't fall until 1453AD when Constantinople fell to the Muslims. The alternative is this is yet future. It's the Islamic Empire as it reaches its end-time peak just before Jesus returns. The Deadly wound was as recent as 1922-1924 when the last Islamic Empire was "shut down" ... the Ottoman Empire. The Caliphate was disbanded in 1924. It doesn't exist today because it suffered a "deadly wound" but it will be resurrected).

Revelation 13:4-10 (NKJV)

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? (The Islamic Empire or Caliphate?) 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.** (The traditional understanding was this relates to 1260 years from 554AD - 1814AD. Perhaps not very convincing? The alternative view is that it relates to 42 months - three and a half years ... of persecution upon the saints in the name of "Allah")

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,** (Allah ... and his empire) 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.

Revelation 13:11-18 (NKJV)

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. (Traditionally The Papacy with the two horns representing religious rule and the fact that Vatican City is a state and has ambassadors. If Islamic Beast is correct ... Then the Caliph or Islamic antichrist exercises both spiritual authority and political authority ... ie the two horns)

12 And he 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 (icon) 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.

You must have the mark or the name or the number? Is the mark of the beast ... enforced Sunday worship? A popular view today in

Church groups is that the mark of the beast is an electronic chip placed into your forehead or hand. But if the Islamic Empire ... what would be the mark, name or number? Is there a solution if you are looking for an Islamic Empire? We will "cover" that next week!!!

Whatever it is ... The Key is not to take this mark!! You will incur God' wrath.

Revelation 14:9-12 (NKJV)

9 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,

10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation.

He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.