

## Revelation Chapter 13

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- This chapter introduces us to “anti-Christ”. Anti-Christ is usually viewed as one person who is known for being against God, an evil opposing force.
- From a Biblical perspective we will discover that anti-Christ is specifically two persons, and in general anyone or thing that distracts from or opposes the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- “Anti” has a dual meaning, two meanings.
  1. Opposed to, against.
  2. Instead of, in place of, an imposter, a counterfeit.
- In this chapter we see two persons who are “anti-Christ”.
  1. A political leader who is outwardly “opposed” to Christ, and is generally referred to as *the* anti-Christ.
  2. A religious leader who puts himself “in the place of” Christ, and is referred to as the “false prophet”.
- Together along with Satan these three persons comprise a false trinity, a counterfeit of the true.

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V: 1 Beast = (G2342) a wild dangerous “beast”, as opposed to creature / beast used in Revelation Ch. 4 describing the Cherubim.

- Rose up out of the “sea”, meaning out of the Gentile nations.
- The Roman Catholic Church refers to itself as the “Holy Roman “Sea””.
- 7 heads, or mountains, and 10 horns (power), 10 crowns (authority).
- Rome is the city on 7 hills.

**Revelation 17:9** “And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”

- There is a list of 10 Roman emperors who engaged in 10 distinct periods of Christian persecution. These are separate and distinct from the inquisitions.
- But that is the old Roman empire, we are looking at a revived Roman empire – Iron mixed with clay as we will see.

**Daniel 11:36-38** “<sup>36</sup>And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. <sup>37</sup>Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. <sup>38</sup>But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.”

**Daniel 7:23-25** “<sup>23</sup>Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. <sup>24</sup>And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. <sup>25</sup>And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

- Blasphemy: profane talk about, slander, to revile – in reference to God; cursing or reviling God, or sacred things.

V: 2 Leopard, bear, and a lion.  
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    Swift  powerful  ferocious

**Daniel 7:1-8** “<sup>1</sup>In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. <sup>2</sup>Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the **great sea**. <sup>3</sup>And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. <sup>4</sup>The first was like a **lion**, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. <sup>5</sup>And behold another beast, a second, like to a **bear**, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. <sup>6</sup>After this I beheld, and lo another, like a **leopard**, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also **four heads**; and dominion was given to it. <sup>7</sup>After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a **fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had **ten horns**. <sup>8</sup>I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a **mouth speaking great things**.”

- The Roman empire was never defeated, it crumbled from within – and will be revived again, the beginnings of which we currently see in the European Union.
- Great sea: Gentile nations.
  1. Lion w/eagle's wings: Babylon
  2. Bear: Medo-Persian empire.
  3. Leopard: Greek empire, Alexander the Great, kingdom divided between 4 generals.
- The "him" / subject of these verses is the Anti-Christ / political leader, Satan gives the Anti-Christ power and a throne.

**Matthew 4:8-9** "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me."

**Psalm 24:1** "A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

1. Revelation 12 Dragon, Satan.
  2. Revelation 13: 1-8 Anti-Christ, the political leader.
  3. Revelation 13:11 False Prophet, religious leader
- We'll learn more about the Anti-Christ and False Prophet as we read Revelation chapters 16 & 17.

V: 3 Clues & characteristics of the anti-Christ.

**Revelation 17:8** "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was and is not, and yet is."

**Revelation 17:9** "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

- For centuries, Rome has been known as the city that sits on seven hills.

**Zechariah 11:17** "Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened."

- "Wondered" G#2296. "thaumazo", (thou-mad'-zo) to wonder; by impl. to admire:- have in admiration, marvel, wonder.

- The whole world seems to be deceived, bamboozled.

**2 Thessalonians 2:10-12** “<sup>10</sup>And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup>And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: <sup>12</sup>That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

V: 4 They worship Satan & the beast / anti-Christ.

**Romans 1:25** “Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

**Romans 1:28** “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;”

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** “<sup>3</sup>Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; <sup>4</sup>Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

- “I will be like the Most High” – Satan wants worship of himself.
- Who is able to make war with him?

**Revelation 12:9** “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

**Revelation 17:11-14** “<sup>11</sup>And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. <sup>12</sup>And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. <sup>13</sup>These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. <sup>14</sup>These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

- Both Napoleon (19th Century) and Hitler (20th Century) are shadows of this (21st Century) Roman leader
  1. Both were “low born” (poor vs aristocratic)
  2. Both rose up during times of chaos.
  3. Both were charismatic leaders elected to lead their nation.
  4. Both countries were fragments of the old Roman empire brought out of chaos
  5. Both men took dictatorial power, which was gladly given.
  6. Both men lead their nations into ruin.

V: 5 The spirit of anti-Christ is all about us, everywhere speaking against the Lord.

**Revelation 16:13** “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.”

**Psalms 139:20-21** “For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?”

- His time of speaking blasphemy, doing evil things is limited to 42 months, 3 ½ years.

**Daniel 7:11** “<sup>11</sup>I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.”

V: 6 Satan knows that these things are types and shadows of Holy things, even down to them that dwell in Heaven whether we're speaking of God almighty, or of His children who are made in His image.

**Matthew 10:24-25** “<sup>24</sup>The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?”

V: 7 War with the “saints” = war with Israel / Jews.

- The church, the bride of Christ is already in Heaven with Jesus.

**Revelation 6:11** “And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

**Daniel 7:21** “I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;”

**Revelation 11:7** “And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.”

V: 8 Jesus is our covering, or not. The Holy Spirit is in us, or not.

**Matthew 12:30** “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”

**Revelation 3:5** “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”

- Anti = opposed to, Political A/C

**1 John 4:3** “And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

- Anti = instead of, the False Prophet

**2 John 1:7** “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.”

V: 9 If any man has an ear let him hear. Why? Because there is still hope!

**2 Peter 3:9** “The Lord is.... Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

- There is still time, still an opportunity. Take it!

**2 Corinthians 6:2** “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”

**Romans 10:17** “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

**John 10:27** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:”

V: 10 The saints under the altar asked “how long” – God’s response was that He’ll make things right. **Romans 12:19** **Revelation 6:10-11**

**Isaiah 14:15** “Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”

**Isaiah 14:25** “That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.”

**Revelation 19:20** “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

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**Characteristics of the “Anti-Christ” – political leader from verses 1-10 & references:**

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| 1. Very powerful & wealthy                        | 2. Rules / controls the world        |
| 3. Get his power from Satan                       | 4. Speaks blasphemy                  |
| 5. Gentile  | 6. No regard for religion of fathers |
| 7. Homo sexual / celibate                         | 8. Anti-Semitic / anti-Christian     |
| 9. Swift, powerful, ferocious                     | 10. Abandons his flock               |
| 11. Wound to right arm & to his right eye / blind |                                      |
| 12. Popular, charismatic, convincing              | 13. Hates anything to do with God    |
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V: 11 Another “wild beast”, the False Prophet.

- Out of the Earth = out of Israel.

**Matthew 24:24** “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

**Matthew 7:15** “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”

- As opposed to the True Lamb of God.

**John 1:29** “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

V: 12 The false prophet promotes and glorifies the Anti-Christ.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-10** <sup>3</sup>“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; <sup>4</sup>Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. <sup>5</sup>Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: <sup>9</sup>Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”

**2 Corinthians 4:4** “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”



## V: 13 Great wonders – lying wonders!

**1 John 4:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: <sup>3</sup>And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

**Matthew 11:1-5** “<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. <sup>2</sup>Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, <sup>3</sup>and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: <sup>5</sup>The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.”

**Exodus 7:11-12** “<sup>11</sup>Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. <sup>12</sup>For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.”

**2 Timothy 3:8** “Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.”

- Fire from Heaven

**2 Kings 1:10,12** “<sup>10</sup>And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. <sup>12</sup>And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.”

## V: 14 Those who walk by sight, and not by faith will be easy prey for the anti-Christ.

**2 Corinthians 4:7** “For we walk by faith, not by sight:”

- Deceived: 7X's in book of Revelation.
- Miracles, Lying wonders.

**2 Thessalonians 2:9** “Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,”



V: 14 (cont.)

- Image to the beast:

**Daniel Ch. 3** Nebuchadnezzar's image of Gold – commanding obeisance. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego going for a walk in the fire with Jesus.

- Image was 60 cubits tall, 6 cubits wide, and worshipped with 6 instruments.
- While Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were going through the fire, where was Daniel? Missing, taken out of the way – just like the church!

V: 15 Worship the beast / image or die.

**Mathew 24:15** “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)”

**Daniel Ch. 3** still in context of verse 14.

V: 16-17 Willingly, compelled certainly, but not forced. We will be sealed one way or the other.

**Ephesians 4:30** “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

**2 Corinthians 1:22** “Who has sealed us and given us the earnest of the Holy Spirit.”

V: 18 Six is the number of man, who was created on the 6<sup>th</sup> day.

- “666”