

## REVELATION CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Verse 1: *“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”*

As we begin this chapter, I want you to notice that the crowns were upon the horns, not on the heads. This beast is the same one that Daniel saw and the same one we studied about in the twelfth chapter of this book. Notice upon his horns, were ten crowns. That represents the ten kingdoms, their separate identity as they make up the power base for the beast; that’s Western Europe for the most part.

What are the heads? Rome has gone through seven different periods of government. **That’s the seven different heads.** The name of blasphemy on the seven heads is the blasphemous title that the ruler of the Roman Empire claimed.

Verse 2: *“And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”*

Verses one and two show this Roman beast in full power, even stronger than he was in the Dark Age. Here he has more people, more territories, more wealth and more military might. The pope will have control of all the prophetic world. John is shown this first. Then he is shown how this beast got all this power, as the remainder of this chapter shows.

This is the first time this beast is identified like this. Do you know who the dragon is? **It’s the devil embodied in a system.** Here, this shows the beast like no other place in Revelation shows him. His body is like a leopard, his feet like a bear, and his mouth like a lion. There’s a reason for showing it like this in its final stage. God will make that known to us now.

Let’s turn to Daniel 7 and we’ll find out why it’s like this. When it comes in this form it is the final stage of this beastly Gentile power, and that is why it’s identified like it hasn’t been identified in any other age.

As we read in Daniel, chapter seven, notice four beasts came up out of the sea and they were different from one another. Daniel 7:4—*“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.”* We know what that first beast was, the Babylonian Empire ruled by Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel 7:5—*“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.”* This is the Medo-Persian Empire. The ribs in its mouth show that it has found something to eat. It devoured the Babylonian kingdom. Daniel 7:6—*“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.”* This is the Grecian Empire under Alexander

the Great. Remember that this beast in Revelation 13 has a body like a leopard. This is showing the Grecian Empire. The same territories that Alexander ruled will make up a part of that final beast at the end-time.

Greece will be aligned with the beastly system of Europe, but Greece is not one of the ten horns. It will be the same horns that were on the beast before it was wounded. It will be the same territories of Western Europe, because it's the Old Roman Empire restored back. As far as individual territories, it could number more than ten because it is broken up so much, but again, it will be the same territories.

In the final end, this beast reaches back and gets all these territories of these other three beasts and unites them into one. The Grecian Empire was the third ruling empire and never was one of the ten horns of Western Europe.

Daniel 7:7 – *“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.”* Notice, this beast alone has ten horns; but this beastly system will involve all of the other three beasts that are mentioned in Daniel, chapter seven. He brings them into a covenant with him so that he can get control of the prophetic world.

Daniel 7:8 – *“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 little horn was the pope that ruled that religious power. This didn't put eleven horns on the beast, because **it was a spiritual power that came up.**

The plucking up of three horns means that three of the kings that made up the beastly system would disobey the pope's orders in the Dark Age, and the pope would dethrone them. Then he reinstated them after they repented and bowed down to him. So we see the beast at the end-time with the **same ten horns.**

Daniel 7:11 – *“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.”* Do you see what's going to happen to this Roman beast? He's going to be destroyed and his body burnt.

Daniel 7:12 – *“As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.”* What does it mean where it says, *“they had their dominion taken away?”* The Grecians no longer have a great empire. It can never rise again. But *“their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.”* Why? There is still a people in that area (the Grecian people). The same spirit, the Babylonian spirit, under Nebuchadnezzar that motivated that empire is still there, but it will never rise to power again. The same Medo-Persian spirit is still there. Notice that their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a time and a season. I want to show you where the life is at now.

Let's read Revelation 13:2 again. *“And the beast which I saw was like unto a*

*leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."* The Grecian Empire was like a **leopard**. The Medo-Persian Empire was like a **bear**. The Babylonian Empire was like a **lion**. The first three beasts are swallowed up by this fourth beast with seven heads and ten horns. This represents the fullness of the four beasts that Daniel saw in his vision; although at the time Daniel saw it, the beast had only one head, but now it has grown through time until it has seven heads and ten horns at the end-time. This is the final stage of the Roman Empire, as Rome has swallowed up the first three beastly powers incorporating them into the beastly system, with the pope being the head of the whole thing..., all four powers in one beast; which is the restored Roman Empire.

*"The dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."* What do we see here? The antichrist makes a covenant with many at the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel, and he reaches back and gets all those nations and pulls them in with a covenant. What made up the four Gentile powers will all wind up under the Roman head; but it will not put another horn on. The ten European nations will still be the same ones.

**There is going to come something that will shake this world. When the shaking is finished and the smoke cleared away, the Roman power will be there, ten horns will be on the beast, and the pope will step in and make a covenant with many as the prince of peace. Then you'll see this beast made up, just like it's shown in Revelation 13.** This is the only chapter in the Bible that shows it like this. This pope will rule with an iron fist during the last 3 ½ years of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. How does he get his seat and great authority? The devil gives it to him.

Verse 3: *"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."*

Verses one and two show him completely healed and stronger than he ever was before. Why? Because he reached and pulled these other people, and territories in. This brought them under the covenant. Then John saw how he was wounded, and then healed before becoming like this.

John saw one of his heads as it was wounded unto death. What was the wounding of this head? During the Dark Age, the pope got such ecclesiastical power over these ten horns and over the prophetic world that he cracked the whip and the nations had to do what he said, especially the European nations.

In the 1500's Martin Luther of Germany came out of the Roman Catholic church and began to preach, "The just shall live by faith." And Germany lined up behind Martin Luther; and there was a Reformation. This broke the power of the Roman Catholic Church; this is the deadly wound. Then came Knox, Calvin, etc. right behind with the sword of the Spirit, each one taking a slice at the last head of the beast as it was ruled by the church of Rome.

**The last form of Roman government was the church and state working together. It was ten nations with the pope pulling the strings and telling them**

**what to do.** When Martin Luther drew the Gospel sword and gave it a slash, it almost died. Spiritually, it lost its power. The Church and the world began to come out of the Dark Age.

The devil had his thousand years reign on earth. They went into the Dark Age burning candles and they came out the same way. They went into the Dark Age in an ox cart and they came out the same way. All of the great empires of the world, prior to the days of the Dark Age, crumbled and was no more. It was as though the world was thrown into reverse, but when the Gospel light began to shine forth, men began to prosper materially and otherwise. The Bible says, *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,"* and all the material things of this life will be added unto you. Put God and His kingdom first and everything will be all right.

The pope still had power in other nations. But do you know what Napoleon Bonaparte of France did? He sent General Bertier to dethrone the pope in 1887. He brought him to France, put him in prison, and he died there (Note: These historical facts are from the writings of Raymond Jackson). Do you know what that was? That was the military wounding. That ended the power of the papacy. There was a saying in Europe that "the papacy is dead and no one will lift a finger to help it." Do you see that deadly wound on the last head? The Roman Catholic Church almost died. After this the pope didn't try to exercise very much power, and the pope wasn't heard much about until World War I. Then he began to project himself back again. **The** deadly wound began to be healed. John saw this beast receive a deadly wound, but it was healed and all the world wondered after it.

I want to get one more thing in verse 3. It says, *"and all the world wondered after the beast."* There is a difference in the word "all" when you're speaking of it in a prophetic sense, than when you're speaking of it in a natural sense. Usually when we speak about "all the world," we're talking about all the people on the crust of the planet, but when John wrote that "all the world wondered after the beast," he was writing about all the prophetic world. The Far East will never listen to what the pope says. China, Viet Nam, Tibet, Cambodia, and all the Far Eastern nations will never be affected that much by this beastly system. So when you say "all" you take the word so far and stop with it. This is talking about the prophetic world, not the Far Eastern nations and Orientals. Revelation 16, deals with that when it talks about the Euphrates River being dried up to make way for the kings of the East. They are not to play any part **until** the battle of Armageddon.. Rome will never convince China. They will stay under the hammer and sickle. The whole Far East will go under that brand of communism.

Verse 4: *"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"*

When the Bible says that they worshipped the dragon, **it means that they worshipped the devil through the church system.** Many today, in a subtle form,

are worshipping the devil through a church system.

The people will be so deceived that they will say, "Who is like unto this beast? This is the greatest thing that's ever been." Why? Because it will unify all religions. It will unify the armed forces of the Western World and of the Middle East. They'll say, "There is nobody that can make war with this. There's nobody that can overcome this. This is the greatest thing that's ever been. This is God." But it's the devil. The Bible says that the devil gave him his seat, his power, and his authority; and they worshipped the devil, saying, "Who is able to make war with the beast?"

Verse 5: *"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."*

The pope, who is the spokesman for the devil's system, speaks great things and blasphemies. What is blasphemy? Assuming a false title. He isn't a man that you would be scared of. He comes in as a "slicker." He comes in peaceably, **and the blasphemies will not be cursing like you would think it is. It's not that kind of blasphemy. He claims authority that only God has.**

The last part of this verse says that power was given unto him to continue forty-two months. That is 3 ½ years or the last part of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. This 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel is a seven year period, and during the last part the devil has free reign. It was given to him **"to continue"** means - he picks up where he left off when he was wounded unto death in the 1500's. He does the same thing again when he is healed.

Verse 6: *"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."*

*"To blaspheme His name"* means that he does things in the name of God that's contrary to the Word of God. The Bible says that there will come a day when they'll kill you thinking they're doing the will of God. In other words, he's got no respect for Jesus or any of His saints.

Verse 7: *"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."*

This says that *"it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them."* Why? They failed to get ready to go in the Rapture. You have a chance to get ready and go in the Rapture, but if you play with God, fool around, and don't get ready, then it is given to the beast to make war and overcome you, and put you to death in that hour. God is giving you a chance today; He's sounding a trumpet. **This (gospel) trumpet that God is sounding doesn't have an uncertain sound. It has a certain sound, because it strikes every note with the Word of God. The ones (the true five-fold ministry) that are sounding the trumpet are in tune with the One that wrote the music key.**

The last part of this verse says, *"and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."* And again, you take the word "all" so far and you stop. When the word "all" ends in the prophetic sense, you stop there or you'll run out of the scripture. You'll have the antichrist ruling China and the other Far Eastern

nations; and when you do, you'll have the Word of God so messed up that you can never put the puzzle together.

Verse 8: *"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."*

Here is another time where we see the word "all." Again, you can only take it so far and then you have to stop. If everybody worshipped the beast there would be no mortal people to repopulate the earth in the millennium. Take the word "all" so far, and leave it where the scripture leaves it; but all of the prophetic world and all of the civilized world, in that sense, all the Western world, the Middle East, will be affected. There's going to be some people reserved out of all nations that are not going to be forced to worship the beast. They will not have a new birth, but they're going to be mortal people and God is going to let them go into the millennial reign. Matthew 25 says, that they're going to be judged on the basis of whether they've been good to the brethren or not.

Verse 9: *"If any man have an ear, let him hear."*

The disciples asked Jesus one time why He spoke to the multitude in parables. Jesus said, *"Because it is not given unto them to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but unto you it is given."* Have you got an ear? Can you hear what God is saying?

Verse 10: *"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity. he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."*

Verse ten, shows that this Roman beast will be judged for its sins. Revelation chapters 16 through 20, show this very clearly. Also, this verse shows that the tribulation saints and the Jews that stand for the Word will be faithful even in that dark hour.

### The Lamb Beast

This lamb beast that comes up out of the earth means, a sparsely populated land area, which is the U.S.A., and was known in Europe as a wilderness nation. It is also believed to be the "wilderness" where the woman of Revelation, chapter twelve flees to for safety. Where as, the European beast that comes up out of the sea means, a heavily populated area, as Revelation, chapter 17:1&15 shows.

Now, I want to explain this lamb beast and show how he restores this Roman beast back to power in this last day.

Verse 11: *"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."*

Verse 12: *"And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."*

The first beast came up out of the sea; but this second beast came up out of the earth, and **is the United States of America**. He was like a lamb and he remained like a lamb until the end-time. Then, he begins to speak like a dragon and deceives the whole world by getting the world to worship the first beast that he heals, as is explained in the remainder of this chapter.

This second beast that came up out of the earth, that has two horns like a lamb and speaks like a dragon is the **“he”** that is spoken of from verse 11 through verse 15.

The **“he”** in verses 16 through 18, is the beast that verses 1 through 10 speaks of and is the end-time picture of the European beast. Verses 11 through 15 are the only verses in this chapter that deal with the U.S.A. (lamb beast). Now that we understand this, the rest of the chapter is simple to understand.

This lamb has two horns, this is the powers of the federal government and the ecclesiastical powers of the World Council of Churches, and also the two party political system of the U.S.A., and there's Protestantism and Catholicism. This lamb beast does not have crowns on its horns like the European beast. Crowns signify kings. This means that the two horns have no separate identity apart from the overall structure of this beast. He speaks like a dragon in this last day.

Notice in verse 12, *“he”* (the U.S.A.), exerciseth his great powers, as he has already been doing, and especially during and after World War II, and causeth the world to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed. He has never asked anyone to worship him, but the image (World Council of Churches of the U.S.A.) does require worship. Verse 15 shows this. The power is both military and ecclesiastical. So this lamb beast heals the European beast that the Catholic Church rides in the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. I will show you how this all fits together in the remainder of this chapter.

Notice that *“he”* (U.S.A.) restored back and caused this first beast to be healed, both religiously and politically.

Before the First World War, the ten horns mingled their seed together trying to hold together. The royal kings married their sons and daughters together to try to form a unity. They tried to put those ten nations together, but in his vision, Daniel said it wouldn't stay, because it was part iron and part clay and that it wouldn't cleave together. That's why World War I broke out; it wouldn't cleave together. Then came World War II. At this time the United States began to rise to power. When World War II was over, Europe lay in ruins. They were burst financially.

There were people that lived in Germany that took their money to the grocery store in a wheel barrow to get groceries. Inflation struck and money lost all value. I read where one man worked a month and only had enough money to buy a pound of butter. Inflation struck and Germany lay in ruins; not only Germany, but all of Europe.

What restored it? **The U.S.A has pumped billions of dollars into the European nations and helped form NATO to protect them, mostly through our**

**armed forces that are stationed in Europe. Yes, the U.S.A. has protected Europe and pumped billions of dollars in there and restored this beast.** That's what the Marshall Plan was for. It was to rebuild Europe, and it was very successful.

Notice, that the first beast has ten horns. This United States, the lamb beast with two horns that came up out of the earth, restored the first beast. After World War II, and up until now, we have still got many thousands of troops stationed in Western Europe to keep Russia from coming in and taking over, but let me tell you something; Russia is only a scarecrow. Russia will never rule the nations of Western Europe.

There's a Book (The Bible) we can read and find out what's gong to happen. It's the pope that is going to pull the strings and rule Western Europe and the prophetic world. Russia will be defeated according to Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, in the land of Israel. The Russian brand of communism will fail. It has just about run its course. Everything is getting in place for the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel.

The religious, political, military, and financial part of the beast have been restored. The United States has already restored it.

Notice, that the deadly wound is healed; not only militarily, but religiously. The Catholic Church is in power again. After World War I, nations began to send ambassadors to the Vatican. What was that? It was recognizing the pope, because they know that he's got control over millions of people, and if the pope will put his favor upon what they do, then they can find favor with the people through the blessing of the pope.

Verse 13: *"And he (the lamb beast) doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,"*

Verse 14: *"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth, by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; (the European beast) saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."*

This is what John saw in his vision. It represents the bombs that the U.S.A. has dropped. In his vision, John saw fire falling from heaven, but in actuality it was bombs and the rockets. It says, *"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven."* Then it says that he *"deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do."* What kind of miracles? **Scientific miracles and technology miracles.** Did you know that practically every invention that has ever benefited mankind in these modern days, up until a few years ago, was invented in the United Sates? It was. Also, this lamb beast of verse 14 tells the world that they should make an image to the beast that was wounded by the sword and did live. This is the World Council of Churches that had its beginning in the United States. **Thus the World Council of Churches becomes the image of the Church of Rome.**

Verse 15: *"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of*



*the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."*

That image has been made, but life hasn't been given to it yet. The lamb beast hasn't breathed life into that image yet. **The law makers of the United States will breathe life into it when they give it power and authority to say what the church is and what isn't.** And when it does, by this time people's hearts will be so hardened that they'll put to death those that will not line up with it. You can tell that they're getting hardened against the Word of God now.

There will come an hour when the tribulation saints will be slaughtered, because they'll protest against the rottenness of denominational churches. Some of these rotten church systems are now saying that it's all right for homosexuals to be ministers, and that it is all right to have same sex marriages. How sinful can these systems get? Thank God, a few people are getting out of these organizations. All of them that have God will pull out. Do you see how filthy it's getting? There will be somebody that will protest against that mess, and when they do, they'll put them to death in that hour. That hour is not another generation away; it is right around the corner.

By the time the image of the beast really begins to speak with authority, the Roman Catholic system will be controlling the beast of Western Europe; for Revelation chapter 17 shows the great whore will be riding the beast. The pope will be in control of the finances of the prophetic world, mainly in the areas shown at the beginning of this chapter, although not confined just to these areas, for the mark of the beast will be felt all over the world to some extent; especially when the pope breaks his covenant and demands complete obedience to him, and he begins to put to death those that refuse to bow to him. This does not include the Far East. That's explained in the sixteenth chapter of this book.

The first beast of this chapter was making history and fulfilling scripture long before America was discovered. After the U.S.A. restores this beast, the U.S.A. will again take a back seat concerning world affairs, as the European beast begins to speak again.

As the mark of the beast is brought into being by this European beast through the pope and the Church of Rome, the image (World Council of Churches) will receive power through this lamb beast and be just as cruel as the Church of Rome and put to death those that will not worship the beast or his image. The U.S.A. will also be affected by the financial system of the European beast and the pope of Rome, but to what extent will not be fully known until that hour arrives. **But we can be sure of this, the daughters of the great whore will copy mama,** proving that they are of the seed of the antichrist, and will persecute the tribulation saints along side with the mother whore, for after all they are her harlot daughters. I'm sure you can now see the lamb beast and his image unless you have been blinded by satan, the god of this world. Now back to the European beast that has been restored by the lamb beast.

## The Beast out of the Sea

Verse 16: *“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:”*

Verse 17: *“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”*

Verse 17 says, *“no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”* In Europe, there is a restored beast. It is to be identified with this overall system of religion. Remember here, this does not apply to the Far East and Orientals. Again, we’ll deal with that in chapter 16.

One of these days, the dollar and other currencies of the prophetic world aren’t going to be worth very much, because it’s all going to an electronic computer system in the last days. By the time the middle of that week arrives, this thing will be so set up and tied up that you can’t buy or sell except you go along with it. Even credit cards, as we now know them will soon be obsolete.

Although there are several cashless ways to transact business that is being experimented with, the time has not come for such a system to be used to bring on the mark of the beast in its fulfillment. This shows that when the time does come everything will be ready and the pope of Rome (the anti-christ) will take control of it.

Verse 18: *“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”*

In other words, 666 is the number. What does this number have to do with it? That’s the number that the beastly system will use in carrying out his plans. This beastly system won’t have to work out a system of numbers, that’s being done right now. The ones that are planning the system don’t know that it will be used by the pope to force the prophetic world to bow down to the devil through the power of the pope’s office, when that hour arrives in the very near future.

I would like to bring in one more thing to clearly show the meaning of verse 18 of this chapter as it speaks of the number of a man. **Vicarius Filii Dei in the pope’s crown, when broken down in Roman numerals adds up to 666. This shows us who will be in charge in that hour.** (See diagram below)

By the middle of the week, the mark of the beast and the number of his name will be a reality, but it will not be known in full details until that hour arrives, which is now on the horizon.

Note: This is not suggesting that you get rid of your social security card or any credit cards you may have at this time. **The world will not be forced to take the mark until the middle of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel.** The Bride has already been raptured out of here by the time the mark of the beast is forced upon the people.

To go further than this would be presumptuous at this time, and probably of little value to the Bride who leaves the earth before this evil thing takes place; so let’s just leave it right here, because we, the True Church, will not be here when

this **actual mark** of the beast takes place. This is to warn you to hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. Amen.

VICARIUS FILII DEI		
V - 5	F - 0	D - 500
I - 1	I - 1	E - 0
C - 100	L - 50	I - 1
A - 0	I - 1	
R - 0	I - 1	
I - 1		
U - 5*		
S - 0	Total=	666

- In Latin the U has the same equivalence of the V, making it work out perfectly to 666.