

The Satanic Trinity

Lesson #16

Hour of Trial: Rev. 13: Beast From Sea

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Satan, the "god of this world," [II Cor. 4:4] aims to have a counterfeit for everything God has.

- As God sent His Son into the world, Satan will send Antichrist into the world.
- As God was in Christ, Satan will incarnate himself in Antichrist. [at the midpoint]

The "Mystery of Godliness" is God manifest in the "flesh." I Tim. 3:16

The "Mystery of Iniquity" will be Satan manifest in the "flesh." II Thess. 2:7

The Holy Trinity consists of God the Father, God the Son Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit.

Prophetic Scripture reveals the future coming of 3 other individuals in addition to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ: The coming of Satan, Antichrist and the False Prophet.

The Unholy Satanic Trinity in the End Times: Anti = in place of; instead of; against

The Dragon, Satan	Anti-GOD	I will be like the Most High	Rev. 12:7-17
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The Beast [Sea]	Anti-CHRIST	Son of Perdition	Demands Worship	Rev. 13:1-10
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The False Prophet	Anti-SPIRIT	Persuade people to worship anti-CHRIST	Rev. 13:11-17
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Holy Trinity is characterized by: infinite truth, love and goodness.

Unholy trinity is characterized by: deception, hatred and unadulterated evil.

This unholy trinity will unite in a desperate attempt to overthrow God. It will intensify the last 3 ½ years of the 7-year Tribulation Period. [Time of Jacob's trouble; Jeremiah 30:7]

In order to work out his diabolical plan in the world, Satan must do it through humanity.

- He needs a man to lead other men.

The man who is to become the antichrist began his career coming as a peacemaker on a white horse. [Rev. 6:1] He will be a great source of darkness for the world.

Headed by 10 nation confederation, the antichrist presents as the peacemaker and signs the 7-year covenant with the many. He will settle the Arab-Israeli problems by making a covenant with the Jews to protect them for 7 years. This also begins Daniel's 70th week. [Dan. 9:27]

He allows the Jewish people to reinstitute their religious rituals and build their temple.

But after 3 ½ years, he breaks the covenant, stops the Jewish worship, takes over the temple, sets himself up as god to be worshiped and turns on the Jewish people with a vengeance.

- II Thess. 2:3-4; abomination of desolation What happened?

Archangel Michael and the other angels will have a war with Satan and his demons. [Rev 12:7-10]

Satan and his angels will be forever cast out of heaven at the 3 ½ year mark of the 7-year Tribulation period.

God restrains absolutely nothing. The demons of the universe, who have been released out of the pit & freed from their bindings at the Euphrates, are all on the earth.

God has vacated the entire universe of the demons that occupy space between here and heaven and plunged them all to the earth. [Rev. 9 Trumpets # 5 & 6.]

Satan is operating with the most massive force he's ever known.

It will be Satan's great onslaught against God with demonism at its historical height.

God's wrath and Satan's fury are both at their apex simultaneously. The whole universe falling to pieces under the wrath of God and all hell breaking loose under the fury of Satan. In his attempt to prevent God's fulfillment of Christ's earthly kingdom, Satan will attempt to annihilate the Jews.

Rev. 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

Rev. 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

It seems a great chasm will open in the earth, already trembling and unstable from the worldwide earth movements, and swallow them up.

God will supernaturally protect a remnant of the Jews in her prepared place for the last 42 months of the Tribulation Period. [Rev. 12:14-16] These 3 ½ years in the wilderness will make the Jews ready to receive Christ and enter the glorious Millennial Kingdom.

Rev. 12 closed with the dragon, who, knowing his time was short, was enraged with the woman, Israel. He goes off to make war with her children.

Question: Where is the restrainer of evil? Stepped back after the Rapture of the Church.

II Thess. 2:7-8 For the mystery of iniquity [lawlessness] is already at work:

only he who now restrains will do so, until He is taken out of the way.

⁸And then shall that Wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming:

With the rise of the beast and the false prophet in Rev. 13, we are introduced to the 'trinity from hell.' Both are the product of the machinations of that old serpent, the devil or Satan.

Satan God The Father I Will Be Like The Most High

Rev. 12:3 describes Satan as "a great red dragon, having 7 heads and 10 horns, and 7 crowns upon his head."

Red indicates his vicious and homicidal personality.

Rev. 17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is [Rome in John's day], and the other is not yet come; [the rider on the white horse] and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

7 heads symbolize 7 evil kingdoms that Satan has empowered and used throughout history to prevent God's ultimate plan from coming to fruition.

- 5 of the kingdoms have come and gone: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon Medo-Perisa, Greece
- All these kingdoms severely oppressed, persecuted and killed many Jews.

Kingdom #6 - Rome - was present in John's day when writing this prophecy.

Under Roman rule, King Herod murdered Jewish male babies around the time of Christ's birth. Pontius Pilate ultimately authorized the crucifixion of Jesus.

Kingdom #7 will be during the first $3\frac{1}{2}$ years - headed by 10 nation confederation

- The antichrist presents as the peacemaker and signs the 7-year covenant.

Rev. 17:10-11 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [Rome in John's day]

and the other is not yet come; [rider on white horse]

and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. [$3\frac{1}{2}$ years]

¹¹And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven,

and goeth into perdition. [Last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years is actually Kingdom #8]

- At the midpoint of the Tribulation Period, the antichrist will become a dictator energized by Satan who has been cast out of heaven to earth. [Rev. 12:9]

The kingdom of the last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years will be fiercer and more oppressive than the others.

This kingdom will be rooted in all the previous empires and unite in one their evil and power.

Added to the ferocity of these beasts will be Satan's own power, throne and authority!

8 Kingdoms Rev. 17:10-11

1. Egypt	Pharaohs	5 are Fallen
2. Assyria	Assyrian Kings	
3. Babylonian	Nebuchadnezzar	
4. Medo-Perisa	Cyrus	
5. Greece	Alexander the Great	
6. Rome	Caesars	The one who is; present in John's day
7. Reunited Roman Empire	Not Yet	
8. Final Gentile World Kingdom	Antichrist	
		10 kings; 10 toes
		Little horn

Rev. 13: The persecution of God's people by Satan's 2 energized beasts

The rider on the white horse who had won his territory by peace tactics becomes the beast, the antichrist, under the possession of Satan. He now takes on a totally different look.

Rev. 13:1-10 This is the most graphic, the most thorough, the most penetrating, the most unforgettable, the most dramatic presentation of the antichrist anywhere in Scripture.

- Before the writing of the book of Revelation, they knew antichrist was coming.

I John 2:18 "Just as you have heard that antichrist is coming."

Where and how had they heard about antichrist? It was common teaching.

II Thess. 2:3-5 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;

⁴ 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, shewing himself that he is God.

"Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?"

Where was the source of this Biblical data that Paul and John were using to teach about antichrist? The Prophet Daniel

- Jesus affirmed all of Daniel's prophecy by quoting it:

Matt. 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation,
spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, [Jesus affirmed Daniel]

Rev. 13 tells of Satan's plan to persecute God's people and demand worship of himself.

Rev. 13 finds Satan on earth, unleashing his massive effort to defeat God and set up his own kingdom. He uses 3 political or religious powers to carry out his plan:

- Beast from the sea, Beast from the earth and the image of the Beast.

It takes us to the end of the 7 years and the final battle in which Satan engages God and Christ as he attempts to get sovereign rule and worship equal to God.

In order to work out his diabolical plan in the world, he must do it through humanity.

He needs a man to lead other men. [God's plan of redemption through our Kinsman Redeemer]

The antichrist, Satan's chief weapon, is the human who basically sits on top of all the human operation in response to satanic power, planning and demonic possession.

Person #2 of the Unholy Trinity = Beast or Antichrist = False Jesus or Messiah

Rev. 13:1a And [he] I stood upon the sand of the sea [symbol of Gentile nations, Rev. 17:15],

Consider: Isaiah likens the nations to a roaring and restless sea that cannot be quiet and whose waters can only churn up refuse and mud: a fitting picture of the products of a world without peace with God. [Isa. 17:12-13; 57]

This continues the story of the dragon who is defined as Satan in Rev. 12:9.

- Older manuscripts have HE STOOD = the angry dragon

The great red dragon is standing [symbolically] over the nations of the world as if he possesses them. John said, "I saw a beast coming up out of the sea."

- From the context, the angry dragon looks out over the sea of nations.

Rev. 13:1 And [he] I stood upon the sand of the sea and saw a beast rise up out of the sea,
having 7 heads and 10 horns, and upon his horns 10 crowns,
and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Rev. 13:1c Upon his heads the name of blasphemy: This will be done in three primary ways:

By claiming he is God	II Thess. 2:3-4
By trying to usurp the place of God	II Thess. 2:4; Dan. 7:8
Slandering the true God	Rev. 13:6; Dan. 11:36-37; 7:25

Beast = qhrion = wild and rapacious animal or beast. 46x in NT - 35 of them are in Revelation.

Beast portrays:

- the brutal, bloody, uncontrolled and wild character of the dictator and his system;
- this antichrist figure as the epitome and paramount outgrowth of the character of Satan who is himself called "the great red dragon."

Important: You have to understand this monster beast in a twofold way.

- He is a person and a system. He is a king and a kingdom.
- He represents a kingdom: having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

He is a person: Always described with personal pronouns.

He is this monster, a king and a kingdom.

Think: See the satanic final world empire inseparable from the satanically empowered man who leads it. Ex.: as Adolph Hitler was from the Third Reich.

Rev. 13:2a 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:

Daniel 7:1-14 Daniel records a night vision that God gave him concerning four world empires, symbolized as four beasts. Two new and important features-the little horn and the judgment.

3 animals in Rev. 13:2 remind us of the 4 beasts of Daniel in Dan. 7:7, 23

Lion = Babylon

Bear = Medo/Persia

Leopard = Greece

Lion = regal power

Bear = ferociousness

Leopard = great speed

The beast will move forcefully and quickly to establish his worldwide domination.

This time they are all embodied in the one beast: beast #4 [Rome]

Dan. 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a 4th 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. [Rome]

Focus on Little Horn: Daniel's attention is drawn to the destructive fourth beast, and he ponders the meaning of its ten horns.

Dan. 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them [10 horns] 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.

- A smaller horn begins to grow from the midst of the ten. As the little horn emerges from the beast, three of the original horns are plucked out by the roots.
- Little horn has "eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully."

Dan. 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. These kingdoms were also prophesied in Dan. 2 & 7.

Dan. 2	Dan. 7	Power	
Head of Gold	Lion with eagle's wings	Babylon	Head #3
Chest/arms of Silver	Bear with 3 ribs	Medo-Persia	Head #4
Belly/thigh of bronze	Leopard with 4 heads	Greece	Head #5
Legs of Iron	Beast with iron teeth	Rome	Head #6
Feet of Iron & Clay	10 Horns of the Beast	10 Kings	Head #7
	Little Horn	Identity to Come	#8
Stone breaking Statue Becomes a Mountain	Destruction of Nations Regin of God's Saints	Kingdom of God Established Forever	

Note: These visions start with head or kingdom #3. Why?

Kingdoms 1 & 2, Egypt & Assyria, were in the past. Visions begin with #3.

Note: The Church Age is not represented in the statue because it was not revealed to the Old Testament prophets. The Church Age is a prophetic gap. We are living between the legs of iron [Roman Empire] and the 10 toes of iron & clay [confederation of 10 nations at the beginning of the 3 ½ years].

Both visions symbolize the same kingdoms of the world.

- The pagan king dreams of the earthly kingdoms as "an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance." [Daniel 2:31]
- However, Daniel sees the same kingdoms as bizarre, unnatural hideous beasts and terrifying in aspect and behavior. [Daniel 7].
- The rulers of the world see their kingdoms as imposing, artistic monuments fashioned of valuable metals. However, God's prophets view the same kingdoms as unnatural monsters.

Dan. 7:17-18 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Interpretation: Dan. 7:19-27 Daniel asks about the 4th beast and its horns.

Dan. 7:19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

²⁰And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

²¹I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; [how long]

²²Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

The Antichrist, an intellectual genius and powerful orator who grows out of a confederacy of nations, takes over complete authority, wages war with the saints and overcomes them until God steps in and gives the saints the Kingdom.

Dan. 7:23 "Thus he said the fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth which will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it." It has a devastating and devouring effect on the world.

Dan. 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another [little horn with eyes & mouth of a human] shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

²⁵And he [little horn, antichrist] 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. [3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.; 42 months; 1260 days] Through injustice, seizure, punishment and death, he will massacre those who belong to God. He will intend to make alterations in times and in law. He wants to write his own morality. They will be given into his hand for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. [42 months; 1260 days; time, times, $\frac{1}{2}$ time]

Daniel 8 gives us more information regarding the Little Horn or the Antichrist.

- Dan. 8:8-9 Identity is closely linked with the name of Rome
- Dan. 8:10-12, 25 Exalts himself as high as Jesus; opposes the daily sacrifices
- Dan. 8:12 Successfully cast truth down to the ground
- Dan. 8:23,25 Has fierce features and acts through cunning
- Dan. 8:24 Power comes from an outer source
- Dan. 8:24 Destroys the holy people
- Dan. 8:25 Magnifies Himself in his heart
- Dan. 8:24-25 Destroys fearfully, destroys the might and many in their prosperity
- Dan. 8:25 His reign will end abruptly, without hand

Further prophecy about this coming world ruler who wreaks havoc among the saints and the world until the return of Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom.

Dan. 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. Intimidator and skilled in intrigue; master deceiver

Dan. 8:24a And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power:

Rev. 13:2b and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat [throne], and great authority.

➤ Satan is allowed to give the beast three things.

1. "Power" = Greek dunamis, often used as the power to perform miraculous wonders.

II Thess. 2:9 Heb. 2:4 Acts 2:22; 6:8

Satan will perform miraculous feats through this man as a part of his deception.

II Thess. 2:9-12 His coming is in accord with the activity of Satan.

He will be given the power to do signs and wonders with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish because they didn't receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

- All the world marveled, followed and worshiped the Beast.
- Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? Rev. 13:4

God will send upon them a deluding influence so they might believe what is false in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness.

2. "His throne" = his position as king or emperor of the revived Roman empire, ruling supremely over the rest of the nations. [This is the future #8 with AC as a dictator.]

Rev. 17:10-11 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is [Rome in John's day], and the other is not yet come; and when he comes he must continue a short space.

- 1st 3½ yrs.; rider on white horse; Rev. 6:1

¹¹ And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. [last 3 ½ yrs. under antichrist indwelt by Satan]

3. "Great authority" = the extension of his rule beyond the 10-nation confederation

Rev. 13:7 "power was given to him and authority over kindreds and tongue and nations."

The "Antichrist" is to be a KING and rule over a KINGDOM. He will accept the "Kingdoms of this world" that Satan offered Christ, and that Christ refused. [Matt. 4:8-10]

During the tribulation, as the unseen ruler of this world, Satan will have complete rule through the man of lawlessness, the beast, for a short time.

- All the world marveled and followed the Beast.
- They worshiped the Beast, Antichrist, saying "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Many in the nations will worship the Antichrist because they will be awestruck and terrified by him. He will intimidate and terrify the nations with his great power, bold claims and threats.

Dan. 11:36 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.

Compare beast #4 with the first beast of Revelation 13.

Rev. 13:1-2a 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. 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:

- The beast of Revelation contains elements of all of Daniel's beasts.

The Little Horn that emerged from Daniel's 4th Beast [Rome] is John's Beast Out Of Sea

Compare Little Horn Of Dan. 7 With John's Beast in Revelation 13

Little Horn - Dan. 7		Beast - Rev. 13	
8, 20	Speaks Great Things	5	Speaks Great Things
25	Blasphemes Against God	5-6	Blasphemes Against God
25	Reigns For 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs; 1260 days	5	Reigns For 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs; 1260 Days
21, 25	Make War Against The Saints	7	Makes War Against The Saints
25	Wear Out The Saints	7	Overcomes The Saints

Dan. 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power:

He will destroy to an extraordinary degree, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

Matt. 24:21 For then [context: abomination of desolation; last 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.] shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Dan. 8:25 Through his shrewdness or his cunning, he will cause deceit to succeed by his influence. He will magnify himself in his heart. He will destroy many while they are at ease.

[Recall: Rev. 6> He first comes, riding on a white horse, and offers peace. 7 yr. covenant]

In Rev. 13:1 John saw a beast rise [or come up] out of the sea. When the chaos gets so bad and there are no answers and no solution, you have the perfect situation for leadership to develop. Leaders are born in a crisis. Leaders rise in the midst of unsolvable problems. Leaders come to the top when there are no solutions. It is in the frightening and horrible chaos of the world that this man is able to rise, empowered by Satan and seize authority in the midst of emergency.

So successful will be his rise that men will be thrilled by his masterly genius and accept the principle that only an imperial form of government will be able to give them lasting peace. They'll throw aside their freedoms, just for peace. This man will come on the scene at the beginning of the tribulation and bring peace. That tells us that before his rise, there will be utter worldwide chaos. When the church is taken out of the world, it will most likely be a time of great chaos.

Think about Germany in the mid-1930's. Hitler didn't just pop up out of nowhere. He didn't come from the top down. He came from the bottom up. Why? People in Germany were in economic despair. They were in spiritual despair. There was political chaos. They were experiencing economic depression. Small businesses were collapsing all over Germany one by one in every city. Millions of people were out of work. It was a desperate time and people were looking for somebody to lead them out. Hitler knew the mood of the people and the strategy of the moment. Adolph Hitler started out as a lowly corporal, worked his way up in the Reichstag until he was at last in charge of everything. He emerged from absolute and utter obscurity to become the central figure in the world and himself demon possessed.

From that position of power, which he gained because of the chaos, he plunged the whole of Europe into his bloody reign of terror which was a preview of what it will be like on a worldwide scale when the antichrist comes.

One greater than Hitler will arise out of the chaos that will prevail in the world and be a man of marvelous appearance, transcendent ability, and indescribable magnetism. Problem is he will be possessed, indwelt and moved by a demon out of the abyss. He will have great authority.

The world will give the authority for all of it into his hands.

He is Satan's supreme human instrument to destroy Israel, to prevent her salvation and Kingdom, to kill believers, to conquer the world and to defeat Christ so that Satan can get what he wants, and that is to rule as God.

Dan. 8:25b He will be broken without human agency.

No man will be able to deal with him or destroy him.

Dan. 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.

II Thess. 2:8 That lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth. [Agrees with Daniel > no human agency will destroy him - only the Lord Jesus Christ.]

Rev. 19:20 And the beast was taken... cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Dan. 7:13-14 "I kept looking in the night visions and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before Him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Dan. 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

Ps. 72:11 All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.

Phil. 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matt. 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: