

**Revelation 13:1-10**

Confederacy of nations out of old Roman Empire **Dan 2** **Head-gold-**  
 Babylon; **Chest/arms-silver-MP**; **Stomach/thighs-brass-Greece**; **Legs-iron-**  
 Rome; **10 toes iron/clay**; **Stone** not cut w/ hands— **At its peak, the Roman**  
**Empire spanned from Britain, down to North Africa, and east to Turkey (2 mill sq mi). In**  
**modern times, this would include 40-50 different countries, including those only partially**  
**conquered by Romans. Today 27 countries in EU**

Re-emergent of Roman Empire in 1957 **Common Market** w/ 6 countries  
**France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg-** when saved  
 went 10, 12, now EU & 27. Today largest economy in world 440 mil  
 consumers & largest trade bloc

Satan reigns thru Antichrist over the revived Roman Empire in last days—

*Revelation 13:1 And he stood on the sand of the seashore. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.*

From heavenly scene to Dragon pursuing woman--Earth swallows Dragons  
 armies- he thrown down to earth—On earth another scene—Dragon stood  
 on Sea (**wild**)—of humanity 17:15 Gentile nations.

Beast summoned by Dragon (a man) Satan receives worship thru beast.

*2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.*

Leopard...bear...lion--picture of the animal nature of governments prior to  
 reign of Christ. Description of Beast corresponds to images in Daniel  
 7:7,8—Daniels vision 3 animals—**lion**-Babylon; **bear**-Medo-Persian;  
**leopard**-Grecian. 4<sup>th</sup> a dreadful, terrible beast having all the characteristic of  
 first three---final world ruling empire, demonically inspired-Satan himself.

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Beast of Rev is same as in Dan vision culmination of evils of past empires into final ruling one—**swift** as leopard, **strong crushing power** of bear, **ferocious & cunning** as lion—a totalitarian government crushing all opposition. Demand for worship first begins w/ allegiance to government authority.

*3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;*

Mortal wound—**assassination** attempt? Resurrection? Resuscitation?

Population in awe & follows—mentioned again 12,14 so-called miraculous recovering draws the people in sympathy & dedication. Copy-cat pseudo resurrection—Imitation--simulation of Jesus true resurrection. Here it brings devotion from the people.

*4 and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"*

Finally Satan gets what he always wanted & couldn't get thru Jesus. The man, Antichrist is worshiped but in reality it's incarnation of Satan himself—do people know they are worshiping the devil incarnate? **Church of Satan established 1966 in San Francisco by Anton Lavey died 1997.** Satan himself transforms into angel of light...2Cor 11:14-15.

Satan intimidates and the world will be awed believing no one can match his power so cower before him. He will dominate & persecute any who oppose. Worship given out of fear & retaliation—who can fight against him?

*5 And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.*

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Mouth speaks out of abundance of heart Matt 12:34 – arrogant pride by reason of creation. Bad mouthing God his creator. God allowed & put up w/ it 42 months. Beast speaks against those in heaven who escaped his lies & deception and were saved. Chose God over him.

*7 And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. 8 And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.*

Government under the totalitarian control of Antichrist subdues and persecutes any who do not bow in worship to the Beast. Saints are those who missed **Rapture** *1Thes 4:13-18 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

*2Thes 2:6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. 8 And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness..*

He overcomes by physical death not their faith. *They overcame by blood of lamb, word of their testimony love not life unto death 12:11.*

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A weak position will always try to silence all opposition-To censor what is contrary to their position. This is not the church '***gates of hell shall not prevail***'. Those on earth that submit to Antichrist & worship—names not in book of life. This book contains the names of all the redeemed from foundation of world. God knew us from mother's womb and before. There are no surprises w/ God.

How will they know who worships. In Rome, Caesars required pinch incense '***Caesar is Lord***' Christian would not say & were persecuted. Rome determined Christians not team players but subversive to Rome & Emperor by having independent thoughts and beliefs & must be silenced. To reject Rome ruling over their religion & life—meant they were subversives.

Considering totalitarian rulers of 20 C Hitler, Stalin, Lenin, Mao we can see the earth is on course for a final world ruler who demands strict allegiance.

***9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.***

Declaration & warning for those to listen up who are around at this time. There will be a reaping & sowing to those guilty of doing Beasts bidding. What you have done to others will come back and be done to you. If you have led others into captivity you yourself will be led into captivity. By the measure you meted out it will be meted back to you. If you killed by the sword you by the sword will be killed

Another meaning: Saints in tribulation continue to persevere--**what will be will be**; if led into captivity, captivity you will go, if killed w/ sword, by the sword you will be killed but keep the faith and persevere. ***Heb 11:33,37 by faith....escaped the edge of the sword...and by faith.... they were put to death with the sword;***