

Behold, I Come Quickly...

A Study of Revelation

PART 3

Revelation 11:1 - 16:21

GREAT TRIBULATION

LESSON 4

Revelation 13:1 - 13:18

THE SEED OF THE SERPENT

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
(Revelation 22:7)

REV 13:1-18

The Beast out of the Sea

In Genesis 3 verses 14 and 15 God pronounced a sentence on Satan.

GEN 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

This is a key verse in Scripture. We have seen this curse result in the conflict throughout the ages, the cosmic battle.

REV 13:1 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.

Contrary to the reading of the newer Bible versions, I believe that the Textus Receptus (the Greek text underlying the King James Version) is the correct rendering of this verse. It is John that is standing on the seashore, not the Dragon. The Textus Receptus clearly states "I (John) stood," not "he (the Dragon of chapter 12) stood."¹ John is standing on the sand of the seashore watching a "beast" come up out of the sea. This beast is different from the Dragon (Satan). This beast is both the Antichrist and the world system that produces him. The description of the beast leaves no doubt that his character is similar to that of the Dragon in Revelation 12:3.²

REV 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

The familiar term "Antichrist" is not applied to any individual in Scripture, but means one that is in opposition to Christ.³ The individual we call the "Antichrist" has many titles as we note in the following examples:

¹ Green, THE INTERLINEAR HEBREW-GREEK-ENGLISH BIBLE, Vol. IV, p. 680. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 145. Morris, THE REVELATION RECORD, p. 234. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 197.

² Morris, THE REVELATION RECORD, p. 234. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, pp. 199, 200.

³ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 170.

The Titles of Antichrist⁴

Old Testament

Isaiah 14:4 -- "King of Babylon"

Isaiah 14:12 -- "Lucifer"

Daniel 7:8; 8:9 -- "The Little Horn"

Daniel 8:23 -- "A King of Fierce Countenance"

Daniel 9:26 -- "The Prince that Shall Come"

Daniel 11:36 -- "The Willful King"

New Testament

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 -- "The Man of Sin"
"Son of Perdition"
"That Wicked"**

1 John 2:18 -- "Antichrist"

Revelation 13:1 -- "The Beast"

The Antichrist is an "opposing Christ." He is in opposition to Christ. He will be promoted by the False Prophet as Christ, a savior. He desires to be worshiped as God (Isa 14:12-16; 2 Th 2:3, 4).

The "sea" to those in the Middle East was the Mediterranean. In prophecy, "sea" represents a multitude of people. In the same way "sand" is uncountable. The "beast" would come out of the multitude of people represented by the nations around the Mediterranean Sea. This may not exclude the European colonial system, making it possible that Antichrist may come from anywhere (see Appendix, Figure 1 and 2).⁵ Mainly though, this refers to the Antichrist coming out of the multitude of Gentile humanity over whom he usurps authority. In this respect, he is likely a Gentile.⁶ In Daniel 8:8 and 9 we find that the type of this beast is called the "little horn" that came out of the four Grecian horns (Alexander the Great's four generals). We know that the name of this "little horn" is Antiochus Epiphanes ("God manifest," or "the illustrious one"). Antiochus is the prototype of the future Antichrist.⁷

DAN 8:8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, **the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones** toward the four winds of heaven. **9** And **out of one of them came forth a little horn**, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land [Israel].

In Daniel 9:26 the Antichrist is referred to as the prince in "the people of the prince that shall come," indicating that he is of the people (Romans) that destroyed Jerusalem in seventy AD. He will come out of the people that were once represented by the old Roman Empire. Today that revived Roman Empire is taking shape right before our very eyes as the world is being molded by our leaders into a global one-world socialist government system. It's all out in the open now.

DAN 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off [killed], but not for himself: and **the people [Romans] of the prince [Antichrist] that shall come** shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;....

It was the Romans that destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD. It appears that the revived Rome is upon us today. The Antichrist will come out of this new world system. We killed the true Messiah, but, those left behind after the rapture of the church will flock to the false messiah, the Antichrist, the leader of the global system.

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: **if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive....** **46** For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me [Deut 18:15].

In Revelation chapter 17 we will treat the subject of the seven heads and ten horns in greater detail, but for now, John is speaking about seven empires. These empires are the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, Roman, and the revived Roman Empire. Each of the seven heads (the successive world empires) will have a blasphemous name indicating that the seven world empires and their false religions will be wicked. The revived Roman Empire (world government; new world order; globalism) will produce ten kings or nations that will come to be dominated by the Antichrist (Appendix, Figure 2).⁸

REV 13:2 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.

⁴ Rev. Clarence Larkin, DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH, Glenside, PA: Rev. Clarence Larkin Est., 1918, 1920, p. 115.

⁵ Michael J. Riley, BACKFIELD IN MOTION, End Times Events take Center Stage... Behind the Scenes, Cleveland, TN: Derek Press, 2007, pp. 32, 33.

⁶ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 146. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 205.

⁷ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 124, 125.

⁸ Duck, Richards, REVELATION: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, pp. 183-185. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 146.

Notice the four beasts of Daniel 7 and count their heads. There are seven:

DAN 7:3 And **four great beasts came up from the sea**, diverse one from another.

Beast kingdoms (or world powers) would come up from the sea; that is the nations surrounding the Mediterranean.⁹ European colonial systems that colonized the whole world on every continent replaced fallen Rome. In this way, no matter where the Antichrist comes from, he may be said to come from the Roman system (see Appendix, Figure 1).¹⁰

DAN 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.

The first beast was the Babylonian Empire. The national symbol of Babylon was the winged lion.¹¹ Babylon came to destroy Israel in 605 BC.

JER 4:7 **The lion** is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

The regal lion speaks of sovereignty and supremacy. The eagle's wings depict Nebuchadnezzar's swift conquests. In a series of swift campaigns Nebuchadnezzar had conquered all of Syria, Palestine, humbled Egypt, and conquered Tyre.¹² The plucking of the wings indicates Nebuchadnezzar's eventual insanity and conversion. Being made to stand as a man with a man's heart shows that he was no more a beast.¹³

DAN 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.

The second Empire represented the Medo-Persian Empire. It was slow, and ponderous as depicted by the bear, with none of the swiftness in conquest of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon. Its successes were by strength and force. The three ribs in its mouth were the initial conquests of the Medo-Persian alliance, Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt. Devouring much flesh was characteristic of its method of waging war. It only engaged when it had sufficient overwhelming force to crush its opponents.¹⁴ "It raised up itself on one side" – one side of this bear proved dominant. The Persians eventually swallowed the Medes, who became part of the Persian Empire.¹⁵ Darius had used nearly 750,000 men and 600 ships against Scythia. A later king, Xerxes, would use 2-1/2 million men against Greece. And still later, the Empire's final king would fight battles with troops numbering a half-million to one million men.¹⁶

DAN 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.

The grace, speed, and ferocity of the leopard, with the speed accentuated by the four wings depicted perfectly the swift conquests of the known world, including Persia, by the Greek, Alexander the Great.¹⁷ Alexander died a drunkard at the zenith of his accomplishments, at age 32, with no more worlds to conquer.¹⁸ His Empire was divided among his four generals, as depicted by the four heads of the leopard. Cassander took Macedon and Greece; Lysimachus took Asia Minor and Thrace; Seleucus took Syria and Upper Asia, Babylon, and the east; and Ptolemy took Egypt, Palestine, and Arabia. Palestine eventually became an area of contention to the heirs of Seleucus and Ptolemy, and these two divisions of Alexander's Empire became the subjects of additional prophecy in Daniel chapters 8 and 11.¹⁹

DAN 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**.

⁹ Duck, Richards, REVELATION: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, pp. 183-185. Hutchings, DANIEL THE PROPHET, p. 165.

¹⁰ Noah Hutchings, DANIEL THE PROPHET, Oklahoma City, OK: Hearthstone Publishing, LTD, 1990, 1998, pp. 70, 71.

¹¹ Jeremiah, THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL, p. 134.

¹² Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 97.

¹³ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 97.

¹⁴ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 98.

¹⁵ Jeremiah, THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL, p. 135.

¹⁶ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 98.

¹⁷ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, pp. 98, 99. JEREMIAH, THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL, p. 135.

¹⁸ Jeremiah, THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL, p. 135.

¹⁹ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 99.

In the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, found in Daniel chapter 2, the image of the legs of iron depicted the Roman Empire (Appendix, Figure 1). The iron teeth of this image (Dan 7:7) indicated the great strength of the beast to devour and break in pieces. The Roman Empire would eventually, by conquest, extend from the British Isles, through Europe and northern Africa, to the Middle East, and bounded by the Euphrates River. Rome ruled with a savage iron fist, installing its paganism, laws, and institutions.²⁰

Rome would crucify the Son of God, and ruthlessly persecute and martyr, through ten Caesar's, from Nero to Diocletian, the early church of Jesus Christ.²¹ If our early brothers and sisters were to suffer so and die for their faith, who are we to complain if tribulation should befall us? We have a far better promise than this temporal world.

The "ten horns" represented the same as the "ten toes" of Nebuchadnezzar's image (Appendix, Figures 1 and 2). It would be the end-time revival of this Roman Empire in a new form. "Horns" in Scripture are symbols of power.²²

REV 17:12 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. **13** These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

So we see that the beasts of Daniel are a description of the beast of Revelation. The ten horns are similar as well, and we can apply the same interpretation. That interpretation is the same as the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image. Something else to consider is that the animals of the beasts are reversed in Revelation, when compared with Daniel. This may be explained by the different perspectives of Daniel and John. Daniel was looking ahead to empires not yet come, while John was looking back at the fulfillment of those empires.²³

Satan has been in charge of each succeeding world Empire. There has only been these four since Daniel, with the last living on until a revival of the Roman Empire that will occur in the end time. This seven headed beast of Rev 13:1 is a composite of all the empires past. This is the Antichrist, and power is given him by Satan.²⁴

Humpty Dumpty

On 25 March 1957, The Treaty of Rome began the modern reconstruction of the old Roman Empire.²⁵ An old nursery rhyme depicted an egg called Humpty Dumpty that had fallen and broken into pieces. That nursery rhyme referred to the fall of the Roman Empire and the fact that it couldn't be put back together. For the first time since that fall, men are succeeding in assembling Humpty Dumpty again. The European Economic Community was born which would create a European Parliament in 1979, and would culminate during the early 1990s in the European Union, transcending the sovereignty of those nation-states assembled.²⁶

DAN 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.**

This "little horn" is the Antichrist.²⁷ "The stage of the empire depicted by the beast [Rev 13:1] is the period after the emergence of the little horn, the future world ruler, displacing three of the horns."²⁸ In Revelation, Satan gives power to the Antichrist (the beast). Together with the False Prophet (another beast), the Antichrist and Satan form an unholy trinity.²⁹

REV 13:3 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.

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?**

Tim LaHaye and John Phillips acknowledge that the heads of the beast refer to empires. However, they also believe, since the beast also refers to the person of the Antichrist, that the Antichrist will be mortally wounded and resurrected by the power of Satan in a counterfeit of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Under this scenario, this might be the "strong delusion" mentioned in second Thessalonians.³⁰

²⁰ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 100.

²¹ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 100.

²² Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 101.

²³ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 178.

²⁴ Morris, THE REVELATION RECORD, p. 234. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, pp. 199, 200.

²⁵ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, p. 103.

²⁶ Phillips, Vines, EXPLORING THE BOOK OF DANIEL, pp. 103, 104.

²⁷ Duck, DANIEL: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, p. 191.

²⁸ Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 198. Bracketed words are mine.

²⁹ Bloomfield, THE END OF THE DAYS: A STUDY OF DANIEL'S VISIONS, p. 125.

³⁰ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 180. Phillips, EXPLORING REVELATION, p. 166.

2TH 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie:

However, other scholars such as John Walvoord and David Levy believe that the head that "as it were wounded to death" most likely refers to the sixth head, the Roman Empire that was current during John's time of writing. In this interpretation, the subsequent fall of the Roman Empire and its last-day's Roman revival producing the seventh head would seem to astonish the world.³¹ This Roman revival is appearing today as the United Nations, the European Union, and the division of the world into ten regions [Appendix, Figure 2].

It is in verse 4 that the beast becomes personified as the Antichrist.³² The appearance of the Antichrist signifies the beginning of the Tribulation before the return of Christ.³³ This man is going to appear to have all the answers to the world's troubles. He will bring a covenant of "peace and safety" to Israel, "then sudden destruction" (See Dan 9:27 and 1 TH 5:3). The Antichrist's power will be supernatural because:

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

REV 13:5 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.

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

Satan will give great power to the Antichrist. For the first forty-two months Antichrist will be a man with satanic power. During the last forty-two months the Antichrist's power will be worldwide in scope, probably Satan possessed. If, in fact, the Antichrist has been resurrected, then it may be the beast from the abyss that occupies the body of the Antichrist during the last forty-two months (3-1/2 years).³⁴ "It is probable that the person who heads the revived Roman Empire comes into power before the beginning of the entire seven-year period of Daniel 9:27, and as such enters into covenant with the Jewish people. His role as world ruler over all nations, however, does not begin until the time of the great tribulation [last 3-1/2 years; 42 months]."³⁵

Jesus said that He was God and was crucified for blasphemy. Antichrist will proclaim himself God and by lying signs and wonders will deceive men to accept him as such.³⁶ Daniel describes the Antichrist in this manner:

DAN 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....**

20 And 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 spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows....**

25 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.**

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 marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished [Antichrist's blasphemous course be fulfilled³⁷]**: for that that is determined shall be done.

REV 13:7 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.

We have seen in chapter 12 that Satan will persecute Israel. He will try to control all people and will persecute both Tribulation Christian believers and Jews.³⁸ Again it is Daniel that describes this very thing.

³¹ Hocking, THE COMING WORLD LEADER, Understanding the Book of Revelation, pp. 204, 205. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, pp. 147, 148, 156, 157. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, pp. 197, 199, 200. Wood, THE BIBLE & FUTURE EVENTS, An Introductory Survey of Last-Day Events, p. 105.

³² Wood, THE BIBLE & FUTURE EVENTS, An Introductory Survey of Last-Day Events, p. 105.

³³ Duck, DANIEL: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, p. 191.

³⁴ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 149. Wood, THE BIBLE & FUTURE EVENTS, An Introductory Survey of Last-Day Events, p. 105. Wood, THE BIBLE & FUTURE EVENTS, An Introductory Survey of Last-Day Events, p. 105. LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, pp. 180, 181. Phillips, EXPLORING REVELATION, p. 166.

³⁵ Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, pp. 200, 201. Bracketed words are mine.

³⁶ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 181.

³⁷ John F. Walvoord, DANIEL, The Key to Prophetic Revelation, Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1971, p. 273.

³⁸ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 181. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 149.

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

The Antichrist will seek to destroy all who worship the true God.³⁹ Only a remnant of believers, both Jew and Gentile, will not be drawn into worship of the Antichrist. Those that succumb to the Antichrist will be damned forever.⁴⁰

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

REV 13:8 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.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

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.

Everyone on earth except those who are saved will worship the beast. The word "written" is in the perfect tense indicating that their names will never be in the Book of Life. The Book of life thus probably contains only the names of those who will never be "blotted out."⁴¹

Verse 9 emphasizes the importance of the previous verses. When previously we encountered the phrase, "If any man have an ear....," it was addressed to the Church.

REV 3:13 He that hath an ear, let him hear **what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

Notice that the words "what the Spirit saith unto the churches" are omitted here in Revelation 13:9; another indication that the Church has been previously raptured.⁴²

Revelation 13:10 is a word of encouragement to the Tribulation Saints. They are reminded of the "patient endurance" of Christ. It is a reminder that their tormentors will be punished.⁴³

HEB 12:2 Looking unto **Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,** and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

These saints have a better reward in heaven.

HEB 10:34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that **ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.** **35** Cast not away therefore **your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.**

The first ten verses of Revelation chapter 13 speak of a revived Roman Empire consisting of a world government that is global in scope, exceeding the boundaries of the original Roman Empire. It will be controlled by Satan, and have as its primary objective of forcing the whole world to worship Satan and his human representative, the Antichrist.⁴⁴

The Beast out of the Earth

REV 13:11 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.

In Revelation chapter 19, verse 20, we see that the first beast and this second beast are personages. The second beast is "another" of the same kind as the first. He will possess the same nature, character, power, and ferocity as the Antichrist.⁴⁵

REV 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.

³⁹ Morris, THE REVELATION RECORD, p. 243. Duck, Richards, REVELATION: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, p. 193.

⁴⁰ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, pp. 149, 150.

⁴¹ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 150. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 203.

⁴² Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 150. Morris, THE REVELATION RECORD, p. 245. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, pp. 203, 204.

⁴³ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, pp. 150, 151. Morris, THE REVELATION RECORD, pp. 245, 246.

⁴⁴ Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 204.

⁴⁵ Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 199. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 153.

The first beast (the Antichrist) is the one who opposes and pretends to be Christ. He is the one-world political leader. This second beast is the False Prophet, possibly the head of the apostate church. He will survive the destruction of the apostate church (Rev 17:16) and assists the beast in creating the one-world religious system for the worship of the beast.⁴⁶ Today we are reassembling the nations again in humanistic defiance to God.

First - The world political system is unifying through the United Nations (One-World Government).

Second - The leaders of the various religions are attempting to unify the major religions of the world (One-World Religion).

Third - The world's money powers are attempting to remake the world's economic systems (Global Economy).

Fourth - The world's intellectual establishment is attempting to mold the minds of the world's citizens into a global allegiance (Anti-Nationalism; Anti-Patriotism; Globalism).

Together these are termed The New World Order.

Together with Satan, these two beasts represent an unholy Trinity mimicking the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.⁴⁷

It is possible that "coming up out of the earth" means that the second beast (the False Prophet) will come from a sea of people like the Antichrist. Nothing in Scripture indicates his ethnic or racial identity.⁴⁸

Horns represent authority. Lambs do not have horns. Jesus Christ is the true Lamb of God. The False Prophet comes dressed as a lamb, but with horns.

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

That he "speaks as a dragon" signifies that he gets his power of speech from Satan. He will deceive men by acting as a lamb, but will speak the words of Satan. He will be against personal faith in Jesus Christ.⁴⁹ The main purpose of the False Prophet is to lead the world to worship the Antichrist.⁵⁰

REV 13:12 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.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

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; 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.

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.

The second beast will also receive his power and authority from Satan.⁵¹ In these last days we see an attempt at world government and more importantly we see a move by Protestants to merge with the Catholic Church, and we see the pope attempting to merge or to have accommodation with Islam, Hinduism, and other of the world's religions. Even Billy Graham in an interview on Robert Schuller's *Hour of Power*, and further in a *Parade* Sunday supplement interview indicated his respect for "other paths to God" (see Appendix, Figure 3).⁵²

Like the Antichrist, the False Prophet will do supernatural signs to promote worship of Antichrist.⁵³

MAT 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

These miracles will deceive the unbelievers of the earth. The False Prophet will cause an image of the Antichrist to be erected.⁵⁴

As previously mentioned, the "wound by the sword" may refer to the revival of the Roman Empire once thought dead, or to the resurrected person of the Antichrist.⁵⁵

⁴⁶ Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 205.

⁴⁷ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 186. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 155.

⁴⁸ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 185. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 154.

⁴⁹ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 185. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, pp. 154, 155.

⁵⁰ LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, pp. 185, 156. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 155.

⁵¹ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 155.

⁵² Dave Hunt, OCCULT INVASION, Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1998, p. 589.

⁵³ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 155.

⁵⁴ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 157.

⁵⁵ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, pp. 156, 157. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 207. LaHaye, REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN, p. 180. Phillips, EXPLORING REVELATION, p. 166.

The Temple will be rebuilt at the mid-tribulation. This image is the "abomination of desolation" and it will be erected in the rebuilt Temple at Jerusalem.⁵⁶ Notice what Jesus said about this:

MAT 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:) **16** Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

This image will appear to have life; possibly a hologram or some such computerized image or device.⁵⁷ Something similar and fearful happened in Daniels time. Three Hebrew children refused to bow and worship an abominable image erected by Nebuchadnezzar. These Hebrew children are a type of the 144,000 Jewish witnesses of Revelation.⁵⁸

DAN 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, **we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.** **17** If it be so, **our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace,** and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. **18** **But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image** which thou hast set up.

The Hebrew children knew that the promises of the One True God were sure, and eternal. This temporal existence is but a blink compared to eternity. They, in fact, chose Life.

The False Prophet causes the image to have life and speak, and those not worshipping are to be killed. Notice the similarity to Nebuchadnezzar's image:

DAN 3:1 **Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold....** **4** Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, **5** That at what time ye hear the sound... ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: **6** And **whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.**

REV 13:16 **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:**

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.**

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.**

Richard C. Cook reports:

*The expansion of the U.S. military empire abroad is mirrored by the creation of a totalitarian system of surveillance at home, whereby the activities of private citizens are spied upon and tracked by technology and systems which have been put into place under the heading of the "War on Terror." Human microchip implants for tracking purposes are starting to be used.*⁵⁹

Radio Frequency ID's (RFID) and other electronic surveillance pose a threat to individual freedom. The read range of RFID is between "a couple of centimeters to twenty or thirty feet." Battery powered RFID's may be read up to a mile away or more.⁶⁰

Surveillance devices are being promoted by government and industry as being necessary for our protection in these perilous times. We are shown the many benefits of injecting our pets and children with tracking devices so we may feel safe in the knowledge of their whereabouts at all times. An RFID injected in the bodies of soldiers may allow for tracking and recovery operations, thus protecting our military. Industry uses RFID's and electronic surveillance to control inventory and prevent theft, and the technology exists for tracking the whereabouts of employees using RFID chips in company uniforms, entry cards, and wall and floor readers. This technology may even be used to determine if food handlers wash their hands after a visit to the restroom.⁶¹

Loyalty cards, such as used by Safeway and others, allow a supplier or manufacturer to gather data about the buying habits of their customers. This information is stored in databases and can be used to tailor discounts for "loyal

⁵⁶ Duck, Richards, REVELATION: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, p. 197.

⁵⁷ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 157.

⁵⁸ Duck, DANIEL: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, p.71.

⁵⁹ Richard C. Cook, IS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CONSPIRACY DRIVING WORLD EVENTS?

www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=8450.

⁶⁰ Albrecht, McIntyre, THE SPYCHIPS THREAT, Why Christians Should Resist RFID and ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE, p. 18.

⁶¹ Albrecht, McIntyre, THE SPYCHIPS THREAT, Why Christians Should Resist RFID and ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE, pp 35, 36, 157, 158, 160, 163-165.

customers” while discouraging bargain shoppers with higher prices. Did you ever wonder whether the coupons on the cash register tape were generated by the information in your loyalty card database?⁶²

Smart shelves can manage inventory. RFID’s in the goods from those shelves can track the shopper throughout the store. Smart carts can even attempt to suggest other related items based on the shopper’s history and what is already in the cart. RFID readers built into your refrigerator or cabinets could be utilized to keep inventory, make your shopping list, and even place your order. RFID readers can even be used to notify your insurance company that you are not taking your medicine, thus resulting in higher premiums.⁶³

RFID’s in the cards in your wallet, or woven into the clothing or labels on your back can potentially be tracked and identify you, the shopper, as you enter a store. Stores with reader ability will keep tracking your movements through the store until you leave. Reader devices would be hidden in the doorway, floor, walls, and shelving. The ultimate goal of the industry is to keep the RFID’s active throughout the product’s useful life and beyond. With unique individual ID numbers in each chip, the product can then be tracked from the manufacture, to the store, to the home or office, to eventually the garbage can and dump. They even plan to sell information about your garbage using roving scanners who collect the data by driving through your neighborhood on collection day.⁶⁴ RFID’s are so tiny that even individual needles can be tracked in this way. You can now literally find a needle in a haystack.⁶⁵ Do you think this is extreme? The military has the ability to track BB’s in space. If they can find a BB, then they can surely find you if they want. With RFID’s and other techniques, it is becoming more impossible to hide. With active RFID’s in your cards and clothing you can be tracked from store to store as you move about town or pass through toll booths.

For those of you that want to drop out of the system, Big Brother has a plan for you as well. It will soon be impossible to conduct untraceable business with only cash. The plan is to insert RFID technology into your paper money so that all of your transactions are recorded, not just your credit card activity. According to Prisonplanet.com, there is evidence that an RFID chip is now located behind the right eye of Andrew Jackson on the new twenty dollar bill. When you leave the bank with your twenty dollar bill, Big Brother will watch as you spend part of it on a McDonald Big Mac and shake, and then pick up your change and march over to K-Mart where Big Brother watches as you buy a DVD. He even knows the title of that DVD.⁶⁶

Big Brother can identify you by the RFID’s in the clothes you bought. They were all registered to you by the credit card or loyalty card you used when you purchased them. RFID readers will spot you, and any transaction you make will be recorded in your name. But, eventually a simpler solution would be to permanently ID you by a chip inserted in your body, or an invisible RFID tattoo on your hand or forehead.⁶⁷

All of this technology is available today including the insertable chip. The only thing that is preventing its widespread use is consumer resistance. But, as we saw with 9/11 and the Patriot Act, it won’t take much to overcome the natural resistance and bring about the step toward the ultimate surveillance society as more people are willing to exchange freedom for security. “The starting point is spychipped driver’s licenses, building access cards, and student name tags, and the end will be microchips embedded in your flesh.”⁶⁸ Spychipped driver’s licenses are in the works, building access cards are already here, while some have succumbed to the lure of the convenience and security of the insertable chip produced by *Digital Angel*.⁶⁹

No one without a mark (or chip) will be able to transact business. Those with the chip will have the number of the name of the beast. Without the mark you will be left to starve, or be killed.

Interestingly the equivalent Hebrew letter of the “www” of the World Wide Web corresponds to 666.⁷⁰ There are various interpretations of this verse. It has been used to show that Nero, Adolph Hitler, and other famous dictatorial figures were the Antichrist. Simply put, the number six is man’s number. Man was created on the sixth day. Six is one short of perfection represented by the number seven. With the trinity of sixes it has been suggested that it represents man, or a man making himself god in a system of religious humanism. Certainly our world and our citadels of learning today are infected with the indoctrination of the atheistic ideas of Secular Humanism. However it is, we will not know the truth about this number until mid-Tribulation. It will be the identifying number of the Antichrist.

⁶² Albrecht, McIntyre, [THE SPYCHIPS THREAT, Why Christians Should Resist RFID and ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE](#), pp. 4, 179, 180, 182, 183.

⁶³ Albrecht, McIntyre, [THE SPYCHIPS THREAT, Why Christians Should Resist RFID and ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE](#), pp. 5, 86, 87, 92.

⁶⁴ Albrecht, McIntyre, [THE SPYCHIPS THREAT, Why Christians Should Resist RFID and ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE](#), pp. 2, 3, 24-27, 102-104.

⁶⁵ Albrecht, McIntyre, [THE SPYCHIPS THREAT, Why Christians Should Resist RFID and ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE](#), pp. 13.

⁶⁶ Albrecht, McIntyre, [THE SPYCHIPS THREAT, Why Christians Should Resist RFID and ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE](#), pp. 5, 180, 181.

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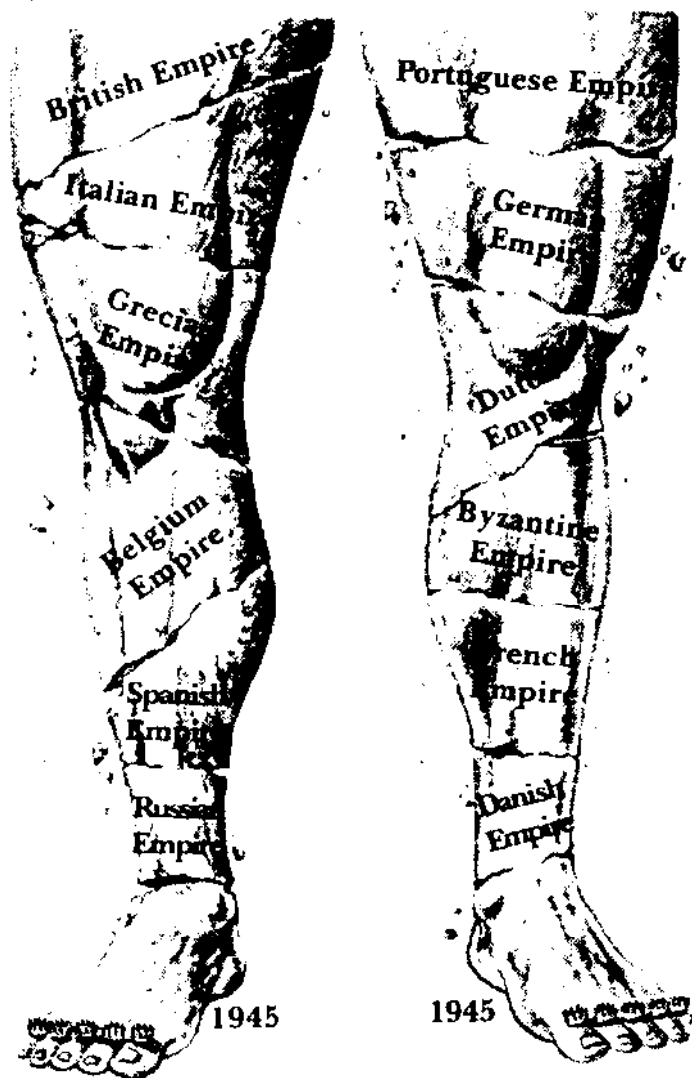
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⁶⁸ Albrecht, McIntyre, [THE SPYCHIPS THREAT, Why Christians Should Resist RFID and ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE](#), pp. 197, 213, 216.

⁶⁹ www.digitalangel.com.

⁷⁰ Riley, [BACKFIELD IN MOTION, End Times Events take Center Stage... Behind the Scenes](#), p. 166.

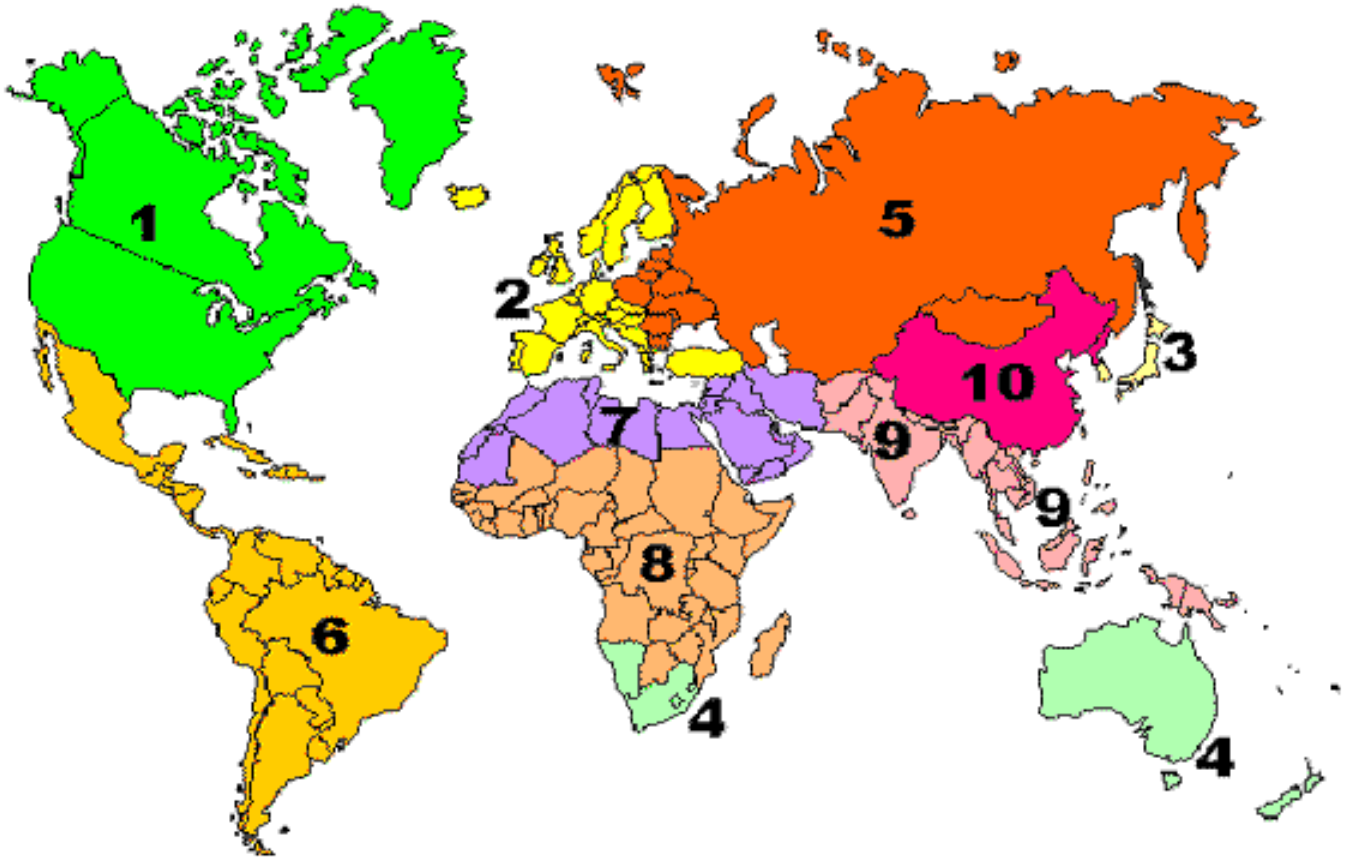
APPENDIX

FIGURE 1 – ROMAN EMPIRE COLONIAL SYSTEM⁷¹

Rome broke up into nations between A.D. 450 and 900. From A.D. 900 until 1945, Rome continued to rule the world through the European colonial system. As Daniel prophesied, the pieces of the iron legs jostled against each other and bruised. Wars during the past thousand years have resulted: the War of the Roses, the Hundred Year War, the Spanish-English War, the Napoleonic wars, World War I, World War II. In 1945 at Yalta, Josef Stalin and Franklin Roosevelt decided to break up the European (Roman) colonial system. Jesus prophesied of the end of the age: "... Behold the fig tree [Israel], and all the trees. When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand" (Luke 21:29-31). Trees are biblically representative of nations. After Israel (the fig tree) became a nation in 1948, new nations (all the trees) sprang up out of the breakup of the Roman colonial system. The iron chunks broke up into smaller pieces, as depicted in the feet of the image.

⁷¹ Hutchings, DANIEL THE PROPHET, p. 71.

FIGURE 2 – TEN REGIONS OF THE CLUB OF ROME



The Club of Rome has proposed the world be divided up into ten economic regions. This is actually occurring today under the guise of “globalism.” The map above is the old master plan (13 September 1973), and has been redrawn to show region 1 to include Mexico and Central America. Many of the zones are functioning today as shown, including Region 2 (EU) and Region 8 (African Union) for example.⁷²

⁷² Riley, BACKFIELD IN MOTION, End Times Events take Center Stage... Behind the Scenes, pp. 32, 33.

FIGURE 3 - NO CHRIST, NO CROSS, NO GOSPEL⁷³

The following is an interview between Robert Schuller and Billy Graham.

Schuller: *Billy, if you looked into the future, what challenges would you throw out to Christians or to pastor's-thousands of pastor's, and hundreds of rabbis, and they tell me over one million Muslims a week, watch this program. What challenge would you have to these listeners? This is your platform, you started the Hour of Power, you got me into this, now have the last word. Give them a message right from your heart!*

Graham: *Well, the message is that God loves you. Whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever your religious background, God loves you, He wants to come into your heart and change the direction of your life and give you a peace and a joy that you never had before. And he will do that today, if you will make that commitment to him.*

Notice that both men are Christians. Notice also that they are speaking to Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Notice also that there is no word of Jesus Christ, no salvation on the cross, and no gospel.

Another famous Christian, Norman Vincent Peale, the mentor of Robert Schuller, stated on the Phil Donahue Show in 1984 that:

Peale: *It's not necessary to be born-again. You have your way to God; I have mine. I found eternal peace in a Shinto Shrine... I've been to Shinto Shrines, and God is everywhere.*

Donahue: *But you're a Christian Minister; you're supposed to tell me that Christ is the way and the truth in the life, aren't you?*

Peale: *Christ is one of the ways. God is everywhere.*

Phil Donahue knew what the answers should have been better than Dr. Peale. Norman Vincent Peale has received the unremitting praise of Robert Schuller, Billy Graham, and other evangelical leaders. This is the compromise that we are facing in Christianity today. We are told that we are to show tolerance and accommodation with those of other religions. Whatever happened to the Great Commission?

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

⁷³ Hunt, OCCULT INVASION, p. 589.