

REVELATION 13:2 Notes

Read [Revelation 13: 1-7](#)

[Revelation 13:1, 2](#) and [II Thess.2:3-10](#) gives us a picture of this brilliant public relations man of the Tribulation. Humanly speaking he will be very attractive. He will have a dynamic personality, a performer of miracles, a leader of the tongues movement, a man of organization and a great orator.

Vs.1 *"I saw a beast having 7 heads and 7 horns rise up out of the sea.."*
"I saw" refers back to John the human writer of the Revelation.

"a beast" refers to:

1. A man with great religious and political power (oikos = house; menikos = universal); this means ecumenical.
2. He is the political dictator of the Revived Roman Empire.
3. He is called a *beast* because he is Demon Possessed.
4. He is only a beast in his thought pattern – He does not *look like* a beast, but he *is an animal in his actions*.
5. Three times in the book of Revelation, his demon possession is specified in [Rev. 9:11; 11:7; and 17:6](#).
6. The demon who indwells and motivates this dictator is one of the highest of all fallen angels. HE IS APOLLYON - (the Greek in [Rev. 9:11](#)). The Hebrew name is *Abaddon*. Both names mean destroyer.
7. He is the fallen angel in command of fallen angels.
(*"rises up out of the sea"* means an area of nations in [Dan. 7:3](#)) – Scofield: *"The sea in Scripture imagery stands for the populace; the mere unorganized mass of mankind"* ([Matt. 13:47; Rev. 13:1](#)). To show us what kind of influence this dictator has, he is described as:
"having seven heads" (most people have *one*, and they don't use very well). Why seven?
Seven heads refers to SEVEN EMPIRES.

These heads have removed self government (Theocracy-a form of Government where God is recognized as the Supreme Civil ruler) from Israel sometime in History. (We reviewed this in [Rev. 12:3](#).)

- (1) Egypt (Egyptian captivity - bondage).
- (2) Assyria (721 BC Assyria applied discipline to the Northern Kingdom)
- (3) Chaldean empire
- (4) Persian empire

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- (5) Macedonian empire
- (6) Rome
- (7) The Revived Roman Empire of the Tribulation ([Rev. 17:8-13](#)).

“*ten horns*” - refers to the nations which form the sphere of influence. (Note: A sphere of influence is made up of a group of nations under one leadership). In the King of the West, we have 10 nations. This matches the 10 toes of the image of Daniel 2 made up of two types of material (1) IRON (2) CLAY. The IRON nations are nations which were formerly in the old Roman empire. The CLAY nations refer to nations which were not in the old Roman Empire.

The “TEN HORNS” – then, appears to mean the 10 nations forming a sphere of influence in the Tribulation. These 10 nations will actually be controlled by a religious organization, and in the Revived Roman Empire we have the union of religion and state which is guaranteed to destroy the human freedom of individuals.

“*and upon his horns ten crowns*” These 10 crowns could easily depict that they started off as independent nations, and then later pulled into the confederation.

“*and upon his heads the name of blasphemy*” – means slander toward God. Please note that the “*Slander toward God*” is the very thing that unites them. This is a system of religion which has as its basis of Salvation – HUMAN EFFORTS – WOF (Works of the Flesh) - (In the future, WORKS SYSTEMS will be used to consolidate an ecumenical religious system.

Recap: [Rev. 13:1](#) “*And I saw a beast having seven head and ten horns, rise up out of the sea, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*”

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3 Empire Analogies:

“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 throne, and great authority” (ἐξουσίαν) (Note: two words for power: δύναμις and ἐξουσία

Points of Introduction: First Analogy:

“LEOPARD”

1. Alexander the Great (356-323 BC) 33 years.
2. He was the King of Macedonia from 336-323 BC.
3. He was the conqueror of Greek city-states and Persian Empire from Asia Minor and Egypt to India.
4. The leopard was an apt analogy because of the rapidity of conquest of Alexander.
5. In 12 years, He marched over thousands of miles.
6. He conquered and kept conquering.
7. He was well organized, and had great administration.

Second Analogy:

“Feet as the feet of a bear” If the Leopard represents the Greco - Macedonian Empire, the feet is an analogy of the Medo-Persian Empire described in [Dan. 7:5](#) and [Dan. 7:17](#).

The Persians had a fantastic start: Cyrus the Great was the King of Anshan. He had a well organized small kingdom right next to Elam (East of the Persian Gulf). In 25 years, he was successful in conquering the then known world. He had 4 great campaigns in which he leveled the great Empires of his day. He was killed fighting the barbarians and his son finished his work. In 25 years he had conquered everything from Egypt to India. The Parsees descended from the Persians. Cyrus the Great died around 529-530 BC. He was the king of Persia from 558 until his death; founder of the Persian Empire. He was followed by Cyrus the Younger who died in 401 BC.

Third Analogy:

“and his mouth as the mouth of a lion.” This refers to [Dan.7:4](#) and refers to the Chaldean Empire.

“and the dragon (Satan) gave him his power (δύναμις), and his throne; even great authority.”

NOW READ [II THESS.2:3-10](#).