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"And I saw" (not in the Greek)

"*And one of his heads as it were wounded to death;*" - this refers to the destruction of the old Roman Empire in 476 AD. (At that time the emperor of the Roman Empire had the name Romulus Augustus, also called *Augustulus*). *Romulus* was the name of the founder of Rome - 753 BC (and its first king), and *Augustus* was its first Emperor. This young man was put into captivity by FLAVIUS ODOVACER (Odoacer), the German who conquered him. (Last emperor – from 476 AD, Rome had no more emperors).

"...*and his deadly wound was healed*" – This refers to the reviving of the Roman Empire in the Tribulation. Note a little History: From 49-44 BC – 5 years, a man by the name of Julius Caesar became the ruler. He was a Roman general, a statesman, a historian, a poet, a military genius, and a law giver. Rome was about to fall apart in 49BC. Socialism was rampant, there was individual corruption and economic problems. BUT during those 5 years Caesar wrote a plan so great that it carried Rome from 44 BC until he was killed, and then on until 476 AD. His plan was the carrying factor for the Roman Empire, except from 96 to 192 AD (the period of the Antonine Caesars – the good emperors: Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius and Marcus Aurelius). Emphasis on God's Truth brought in the Roman GOLDEN AGE.

"*And one of his heads as it were wounded*" – The perfect tense says that the things that finally destroyed Rome were already in operation. Such things included: mobs moving in and demanding to be fed at public expense, public entertainment being demanded, the exhausting of their gold supply.

"...*and his deadly wound was healed*" – means a revival of the Roman Empire during the tribulation.

"*And all the world was astounded because of the beast*" – amazed at the fantastic rise to Power of the dictator, and what LIES BEHIND. The previous verses have dealt with the political activities of this dictator. Now, in verses 4-8, we will see the religious activities, as well as political activities.

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Read [Revelation 13:4-8](#).

Rev. 13:4 – "...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?'"

1. They worship the beast.
2. Please notice that the religion of the Tribulation actually does what all religion is designed to do: worship Satan.
3. Satan is the Father of all works of the flesh – do good-ism concepts.
4. Satan is the Father of all human efforts; this comes from the sinful nature (OSN). But Satan is the author of it.
5. Satan emphasizes man, by man's efforts, solving his own problems.
6. Any system like this is Satanic in nature, and becomes a worship of Satan.
7. The Bible reveals vividly that only God can solve man's problems, and the solution begins at the Cross with regeneration.

Note: In the Tribulation, people worship this Dictator because he comes along with a program which will solve all of man's problems, through socialism. He is the object, but in reality, it is Satan who gives him the power and ability. In fact it is SATAN WHOM THEY WORSHIP.

"Who is able to make war with him?" - This is saying that the dictator has frightened the people of the world, and the people will be willing to bow to his wishes. They succumb to the threat of force. Only the believer who applies the Truth of God's Word will be able to survive this difficult situation in the Tribulation.

Rev. 13:5 – "And there was given unto him a mouth" – This is an idiom for the ability to speak dynamically, with eloquence.

"...and blasphemies"

"...and power (authority – ἐξουσία) "was given to him..."

"...to continue forty and two months"

This is 3 ½ years is at the end of the Tribulation, which tells us: It takes 3 ½ years to become established, and then he continues until the 2nd Advent (last 3 ½ years).

Rev. 13: 6 – "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."

1. This dictator blasphemes God.
2. This dictator blasphemes the Trinity.
3. *Tabernacle* refers to Old Testament (OT) Christology and OT believers.

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This is saying that the Dictator blasphemes everything that is of God. This Dictator tries to explain away the Rapture, which apparently gives the world a good shaking.

Rev. 13:7 – "And it was given unto him (PERMITTED) to make (Aorist active infinitive of ποίεω) war with the saints, and to overcome (AAInf. of νίκαω) them (martyrs of the Tribulation) and power (ἐξουσία – Authority) was given him over every tribe (φυλήν – Jews), and tongues (γλῶσσαν – satanic evangelism – emotional tongue movement, the Satanic Pentecost) and nations (ἔθνος – gentile nations)."

BOOK OF LIFE

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."

TIME TO STUDY THE BOOK OF LIFE (next Sunday)