

REVELATION 13:9-15 Notes

Read [Revelation 13:9-15](#).

Verse 9 – This verse is very important, because it reveals that the Church does not go through the tribulation. Study the Greek of [Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29](#) and [Rev. 3:6, 13, 22](#).

This is a Tribulation passage. Believers are always commanded (Greek imperative mood) to HEAR THE WORD!

Verse 10 – Here we have the Divine Judgment of the first dictator prophesized: the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire (DRRE). *"If" (εἰ) anyone is for captivity he will go into captivity* – If anyone has a policy of enslaving people, he himself will be enslaved (*If, and it is true* – 1st class conditional clause). This is directed toward the DRRE, who apparently takes people into enslavement, as in the past. God here makes the punishment fit the crime. Dictators enslave, and will be enslaved.

This is saying that the Beast will be captured alive at the 2nd Advent, and then be cast alive into the Lake of Fire ([Rev. 19:20](#)).

Another first class condition is now presented: *"If anyone kills by the sword he must be killed by the sword"*. These armies used by the dictators of the Tribulation to invade Palestine will be destroyed by the Lord *"by the word of His mouth"* ([Rev. 19:20](#)). In the Tribulation, thousands of believers will be martyred by these dictators, but the Lord always has the final word.

"Here (Adverb ὧδέ) is the patience (ὑπομονή) and (καὶ – even) the faith (πίστις) of the saints (ἁγίων).

[Verses 11-18](#): we have the 2nd Dictator of the Tribulation.

Verse 11 – *"And I beheld another (of the same kind) of beast"* – These two dictators are put together, because they are both Satan controlled. Both are Demon possessed – under the DIRECT JURISDICTION OF SATAN, and they have an alliance with each other.

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NOTICE: This second beast is a Jewish dictator of Israel in the Tribulation. We have the rise of this dictator in verse 11. This one is a Jew; the previous one was a Gentile.

One Beast is from the SEA – a Gentile, the political ruler of Revived Roman Empire. This one is from the land (earth) – a Jew and a religious ruler.

Note: "*allos*" (ἄλλο), meaning another of the same kind; "*beast*" – why? Because of the rule over many people. He is also known as *the false prophet*, a religious title called the "*willful king*" in [Dan. 11](#). This beast comes to the Jews and becomes dictator, because he deceives them into thinking that he is the MESSIAH.

The word "τῆς γῆς" means earth; *land* corresponds with a Hebrew word "*Ha-er-itz*", a technical word meaning "*land of Palestine*". SO THIS IS A DICTATOR RISING UP IN PALESTINE! He is a Jew from the tribe of Dan.

[Gen. 49:16-18](#).

Dan is one of the false tribes (apostate tribes).

He is the false prophet, as revealed in [Rev. 16:13](#) and [Rev. 19:20](#) (read).

He is the king who does his own will in [Dan. 11:36-40](#).

From Dr. H.A. Ironside, "*Lectures on the Book of Revelation*"

1. The Anti-Christ must be a Jew, otherwise he would not be owned by Israel as the Messiah.
2. He is to rise up in the land of Palestine, not Italy; not Jerusalem, not Rome.
3. He is to be acknowledged by the mass of Jews as their King and religious leader.
4. He is not manifested until after the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is removed.

Revelation 13:11b: "And he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" "he had" imperfect tense verse-continuous action in past time "keeps on having"

"...*two horns like a lamb*" means he presents himself as the Messiah. THIS MEANS A FALSE LAMB!! A MALE LAMB WITH POWER!

"...*he spoke as a dragon*" means he is demon-possessed (*as a dragon*), meaning he is under the control & policy of Satan.

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Verse 12 – We have here a treaty of the Second Beast with the first Beast! *"...and all the power, authority (ἐξουσίαν) of the first beast he exercises (to do) makes (πολεῖ) before (ἐνώπιον) him"*. This is saying that he is an absolute dictator in his own realm.

THE TREATY OF THE 1ST AND 2ND SETS UP THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION – presented in [Matt. 24:13-22](#) and [Dan. 11:41](#). Then verse 12 continues, *"...and it makes the land and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."*

The death wound was given to the Roman Empire in 476 AD. Remember, that Romulus Augustus was the last Emperor of Rome. There was no other "so called Emperor of Rome" until Charlemagne (called Charles the Great, born 742AD) was crowned (around 800AD) the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

Here's what we have:

1. Roman Empire
2. Holy Roman Empire
3. Revived Roman Empire (this is the deadly wound healed in this verse.)

Verse 13 presents the Anti-Christ, the false Messiah.

This gives us a reference to his personality and how he operates. *"and he does great signs (σημεῖα)"*

A miracle worker – specified in [II Thess. 2](#):

"so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men" – Satan's Works are many!

Verses 14, 15 – *"And he deceives those that dwell on the earth"* – The only people not deceived at this time will be those who understand passages like [Matthew 25](#) and [Daniel 11](#). There are and will be quacks, charlatans to deceive; people are always gullible.

"...by means of signs which he had the power to do before the beast" – Both dictators are demon possessed.

"...telling the ones dwelling on the earth to make an image for the beast..." – IN THE TRIBULATION THERE WILL BE GREAT DECEPTION.

"...beast which had the wound by a sword..." means the collapse of the Roman Empire in 476 AD; *"...and did live"* means the Revived Roman Empire of the Tribulation.

Verse 15 – The only time mentioned in the Scripture. Here, a demon goes into a statue of the HOLY of HOLIES in the Temple – Abomination of Desolation, and speaks.

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Verse 16 – When religion and state become one, there is no Freedom for the people of that nation. We have here the “*mark in the right hand or in their foreheads*”.

MARK OF THE BEAST

1. The mark of the beast is some kind of identification – a sign of achievement.
2. The word “*mark*” is the word *charagma* (χάραγμα), a sign of self-discipline (engraved, etched, branded, cut, imprinted).
3. This mark will be used to determine who is in the Religious system and who is not; it will be the ID to conduct social or business activity. Without this mark people will not be able to buy food or engage in business.
4. Those who do not possess this mark will be tortured, imprisoned, and even executed (starved first).
5. To receive this mark, one must worship the beast.
6. People will not be able to own property, transact any business functions or have the necessities of life without this mark.

Verse 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.*” This verse gives us 3 ways that a person will be able to qualify in the Religious system of the Revived Roman Empire.

1. He must have the mark (ID).
2. He must have the name of the beast – perhaps a card...
3. ...or the number of his name, mentioned in verse 18 (666).