

Chapter 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.'*

We've seen this beast before, last chapter, but then, the Beast was Satan, himself, in the form of a dragon but with the same heads, horns and crowns; now we see the Beast who is the Antichrist within whom is the dragon.

Last chapter 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....⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him... the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night...¹² Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child...¹⁷ And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'*

This beast rising up out of the sea is the Antichrist who is now inhabited and possessed by Satan. This is not the first antichrist the world has seen but this is, in fact, the very worst, most evil and terrible antichrist the world has ever seen. There have been many others in the past. Nimrod, Caesars, Hitler, Stalin, Mao...

John, years before he was given this Revelation, wrote: 'Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.' 1 John 2:18

Even then, it was the *'last time,'* and there were many antichrists. The *last time* has been in effect since the Resurrection of Jesus and the birth of the Church. The *Last Days* have been in effect since the rebirth of Israel, in 1948.

Even more, today, there are many antichrists: Putin, Schwab, Macron, Trudeau, Biden and many others; fully half of this nation is, in fact, *'antichrist.'* They hate the God of the Bible; they hate the Lord Jesus Christ and they hate, with a passion, the true children of God. Every leader that is not a child of God is, in fact, an antichrist but only one will be the true, unfettered embodiment of Satan, himself: The Antichrist. He is alive today, waiting, like a horse in the starting gate, waiting to be released. He very well could be one of today's leaders; he probably is.

Jesus said: *'You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.'* John 8:44

Paul said, *'... O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?'* Acts 13:10

Verse 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.'*

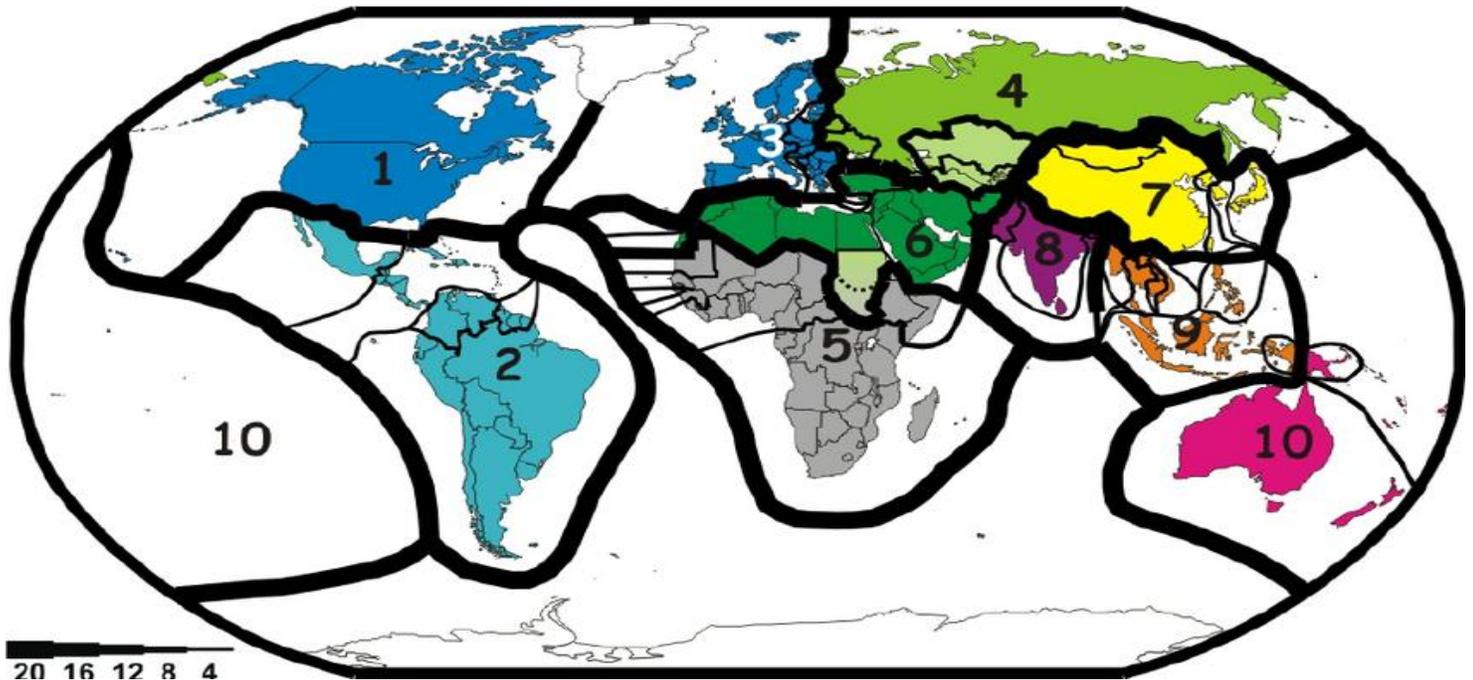
John is not the first Prophet to have seen the Antichrist; centuries before, Daniel had seen the same Beast: *'And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.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.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.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.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.' Dan7:3

Daniel is seeing the four great Kingdoms: Babylon, Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome. In the Latter Days, another rises which we've seen as a 'revived' Rome. Soon, the final Beast will arise to take over the leadership of the 10 kings; 7 willingly give him their power and authority; 3 will be removed by force.

Even today, the World has been set up into 10 regions which are simply waiting for the moment when their God of the New Age arises to lead them upward to Mankind's new horizons.

All those, in every level of government are turning away from Truth to embrace lies. Every one of them is being bribed with millions and billions of dollars or they are being threatened; their lives, their families, their power and position; with a single word to a specific person, they could, in the blink of an eye, lose everything.



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Looking at this map, my guess, as to the 3 kings who are 'plucked up' would be: the Russian world, the Muslim world and the Chinese world: 4, 6 and 7.

Now John will see the same thing from a different angle:

Verse 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.'*

The head of the Beast is, at first, the Antichrist who is seeming to lead the World in peace and even some form of democracy; each of the 10 other leaders probably believe themselves to be equal among the 10 ruling 'heads of state.' See: one head: one head of state but the Antichrist is rising to the top. 3 of the other 10 resist; they are 'plucked up' by the roots. The Antichrist seems to have been killed; perhaps the assassin is one of the 3 heads which were conquered by force.

He will come back to life, seemingly miraculously, Satan will enter him and he will declare himself to be god almighty; all will be forced to worship him and to receive his mark on their right hand or forehead.

This harkens back to Daniel, again: Daniel 3: *'Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.'* ² *Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.* ³ *Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were*

gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 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 of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, 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. ⁷ Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.'

We'll see that this same scenario will play out with the final Antichrist.

Satan inspired that situation; he hoped that Nebuchadnezzar would be his vessel through whom he would rule the world. Later, it was Alexander the Great, then Caesar, then Hitler and even now, he is carefully setting all his pieces in their proper order to facilitate his finally gaining power and worship over all the Earth.

One day, very soon, God will remove His Holy Spirit's restraint; then, seemingly immediately, all will fall into place: *'Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, (the church of Laodicea filling churches today) and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. ⁵ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? ⁶ And now ye know what withholdeth (the Holy Spirit restrains him) that he might be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (Who restrains) will let, (restrain) until he be taken out of the way. ⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.'* 2 Thes 2:3

Verse 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?'*

Here, then, is the stark difference between this demonic empire, and emperor, and every one which came before. Here... those in the World today, not simply that *'all the world wondered after the beast and said, 'Who is like unto the beast, who is able to make war with him?'*

See what is so different: *'And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast!'* Most of the people alive today will willingly and knowingly, through the sorcery of drugs witchcraft, **worship the dragon**; they will consciously worship Satan. We see it all around us, even today: the church of Satan; after school Satan clubs; millions gleefully giving the hand signs of 'devil's horns' and 666; they rush to get tattoos of the demonic and these are only the beginning of the evil which will rush in to fill the void left by the True Church's removal in the Rapture after which the Holy Spirit removes His restraint of evil. Their loyalty will be proven by their rush to receive the Antichrist's Mark on their right hands or their foreheads: 666!

Verse 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. (3.5 years) ⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.'*

The same as in **Daniel 7:** *'in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.' and... 'And the king (Antichrist) 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: for that that is determined shall be done. ³⁷ Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸ But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.'* Dan 11:36

Verse 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.'*

Here is another proof that the True Church has been removed in the Rapture. The Antichrist will overcome the saints, the Tribulation Saints, believers, Jew and Gentile alike but these saints are not the True Church, the Bride and Body of the Lord Jesus Christ. How do we know? Jesus said, prophetically: *'... and upon this rock I will build my church; **and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**'* Matt 16:18

The rock upon which Jesus Christ would build His Church was/is: the confession, by faith, first voiced by Peter, saying, **'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.'**

The True Church, until we are Raptured, will never be overcome because we are those who have overcome because of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

John tells us, in 1 John 5: *'Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.'* We, the True Church, believe, so we are born of God. He goes on: *'For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?'* We have overcome the World by our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then, in Rev. chapters 2 and 3, Jesus gives us great and glorious promises because we, the True Church are overcomers: *'To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God... He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death... he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations... He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels... Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name... To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.'*

The True Church will never be overcome but the Tribulation Saints will be overcome; they will be nearly killed off by the Antichrist's forces during the Tribulation.

The Antichrist will have power over everyone on Earth.

Verse 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.'*

God's Elect will refuse to worship the Antichrist or Satan within him; all of their names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life, from the foundation of the World. Even though this verse does not clearly tell us that we, and they, are elect from the foundation of the World, Paul makes it clear: *'... He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.'* Eph 1:4