

The Beast with Seven Heads

Part 2

Revelation 13:4-10

So far we have looked at:

1. The **Association** of the Beast with the dragon Satan (vs. 1)
2. The **Authority** of the Beast having seven heads and 10 horns (vs. 1)
3. The **Attitude** of the Beast with a blasphemous name on his heads (vs. 1)
4. The **Appearance** of the Beast (vs. 2) with the likeness of a lion (Egypt and Babylon), bear (Medo-Persia), leopard (Greece), and Dreadful beast (Rome)

Now we look at:

5. The **Attraction** of the Beast (vs. 3)

This is not the antichrist who dies of a fatal wound and is resurrected from the dead. But there is nowhere in scripture where it says that the antichrist will die and resurrect.

Look carefully at the verse. What is killed? One of the heads. That means one of the great worldwide governments. At the time of John's writing the first five world governments (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece) have all died. The world government in power in John's day was Rome. So, Rome will be dealt a fatal blow (Read the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire) and then will rise again in our future.

The final empire of this world will be a revived Roman Empire and people will marvel at its resurrection to world dominance. It will be made up of ten smaller nations (10 horns on 10 heads) in league together around the Mediterranean Ocean. Their alliance will be short lived as they will hand the power over to one final head, a political leader who will rise up from obscurity to dominance – the antichrist.

He will look wonderful and make peace in the world, for 3 ½ years but then will show his true colors.

A one-world government will be established. The economic woes that are unfolding right now will be fixed.

6. The **Arrogance** of the Beast (vs. 4-5)

He is given a mouth to speak great and terrible things. Who is like the Beast? Who can stand against him? No one can stand against him. He will control the earth militarily. He will blaspheme God. He will exalt himself and try to put himself above God, demanding to be worshipped.

7. The **Anger** of the Beast (vs. 7) against the saints.

People who come to faith during the Great Tribulation will be his enemy. He is granted to make war against believers. Anyone who opposes him will be killed.

8. The **Affiliation** of those who worship the Beast

Anyone whose name is not written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world will worship the Beast. They will eventually be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20).

God has chosen before creation those whose names will be written in the Book of Life. Those who will be saved and in heaven. Salvation comes through faith by God. Once a person's name is written in the Book of Life it will not be erased. (Luke 10:20)

Vs. 9-10 Tune in your spiritual ears. God's divine retribution against the evil ones is coming against those who do not put their trust in Christ.