

Revelation

Chapter Thirteen

Revelation 13:1

“Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”

The Dragon Stood On The Shore

- Then I stood...(other ms. “He stood”) The NKJV source manuscript has vs.1 translated (I stood). Some earlier manuscripts read (He stood) meaning the Dragon from Chapter 12 stood on the sand of the sea.
- “....and he stood upon the sand of the sea.”-ASV
- “We must remember that when the Bible was written it was not divided into chapters and verses. Since the phrase “and [he] stood upon the sand of the sea” belongs with the last verse of the previous chapter, what John is actually saying is that the dragon (Satan) is standing on the seashore viewing the restless sea.”-Epp

The Sea

Three seas in Scripture



The Dead Sea



Sea of Galilee

Mediterranean Sea,
i.e., The Great Sea

Sea in Scripture Symbolizes Nations

- Rev 17:15---Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."
- Isa 17:12-13---Woe to the multitude of many people who make a noise like the roar of the seas, and to the rushing of nations that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters; But God will rebuke them and they will flee far away, and be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

Seas Also Symbolize Chaos

- “But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.””-**Isaiah 57:20-21**
- The authority to bring chaos and unrest into the world has been given to Satan by God.
- The sea has the idea of unrest. “To the Hebrews the sea was both dangerous and mysterious, a restless element but not beyond the Lord’s power to tame.” (Baldwin).

The Beast

- The word used in the original language is “*therion*” which is a wild beast that tramples, devours, and kills.
- The beast is both a man, i.e. the Antichrist and a system or empire of the Antichrist.
- The Antichrist is different from the “pseudo” or “false Christ”. The false Christ does not deny the existence of Christ but builds falsely upon what Christ has already taught and misleads people astray.
- The antichrist denies the existence of the true God and attempts to replace Him.

The Beast From The Pit

- “And they (demonic army) had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.”-**Revelation 9:11**
- “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”-**Revelation 17:8**
- “The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.”-**Revelation 17:11**

The Antichrist

- There are three distinct characteristics of the Antichrist that John elaborates to in his letter:
 1. He will deny the deity of Jesus (1 John 2:22).
 2. He will deny that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 2:22).
 3. He will deny the unique relationship between the Father and the Son (1 John 2:22)
- “Only Islam fills the role of a religion that exists to deny core Christian beliefs. And of course, following the lead of the Qur'an, the three doctrines most severely and most often attacked and mocked by Muslims are the doctrines of the Trinity, the divine incarnation, and the atoning sacrifice/crucifixion of Jesus.”-Richardson

The Muslim Jesus

- Jesus is said to return to the earth in the last days near a mosque in Damascus.
- He will arrive at a time when the Mahdi and his army will be preparing to pray.
- He will be subordinate to the Mahdi.
- He will be a faithful Muslim
- He will make a pilgrimage to Mecca.
- He will salute Muhammad.
- He will destroy Christianity.

- He will repeal the *jizyah* tax, thus leaving Jews and Christians with the only options of conversion to Islam or death.
- He will establish Islamic *shariah* law throughout the entire earth.
- He will kill the Antichrist and his followers, made up largely of Jews and women.
- He will remain on earth for roughly forty years, during which time He will marry, have children, and then die.

Joel Richardson, The Islamic Antichrist

Similarities Between the Mahdi and the Antichrist

Mahdi rules the world for seven years	Antichrist rules the world for seven years before Jesus comes (Daniel 9:27)
Mahdi persecutes the Jews	Antichrist befriends the Jews and then, in one of the great double-crosses of all time, breaks his treaty and mercilessly persecutes them
Mahdi rules the world from Kufa, Iraq (about 100 miles south of Baghdad)	Antichrist rules the world from Babylon, Iraq (50 miles south of Baghdad) Revelation 17-18
The Apocalypse of Ahmadinejad, Mark Hitchcock	

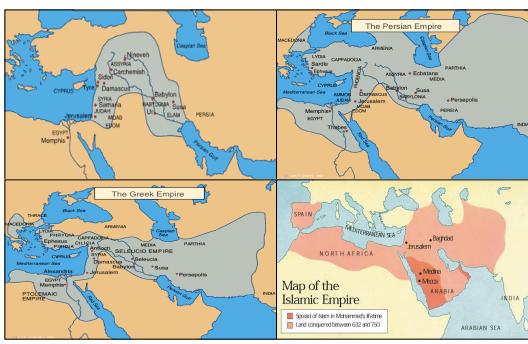
The Beast Rising Out Of the Sea

- “Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. **“And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.”** -Daniel 7:2-3
- “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, **and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.**” -Daniel 7:23

The Beast Empire

- The empire of the beast in Revelation thirteen will be **a combination of the three previous kingdoms before it.**
- “Now the beast which I saw was **like a leopard**, his feet were like the feet of **a bear**, and his mouth like the mouth of **a lion**.-Revelation 13:2
- ““The first was **like a lion**, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it. And suddenly another beast, a second, **like a bear**. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’ After this I looked, and there was another, **like a leopard**, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.”-Daniel 7:4-6

Four Great Beasts



Seven Heads And Ten Horns

- The seven heads represent world kingdoms with kings under the control of Satan and the ten horns represent ten end time world leaders that Satan will control in the last Gentile world empire
- “There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.”-**Revelation 17:10**
- “The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.”-**Daniel 7:24**
- **“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet**, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.”-**Revelation 17:12**

	Kingdom	Attack Against The Woman
1	Egypt	Enslaved the Jews
2	Assyria	Exiled the 10 Northern Tribes 722 B.C.
3	Babylonia	Exiled Judah and destroyed Jerusalem 586 B.C.
4	Persia	Tried to destroy the Jews during the time of Esther
5	Greece	Antiochus Epiphanes slaughtered a pig in the Temple 164 B.C.
6	Rome	Destroyed Temple, killed over a million Jews, renamed Judea "Palestine" under Hadrian 132 A.D.
7	Ottoman Empire	Conquered Jerusalem and ruled from 1517-1917

Psalm 83

“Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God! 2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”

Name In Psalm 83	Nation today
<u>Tents of Edom</u>	Palestinians
Ishmaelites	Saudi Arabia
<u>Moab</u>	Palestinians Jordan,
Hagarites	Egyptians
Gebal	Hezbollah, Lebanon
<u>Ammon</u>	Palestinians , Jordan
Amalek	Southern Jordan
Philistia	Gaza
Tyre	Hezbollah, Lebanon
Assyria	Syria, Iraq, Iran

Revelation 13:2-3

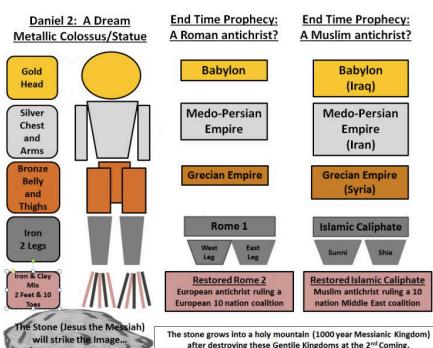
“Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.”

The Dragon Gave Authority

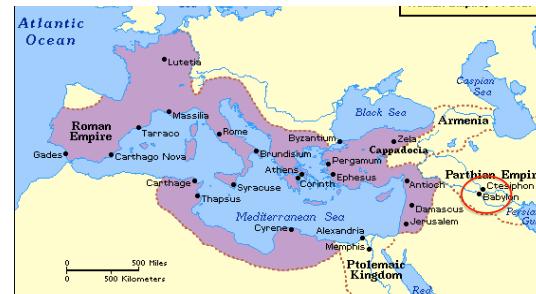
- The dragon is a reference to Satan who along with his angelic following was kicked out of Heaven.
- Satan is the power behind the Beast and his Kingdom.
- Satan has authority over the kingdoms of men. He told Jesus: "And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."-Luke 4:6
- Jesus refused the devil's offer but the Antichrist (Beast) will accept the devil's offer of authority over all the kingdoms.(Luke 4:5)

The Beast Is Mortally Wounded

- One of the Beasts heads is mortally wounded.
- The heads represent the succession of kingdoms throughout history opposed to God's redemption through Israel's Messiah.
- The Seventh head represents the Ottoman Empire which has recovered from a mortally wound.
- This Eighth head is a kingdom lead by the Antichrist.
- "The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition" (Rev. 17:11)
- This event occurs after the first 3.5 years and he is "the abomination of desolation.... standing in the holy place." (Matthew 24:15)



Roman Empire



Islamic Empire

Map of the Islamic Empire

Legend:

- Spread of Islam in Mohammed's lifetime
- Land conquered between 632 and 750

The Iron Kingdom

- The kingdom represented by the iron was supposed to crush or conquer the other three kingdoms, Babylon, Medo-Persian, and Greek, something which Rome never accomplished. Rome conquered the Greek and Syrian portions of the Grecian Empire, only reached Babylon for a few months in 116-117 AD and was forced to retreat from Mesopotamia after the death of Emperor Trajan. Rome was never able to conquer the heart of Persia during countless battle against the Parthian and Sasanid Empires.

Daniel 2:37-39

- “You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all-you are this head of gold. But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.”

The People Follow The Beast

- The people of the world follow the Beast and his system after his resurrection.
- This is the next step towards Satan's end goal of being worshipped and exalted above God.
- The world turns to the Beast not only as a political leader but also as “god on earth”.
- Satan's pride was his undoing, in Heaven he sought to be god; he will seek to be god on earth too.
- “He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.”-Daniel 11:37

Revelation 13:4

“So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

People Worship The Dragon

- “I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.”-John 5:43
- The Beast is a beast from the perspective of God but to man he has everything necessary to demand the utmost respect from man not terror.
- At the second coming of Jesus the Antichrist is cast into the “Lake of fire” and Satan is cast into the Abyss and will be bound there for one thousand years. (Rev 19:20,20:2)

No one Is Able To Make War

- The Kingdom of the Beast will have military superiority over the nations surrounding Israel and will seem invincible in the eyes of the world.
- This of course will affect all the nations of the world as have all wars in the last century.
- He will eventually invade Israel and conquer the Jews who will turn their hearts to Jesus during this time.

Daniel 11:41-44

- “He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians (“Cushi” is in the original text which is probably Sudan not Ethiopia) shall follow at his heels. But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.”

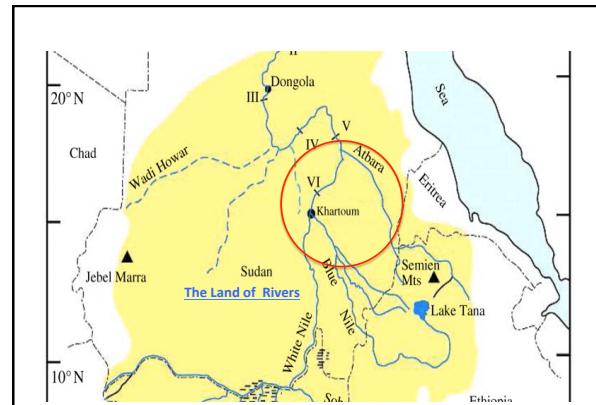
Sudan Vs. Ethiopia

- Sudan is known historically as the Kingdom of Kush.
- “The Kingdom of Kush was an ancient state centered on the confluences of the Blue Nile, White Nile and River Atbara.”-Wikipedia
- “**Kush or Cush** was a civilization centered in the North African region of Nubia, located in what is today northern Sudan.-newworldencyclopedia.org
- Northern Sudan is 97% Islamic.

Ancient Kush And Sudan



- “Woe to the land shadowed with buzzing wings, which is beyond the rivers of (Cush) Ethiopia,”- Isaiah 18:1
- “And the land of Egypt shall become desolate and waste; then they will know that I am the LORD, because he said, ‘The River is mine, and I have made it. Indeed, therefore, I am against you and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol to Syene, as far as the border of (Cush) Ethiopia.”-Ezekiel 29:9-10



Ethiopia The Land Of Sheba

- Almost 3,000 years ago, the ruler of Sheba, which spanned modern-day Ethiopia and Yemen, arrived in Jerusalem with vast quantities of gold to give to King Solomon.
- The story of Makeda, Queen of Sheba, and her encounter with King Solomon.....continues to profoundly influence Ethiopia's culture and history even in the post-imperial era. Certainly, ancient Ethiopia had strong ties across the Red Sea to Arabia. The Kingdom of Axum even included Yemen and parts of what is now southern Saudi Arabia at its height. Ethiopia also has a long tradition of Judaism, and converted to Christianity around 350 CE, during the reign of the Axumite King Ezana, supposedly a direct descendant of Makeda [Sheba] and Solomon. To this day, Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity retains a strong emphasis on the Old Testament. Every Orthodox Church also maintains a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, a symbol of the connection between Makeda, Queen of Sheba, and Solomon the Wise."-ancienthistory.com



Revelation 13:5-7

"And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Given A Mouth To Speak Blasphemies

- He opens His mouth and speaks blasphemies against God, His Name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
- Blasphemy according to Webster's 1828 Dictionary is: "To speak of the Supreme Being in terms of impious irreverence; to revile or speak reproachfully of God, or the Holy Spirit."
- " He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time."-Daniel 7:25

Make War Against Israel

- “Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, “and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you..... Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.”-Ezekiel 38:1-6;14-15

Who Is Gog?

- Gog is the leader of a coalition of nations that come against Israel in the last days.
- “You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes. ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Are you he [Gog] of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?”-Ezekiel 38:16-17

- “Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: ‘**Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms.** Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?’-Isaiah 14:16-17
- “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; **I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you.** “You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and **I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.** All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.””-Ezekiel 28:17-19

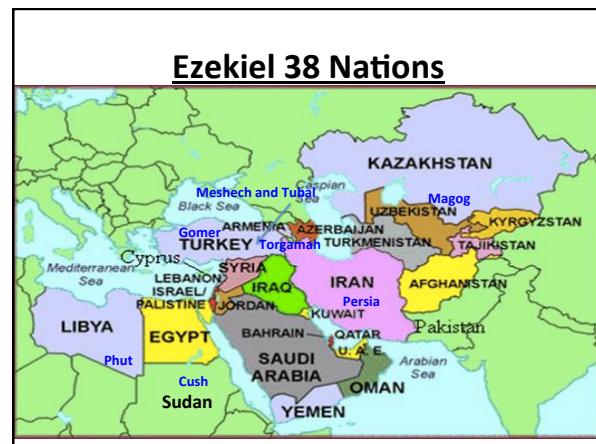
Gog And Antichrist

- Gog and the Antichrist are one and the same individual.
- According to Ezekiel 38:17, Gog is spoken about by all the prophets of Israel.
- Scripture Comparisons:
- Gog:** “Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: ‘Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat flesh and drink blood. You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth...At my table you will eat your fill of horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers of every kind,’ declares Jehovah the Sovereign,” (Ezekiel 39:17-20).

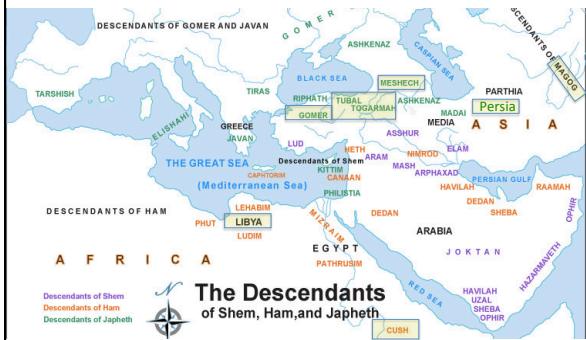
- **Antichrist**: “And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, ‘Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great,’” (Revelation 19:17).
- **Gog**: “I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone,” (Ezekiel 38:22).
- **Antichrist**: “Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon... Then there came... From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundredpounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible,” (Revelation 16:16-21).

The Nations In Ezekiel	The Nations Today
Magog	The republics in southern Russia and north of Israel, compromised of Azerbaijan , Afghanistan , Turkestan , Chechnya , and Iran
Rosh “The chief prince”	Used over 500 times in the Bible and each time it is interpreted as: “head, chief, top, best”. Modern interpreters say it means “Russia” because of the similar sound to Rosh
Meshech and Tubal	Modern interpreters say it is Moscow and Tobolsk because again the similarity of sound. Ezekiel 27:13 describes Meshech and Tubal trading with ancient Tyre. It is highly unlikely that ancient Tyre was trading with Moscow and Tobolsk. They are located in modern Turkey
Persia	Iran
Ethiopia	Cush in the original language. Ezekiel 29:9-10, associates Cush with the border of Egypt. Sudan borders Egypt's southern border.

The Nations In Ezekiel	The Nations Today
Libya	Phut is Libya
Gomer	Central Turkey
House of Togarmah	Ryrie says, “the southeastern part of Turkey near the Syria border. This Identification is consistent with all Interpreters. Turkey and Armenia



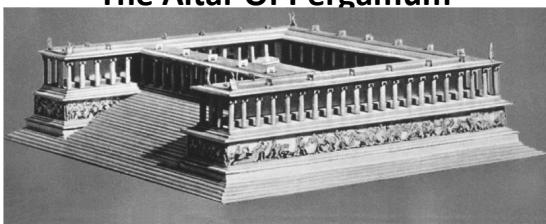
Genesis 10 Nations



Turkey The Antichrist Nation

- Ezekiel 38, identifies Turkey as the main leading nation of the united force against Israel.
- Revelation 17, Identifies the eighth kingdom of the beast as being resurrected from the seventh which was the Ottoman Empire.
- Revelation 2:13, identifies the Church of Pergamum located in Turkey as being the location of Satan's throne
- Daniel 9, identifies “the people of the prince to come” that destroyed the Jewish Temple were primarily Syrians and Arabs that made up the Legion X of the Roman army stationed in Antioch which is in Turkey.
- Daniel 11, identifies the King of the North as Antiochus Epiphanes the IV ruler of the Seleucid Empire which covered a large portion of modern Turkey. Antiochus is a prefigure of the Antichrist to come.

The Altar Of Pergamum



- A German archaeologist, Carl Humann, began excavating the altar on Sept. 9, 1878. The altar was then moved back to Germany and reconstructed. In 1934 Hitler became dictator and ordered construction of the altar at Zeppelin Field in Nuremberg for his Nazi rallies. [www.formerthings.com]

Why Did Hitler's Architect Copy The Altar

"Berlin's Museum Island is for those who love the past. But the past can be a dangerous thing in the hands of those who use it in the cause of evil. And that is especially true of an ancient artifact that was unearthed in 1865 by a German archeologist in the ruins of an ancient Greek city called Pergamon. It is known as the Pergamon Altar.

The altar was moved to Berlin into a building constructed especially for it. It fills a hall six stories high with the area of a football field. Today, to climb its stairs and look down at people far below gives one a feeling of power. In about 1930, a Nazi climbed the stairs, looked down, and got the same feeling. His name was Albert Speer. He was in charge of architecture in the Third Reich. Without knowing the original meaning and purpose of the altar, he adapted it into a new Nazi monument that would aid Hitler's rise to absolute power." [History Channel]



- The Zeppelinfeldtribüne during its heyday in the late 1930s. The design was influenced by the Pergamon Altar, a classical Greek structure from ancient Turkey, on display in a Berlin museum. (1938-dated postcard [thirdreichruins.com])

The Seleucid Empire



Revelation 13:8-10

"All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Those Who Worship The Beast

- Jesus makes it clear that those who believe in Him will not have their names erased from the "Book of Life"
- Every bodies name is written into the "Book of Life" when they are born and are erased when they refuse to believe in Jesus
- This is an Old Testament concept found in Exodus 32:32-33, where Moses is interceding on behalf of Israel who has sinned against God at Mount Sinai.

- "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin — but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book ."-Ex 32:32-33
- God at the end will judge those names that are not found written in the Book of Life at the Great White Throne judgment
- "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."- Rev 20:15

- Many people believe that as you believe in Jesus then your name is written into the Book of Life. However the Book of Life we are told has been written from the beginning of time.
- "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."- Rev 17:8
- The people who worship the beast are erased from the Book of Life because they have rejected Jesus, Who is the only way of salvation, and to reject Him is the unpardonable sin.

Revelation 13:11

"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon."

The Beast From The Earth

- The second beast comes up out of the earth.
- This beast is called the false prophet three times in the Book of Revelation (**Rev. 16:13;19:20;20:10**).
- The word for “another” in the original is “*allos*” which means **another of the same kind**. The driving force behind the Beast of the sea and the Beast of the earth is Satan.
- The sphere of influence of the Beast from the sea is political and military conquest.
- The sphere of influence of the Beast of the earth is religious converting the people of the earth to worship the first Beast.

The Satanic Trinity

Description	Represents
The Beast from the bottomless pit who was and is not.	Satan, Dragon
The Beast from the sea	The Antichrist
The Beast From the earth	The False Prophet

Two Horns

- The false prophet has two horns like a lamb.
- Horns as we have seen frequently symbolize power or authority.
- This beast has two horns which in scripture is the number of witness.
- “The two horns have a pertinent significance, for two is the number of witness and just as Christ declared the Spirit of God should ‘testify (lit., bear witness) of Me’ (John 15:26), so the third person in the Trinity of Evil bears witness to the first Beast.”-Pink

He Spoke Like A Dragon

- As Aaron was the spokes person for Moses’ message of truth from God so also the false prophet is the mouth piece of the Dragon with all subtlety, craftiness, and deception.
- “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, **so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**”-2 Corinthians 11:3

The False Prophet

- There is not a clear identity to who this false prophet is but there is compelling evidence for him to be tied to the Islamic teaching of Jesus.
- Islam denies Jesus is the Son of God and that He died on the cross. The Muslim Jesus is not the Jesus of the Bible.
- "Muslims await a man who will claim to be Jesus Christ. He would be presented as a lamb.....He is pictured as leading the army that will slaughter tens of thousands of Jews said to follow Dajjal [Antichrist]. If ever such a person existed who could rightly be described as a 'beast,' then surely the Muslim Jesus is such a man." -Richardson

The Muslim Jesus

- Jesus is said to return to the earth in the last days near a mosque in Damascus.
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- He will salute Muhammad.
- He will destroy Christianity.

- He will repeal the *jizyah* tax, thus leaving Jews and Christians with the only options of conversion to Islam or death.
- He will establish Islamic *sharia* law throughout the entire earth.
- He will remain on earth for roughly forty years, during which time He will marry, have children, and then die.
- "Rather than coming to reign as king and messiah over all the earth from Jerusalem, Jesus instead comes to convert the world to Islam-or kill those who refuse to do so. Instead of coming to save and deliver faithful Christians and Jews, he comes instead to slaughter them." -Joel Richardson, The Islamic Antichrist

Revelation 13:12-13

"And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men."

The False Prophet Exercises Authority

- The False Prophet “causes” or forces the people of the earth to worship the Antichrist.
- The role of this “false prophet” is to help the world accept the claims of the first beast.
- The first Beast is Satan manifested so the second Beast is in complete union with him and works to bring him credibility.
- **The world will be deceived into accepting the Antichrist through the work of the false prophet.**

Revelation 13:14

“And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.”

He Performs Great Signs

Revelation 13:13-14

“He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.”

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

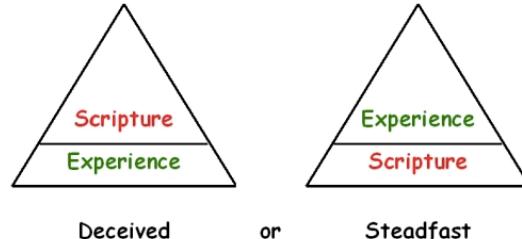
“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Signs

- The word for “signs” is important to note. It is not the miracles that are important but it is the **miracle as a sign** that distinguishes men as being truly sent by God.
- The people living on earth at the end of time, even those who call themselves *Christians*, have fallen prey to that **which is already at work in our own day: a non-biblical reliance upon signs as evidence of God**.
- They have built their faith upon the wrong foundation!

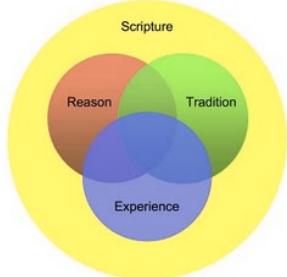
- Christ's miracles, as miracles, were no evidence of His Divine mission. The real evidence was that the miracles which He wrought were the very miracles which the Prophetic Word had declared He should work, and which were *on that account* the sign and seal of His ministry, and formed His credentials from on high. This is clear from Matt. 11:1-6. It was not that they were mere miraculous acts, but that they were what God had foretold, and the essence of their testimony was to *the truth of God's word*, rather than the power of Christ. Hence it is that they are so generally called "signs," and not merely "wonders. They are not for the crowd to gape at, but for Bible students to study and learn their Divine mission of the Lord Jesus." -Bullinger

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"Try everything by the written Word, and let all bow down before it. You are in danger every hour if you depart ever so little from Scripture." -John Wesley, 1758

The Image Of The Beast

- The word in the original language is "eikon" which literally means, "statue, representation, or likeness".
- Those on earth will demonstrate their worship of the Beast by building and setting up an image in his likeness in order to honor him.
- This is the "abomination of desolation" that Jesus warned about would happen. An image set up in the Temple of God in the Holy of Holies requiring worship by all who dwell on the earth.

THE ANTICHRIST

"If God was so angry with the Jews for not searching more diligently into the Prophecies which he had given them to know Christ by, why should we think he will excuse us for not searching the Prophecies which he hath given us to know Antichrist by?" Sir Isaac Newton

* Page 1 of "Antichrist" by McGinn referencing an unpublished tract by Isaac Newton

Revelation 13:15-18

"He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name
 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666."

The Image Speaks

- The image that is created by men of the Beast seemingly comes to life which is an event that is unexplainable in how it happens.
- The people of the earth worship all the more now that they see the fantastic miracle of the Beast's image having come to life at the hands of the False Prophet.
- The image itself must be ultimately compelling because the enormity of the miracle performed by the False Prophet does not draw attention to the prophet but all attention remains focused on the worship of the image itself and the Beast.

The Mark

- The word for “mark” literally means **“a brand, or seal”**.
- Every nation has a brand or seal that connects itself with a national identity.
- The Beast requires everyone to receive the mark on their right hand or forehead.
- This corresponds to the *shema* that was required to be on the right hand or forehead of Jewish people as they prayed.
- “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. **You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (**Deut. 6:6-9 Ex. 13:9, 16**)



Control Of The Economy

- Without the mark no one is able to buy or sell.
- The False Prophet will implement a system to demand worship from all. The rich and powerful will not be able to escape the requirements. All people will need to submit to worshipping of the Beast.
- Sheik Najih Ibrahim Ibn Abdulla summarizes the purpose of the *Jizya*. He says, quoting Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, that the *Jizya* is enacted: "...to spare the blood (of the Zimmis), to be a symbol of humiliation of the infidels and as an insult and punishment to them, and as the *Shafi'ites* indicate, the *Jizya* is offered in exchange for residing in an Islamic country." Thus Ibn Qayyim adds, **"Since the entire religion belongs to God, it aims at humiliating ungodliness and its followers, and insulting them.** Imposing the *Jizya* on the followers of ungodliness and oppressing them is required by God's religion. The *Qur'anic* text hints at this meaning when it says: 'until they give the tribute by force with humiliation.' (*Qur'an* 9:29). What contradicts this is leaving the infidels to enjoy their might and practice their religion as they wish so that they would have power and authority." -www.answering-islam.org

- *“Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold forbidden that which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the *Jizyah* with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued...”*

The Number Of The Beast

- One in every 10,000 people have the number 666, for their name.
- Gematria:** Is the calculation of the numerical equivalence of letters, words, or phrases, and, on that basis, gaining, insight into interrelation of different concepts and exploring the interrelationship between words and ideas.
- "And the Devil, taking him up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment in time (Luke 4:5). Kingdoms of the world totals **3996 (666 x 6)**.
- A letter to the corresponding number on the walls of Pompeii a lover wrote: "I love her whose number is 545"

Three Types Identification Listed

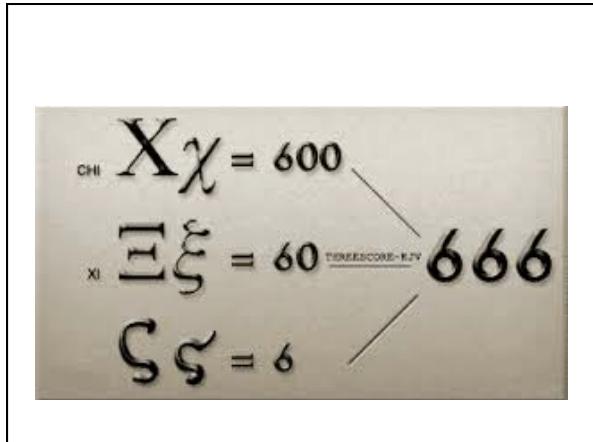
- There are three types of identification listed associated with the the Beast:
 - The Mark.
 - The Name of the Beast.
 - The Number of his name.
- The mark is received by the worshippers of the Beast that contains his name associated with a number.
- The number is 666 and will describe the name of the Beast that will be marked on his worshippers.

The Greek Alphabet and Numbers

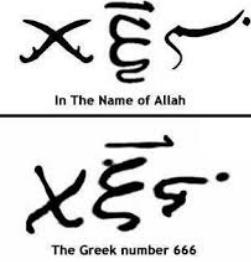
GREEK ALPHABET			
Letter	Name	Transliteration	Value
1 Α, α	αλφα, alfa	A	1
2 Β, β	βετα, beta	B	2
3 Γ, γ	γαμμα, gamma	G	3
4 Δ, δ	δεटا, delta	D	4
5 Ε, ε	εψιλον, epsilon	E	5
6 Ζ, ζ	ζεттюно, digamma	-	6
7 Ζ', ζ'	ζ'еттюно, zeta	Z	7
8 Η, η	ηттю, eta	E	8
9 Θ, θ	ттю, theta	T	9
10 Ι, ι	иота, iota	I	10
11 Κ, κ	каппа, kappa	K	20
12 Λ, λ	лямбда, lambda	L	30
13 Μ, μ	мю, mu	M	40
14 Ν, ν	ню, nu	N	50
15 Ξ, ξ	ξи, xi	X	60
16 Ο, ο	оюпюв, omikron	O	70
17 Π, π	пи, pi	P	80
18 Ρ, ρ	рота, rho	R	90
19 Σ, σ	сигма, sigma	S	100
20 Τ, τ	тота, tau	T	200
21 Υ, υ	үүтю, upsilon	U, Y	300
22 Ψ, ψ	psi, phi	F	400
23 Φ, ϕ	фото, phi	P	500
24 Χ, χ	чи, chi	X	600
25 Ψ, ψ	psi, psi	P	700
26 Ω, ω	оуңыра, omega	W	800

Hinds & Noble - 1897 - Rev. 13:18
Interlinear New Testament

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The Mark Of The Beast



A Religion Of Fear

- Islam means "submission".
- A Muslim is "one who submits".
- **Submission through fear is central to Islamic and cultic religions**
- Nimrod was the first to use fear-Gen 10:8,9
- "He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the Lord, for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, 'Depart from the judgment of the Lord, and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!' Therefore it is said: 'As Nimrod is the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the Lord'"--Jerusalem Targum

From The Qur'an

- "Fight and slay the pagans (infidels) wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war."
Quran, Sura 9:5
- Let not the unbelievers think they will ever get away. They have not the power to do so. Muster against them all the men and cavalry at your command, **so that you may strike terror into the enemy of God and your enemy**... Prophet, (Muhammed) rouse the faithful to arms! If they (the non-Muslims) incline to peace (accept Islam) make peace with them. Sura 8:59

Freedom From Fear

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, **and release those who through fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage."-**Hebrews 2:14-15**

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(dim-i-tüd)

- I. The condition of living as a *dhimmi*, a non-Muslim, while under Islamic rule. "Dhimmi" comes from the Arabic root "dh-m-m", meaning "being in the care of".
- II. A position of subservience adopted by non-Muslims which leads them to remain silent in the face of serious assaults upon their traditions and values.



No Buying And Selling

- People will not be able to buy or sell unless they have the mark of the Beast.
- This refers to being able to conduct business during the tribulation.
- "Thus, out of Democracy comes Despotism: out of Liberalism comes 'Boycotting' on a large scale...out of Socialism comes the abrogation of the rights of 'Free labor.' In whole districts it is often forbidden to buy or sell either their merchandise or their labor; and none are exempted from this new enslavement. The False Prophet will bring "Boycotting" to perfection, and employ it as a political power and a religious agency." -Bullinger -(1909)