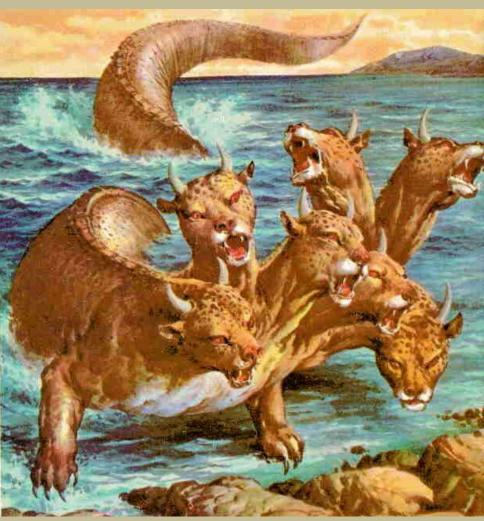
THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (18)

THE Beast out of the Sea

REVELATION 13:1-6



- 13 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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?
- 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.
- 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.



13:1 I stood: was the altar of incense (see 6:9; Ps.141: 2; Luke 1:8-10). A beast rise up out of the sea is a mirror image of the dragon, called forth from the peoples of the world (17:15) as an ally in his war against the saints (v.7). The crowns are on the ten horns

(political power), not on the seven

heads (the source of authority), which is the dragon who delegates his authority to the monster (vv. 4, 7). The beast represents an incarnation of politico-social evil.

- 13:2 This monster is a composite of Daniel's pictures of past political powers. (Dan. 7:2-7)
- 13:3, 4 One of his heads... wounded is a parody of the Lamb. The symbol represents either empires or individual emperors (17:10). The spiritual principle is the same with either interpretation.
- 13:5 There was given...blasphemies by the dragon. Power was given unto him by God (v.7), over those "who dwell upon the earth" (vv.7, 8). Forty and two months.
- 13:6 Blasphemy is irreverent speech that call what is human "divine" what evil "good is . to be cont'd



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