

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.*



KINGDOM DYNAMICS

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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