

THE BEAST FROM THE SEA
(Revelation 13:1-10)

- I. DESCRIPTION of the Beast (Rev. 13:1-2)
 - A. Rises from the SEA
 - 1. A GENTILE kingdom
 - 2. A EUROPEAN kingdom
 - B. Resembles DANIEL'S VISION (cf. Dan. 7:7-8)
 - 1. Seven HEADS, ten HORNS, ten CROWNS
 - 2. Identified by NAMES of BLASPHEMY
 - C. Revives earlier EMPIRES (cf. Dan. 7:4-6)
 - 1. BABYLON
 - a. Heads represent SUCCESSIVE empires
 - b. Final form includes TEN NATIONS on central head
 - 2. ROME
 - a. Includes CHARACTERISTICS of earlier empires
 - b. Final form represents a MONSTROUS union
 - D. Rules by SATAN'S POWER
 - 1. Beast represents a KINGDOM
 - 2. Beast represents a PERSON
- II. DOMINION of the Beast (Rev. 13:3-8)
 - A. His POPULARITY
 - 1. The REASON for it
 - a. A SURPRISINGLY revived empire

- b. An APPARENTLY resurrected emperor (11:7; cf. 2 Thes. 2:9)
 - 2. The RESULTS of it
 - a. Direct WORSHIP of the BEAST
 - b. Indirect WORSHIP of SATAN
- B. His PURPOSES
 - 1. To DEFY the God of heaven
 - a. Characterized by BOASTFULNESS (cf. Dan. 11:37)
 - b. Characterized by BLASPHEMY (cf. Dan. 7:25)
 - 2. To DESTROY the saints of God
 - a. Permitted to wage GLOBAL WAR on believers
 - b. Permitted to OVERCOME them
 - 3. To DOMINATE the nations of earth (cf. Dan. 7:23)
 - a. Achieves WORLDWIDE dominion
 - b. Establishes a Satanic counterfeit of CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL KINGDOM
 - 4. To DELUDE the masses of mankind
 - a. All EARTH-BOUND humanity will WORSHIP him
 - b. Only God's HOLY ONES will not
 - 1) Their NAMES are in the book of LIFE of the SLAIN LAMB
 - 2) Their NAMES have been imprinted since the WORLD was FOUNDED (cf. Rev. 17:8)

III. The DOOM of the Beast—implied (Rev. 13:9-10)

- A. Exhortation to HEAR if you CAN
- B. Expectation of JUSTICE for ALL
- C. Expression of CONFIDENCE in every believer's PERSEVERANCE and FAITH