

Glossary of Key Biblical Prophecy Terms and Concepts

This glossary contains the meanings of terminology and concepts critical to understanding the biblical prophecy of Revelation 13.

I've been exposed to a broad range of viewpoints on biblical prophecy since being introduced to the amazing subject back in 1979. In comparing past eschatological teaching with what I've been learning in recent times through exegetical biblical study and interaction with other prophecy students, I've concluded that the Holy Spirit is in the process of increasing knowledge of the things that are to come upon the earth in the last days before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Daniel 12:4)

The purpose of this glossary is to provide a summary of recent revelations in biblical prophecy. Without a proper understanding of these terms we lack the biblical understanding required to shield our faith against deception. I encourage you to examine the contents of the glossary in order to fine tune your understanding of things to come and sharpen your sword for the coming battle.

Great Tribulation

Biblical references: Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:15-22; Mark 13:14-20; Luke 21:21-24.

Biblical Interpretation: Distress, affliction and persecution of the utmost scope and intensity reaching even the lives of obedient followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Modern paraphrase: A forty five day period world-wide distress of the utmost intensity impacting even the lives of those obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word tribulation (thlipsis) is used 19 times in the Textus Receptus Greek New Testament. Three times it's described as great tribulation (megas thlipsis). (Matthew 24:21; Revelation 2:22; Revelation 7:14) Great implies largeness in both intensity and scope. Tribulation means severe affliction and distress in life.

The prophesied great tribulation will encompass the globe. (Revelation 3:10) It will be the time of the greatest suffering and affliction the world has ever known. (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21; Mark 13:19)

Great tribulation won't begin when Antichrist confirms the covenant with many for seven years. It begins in the midst or middle of the seven year covenant. (Daniel 9:27) The Old Testament use of midst in Joshua 10:13, Psalm 102:24, Jeremiah 17:11 and Isaiah 30:28 indicates that great tribulation doesn't begin precisely 3 ½ years after the start of the seven year covenant with many.

Great tribulation, not "the great tribulation", is what begins to occur at the time at which Antichrist surrounds Jerusalem with armed forces in order to desolate it. ((Matthew 24:15-21; Luke 21:20)

This great tribulation occurs over a forty five day period. It will be shortened for the sake of God's elect. Forty five days after the abomination is set up to start great tribulation, the Lord will return to deliver and bless his people. (Daniel 12:1; Daniel 12:11-12; Matthew 24:29-31; Mark 13:26-27; Luke 21:27-28).

The principle of spiritual protection from the world's evil and tribulation is consistent with the doctrine of Jesus and his apostles. (John 16:33; Acts 14:22; Romans 5:3; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 3:4)

In John 17:15, Jesus taught his disciples that they won't be physically removed from the evil of the world; however, he promises to protect them spiritually within it. Jesus promises to deliver his people from the power of temptation and guard them from loss by keeping his eye upon them through fiery trial. (John 16:33)

The principle of spiritual protection in tribulation, as opposed to removal from tribulation, applies in Revelation 3:10 and John 17:15. The words translated **keep** and **from** used in the phrase "keep them from" used in John 17:15 and "keep thee from" in Revelation 3:10 are the same.

Revelation 3:10 Because^{G3754} thou hast kept^{G5083} the^{G3588} word^{G3056} of my^{G3450} patience,^{G5281} I also^{G2504} will **keep**^{G5083} thee^{G4571} **from**^{G1537} the^{G3588} hour^{G5610} of temptation,^{G3986} which shall^{G3195} come^{G2064} upon^{G1909} all^{G3650} the^{G3588} world,^{G3625} to try^{G3985} them^{G3588} that dwell^{G2730} upon^{G1909} the^{G3588} earth.^{G1093}

John 17:15 I pray^{G2065} not^{G3756} that^{G2443} thou shouldest take^{G142} them^{G846} out of^{G1537} the^{G3588} world,^{G2889} but^{G235} that^{G2443} thou shouldest **keep**^{G5083} them^{G846} **from**^{G1537} the^{G3588} evil.^{G4190}

The saints

Biblical reference: Revelation 13:7, Revelation 13:10; Revelation 14:12

Biblical Interpretation: People of God who exercise obedient faith to the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Modern Paraphrase: True believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Saints is used 14 times alone throughout the Revelation referring to men and women of God with obedient faith in Jesus Christ. (Revelation 14:12)

Both Jews and Gentiles can be called saints. (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11; Romans 2:28-3:29; Ephesians 2:11-16)

The apostle Paul wrote the Book of Romans primarily to the Gentiles and specifically to “**all** that be in Rome, beloved of god, called to be **saints.**” (Romans 1:7; Romans 1:13)

John made it very clear to readers of the Revelation that he saw countless multitudes of people from among all nationalities and nations who arrived in heaven after suffering through great tribulation. (Revelation 7:9-17; Revelation 6:9-11)

Scripture teaches that the mature patience and faith characterizing the saints of Revelation 13:10; those overcoming the trying processes involved in unjust imprisonment and even martyrdom during great tribulation; will be developed over a period of time. (James 1:2-3; Romans 5:1-5)

Abomination of desolation; abomination that maketh desolate

Biblical references: Daniel 11:31; Daniel 12:11; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20; Revelation 11:2.

Biblical interpretation: Antichrist’s armed forces, extremely hated by God, which bring violent destruction upon Jerusalem over a forty two month period, driving inhabitants of the holy city into foreign captivity.

Modern paraphrase: The armed forces under the control of Antichrist which are extremely hated by God and plunder Jerusalem leaving her desolate.

Luke 21:20-24, a parallel passage corresponding to the prophecies recorded in

Matthew 24:15-22 and Mark 13:14-20, explains that the abomination of desolation is the armed forces of Antichrist which destroy Jerusalem and its temple

Matthew 24:15-22	Mark 13:14-20	Luke 21:20-24
<p>¹⁵When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand;) ¹⁶Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: ¹⁷Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: ¹⁸ Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. ¹⁹And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! ²⁰But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: ²¹For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.</p>	<p>¹⁴But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: ¹⁵And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter <i>therein</i>, to take any thing out of his house: ¹⁶And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. ¹⁷But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! ¹⁸And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. ¹⁹For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. ²⁰And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.</p>	<p>²⁰And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. ²¹Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. ²²For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. ²⁴And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.</p>

War with the saints

Biblical references: Daniel 7:7-11, Daniel 7:23-27; Daniel 8:8-12; Daniel 11:33-35; Revelation 12:13-17; Revelation 13:7.

Psychological and physical attacks upon true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ during the 42 month global dictatorship of the false prophet Antichrist, the leader of the little horn kingdom. (Revelation 13:5-10)

Antichrist subdues and overcomes the saints in this war. (Revelation 13:7)
Many saints are captured and or killed. (Daniel 11:33-35; Revelation 13:5-10; Revelation 6:9-11; Revelation 7:13-17)

A remnant of saints, however, is preserved in the wilderness of Moab in modern Jordan during the 42 month reign of Antichrist.
(<http://bibleatlas.org/regional/moab.htm>; Revelation 12:6-17; Isaiah 16:1-5)

The Beast out of the sea

Biblical references: Revelation 13:1-4; Revelation 17:3, 7, 8, 11-13, 16-19; Revelation 19:19-20; Revelation 20:4, Revelation 20:10.

Biblical Interpretation: The final savage global empire led by Antichrist's little horn kingdom.

Modern Paraphrase: Ten nations of the final world order or United States of the World led by the eleventh nation; the little horn kingdom under World President Antichrist.

The word beast used figuratively in Revelation 13:1 is the neuter gendered Greek noun *therion* indicating that the beast isn't a person, but an entity.

Scripture reveals that the beast out of the sea of Revelation 13:1 is a dangerous, brutal, savage, global empire.

The figurative phrase, the sand of the sea, is used numerous times throughout scripture to refer to an innumerable population. In the context of Revelation 13:2, the word sea highlights that this beast kingdom will be global in nature encompassing the mass of humanity on earth's seven continents.

Numerous parallels exist between the fourth kingdom of Daniel 2, Daniel 7 and the beast out of the sea kingdom Revelation.

First, in the context of the final judgment to occur following the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, Daniel 7:9-11 and Revelation 19:19-20 teach that both the fourth and final kingdom of Daniel 7 and the beast of Revelation 19 experience a burning death.

Second, Revelation 13:2 and Daniel 7:7 say that the beast out of the sea and the fourth kingdom of the last days will have ten horns. Daniel 2 says the two feet of the fourth and final global kingdom will have toes; meaning ten toes.

Daniel 2:40-44	Daniel 7:7	Daniel 7:23-24	Revelation 13:1-3
<p>⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all <i>things</i>: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. ⁴¹And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. ⁴²And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken</p>	<p>After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.</p>	<p>²³Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. ²⁴And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.</p>	<p>¹And 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. ²And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as <i>the feet</i> 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. ³And 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.</p>

The following modern paraphrased description of the fourth and final global beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13 is the result of synthesizing the amplified meanings of the adjectives used to describe the kingdom in Daniel 2:40-44 and Daniel 7:7, Daniel 7:19 and Daniel 7:23.

And the fourth kingdom shall be very powerful militarily. Strong as iron and able to smash the existing infrastructure of any nation to pieces, this formidable, preeminent global military power excites fear in those potentially opposing its will. (Daniel 2:40; Daniel 7:7)

Characterized by a brazen disregard of others and motivated by a ravenous greed for their resources, the beast will slander and accuse differing non-integrated states in order to justify its clawing, preemptive attacks upon them. (Daniel 7:19)

In its military campaigns this beast shocks and awes its prey with the world's most powerful, state of the art weaponry. After smashing an opponent with a formidable display of world class military strength, the beast then forces a differing, non-integrating state out of its existing socio-economic mold. It accomplishes this by using a divide and conquer strategy designed to fragment the nation into warring factions; trample the existing political structure, and ultimately leave its beastly image stamped or imprinted upon the face of the land of the newly occupied state. (Daniel 2:40; Daniel 2:44; Daniel 7:7; Daniel 7:19; Revelation 13:14-18)

In spite of this iron clad military hard power, the fourth kingdom remains a divided kingdom. This disunity exists between a mixture of its stronger and weaker client states distributed around the globe. The unity of its states is marked by the integration of each state with the beast into the global economic system. The client states are held together by the support of the beast's policing System Administrator forces and its soft power propaganda programs. (Daniel 2:41-43; Revelation 13:11-18)

The beast that rises up out of the sea is seen with ten crowned horns. (Revelation 13:1) The word crown (diadem) indicates that each of the ten nations of the beast kingdom maintains its own form of governing authority as symbolized in the division which exists within the overall unity of the fourth kingdom of Daniel 2:41-43. The unity of the fourth kingdom is seen in Revelation 13:14-18 to be an economic union.

Another beast coming up out of the earth

Biblical reference: Daniel 7:7-11, Daniel 7:23-27; Daniel 8:8-12; Revelation 13:11-15; Revelation 17:11-18.

Biblical Interpretation: The little horn kingdom prophesied in Daniel 7:8 and Daniel 8:9. An eleventh nation serving to promote the interests of ten other nations comprising the beast of Revelation 13:1 and Revelation 17:3.

Modern Paraphrase: The eleventh nation serving to promote the interests of the ten other nations comprising the new world order or global government. Led by the false prophet Antichrist, this nation exercises power religiously and politically subscribing to moral principles and values taught by the Lamb of God.

Daniel 7:8 tells us that another “little horn” or kingdom springs up among the original ten kingdoms of the fourth and final savage global kingdom. This “little horn” kingdom corresponds with the beast coming up out of the earth in Revelation 13:11. Like the little horn kingdom which is an 11th kingdom coming up among ten existing kingdoms, the beast out of the earth comes up as an 11th kingdom among the ten kingdoms of the beast out of sea. (Daniel 7:8; Revelation 13:1, 11-12)

Daniel 7:7,8	Revelation 13:1,11,12
<p>⁷After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it <i>was</i> diverse from all the beasts that <i>were</i> before it; and it had ten horns. ⁸I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.</p>	<p>¹And 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. ¹¹And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹²And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.</p>

Like the beast of Revelation 13:1, this other beast of Revelation 13:11 is of neuter gender indicating that it, too, is a savage entity rather than a person. It's described as having two horns like a lamb and speech like a dragon. We aren't told that the two horns of this little horn beast of Revelation 13:11 represent kings or political leaders like we were told that the ten kings of the beast of Revelation 13:1 and 17:12 represented kingdoms. Thus, it's incorrect to presume that the two horns represent two kingdoms. Since the remainder of Revelation 13:11 contrasts the dragon-like speech of the beast kingdom with its two lamb-like horns, it follows that the two horns refer to behavioral characteristics and not kingdoms.

What is meant by the word picture "two horns like a lamb" describing the little horn beast nation?

The Greek word arnion translated lamb is used 27 times in the book of Revelation to represent the Lord Jesus Christ. A lamb is perceived as a gentle, humble, meek animal.

Figuratively speaking, the word horn can refer to power. This symbolism is illustrated in Habakkuk 3:4 and Jeremiah 48:25.

Habakkuk 3:4	Jeremiah 48:25
⁴ And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power .	²⁵ The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

If the use of the word lamb is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ, then the two horns could represent the exercise of power in two ways such as the manner in which the Lord Jesus Christ exercises power as "high priest" and "prince of the kings of the earth". (Hebrews 7:1-8:1; Revelation 1:5)

A beast with "two horns like a lamb" would then represent a nation that exercises power religiously and politically subscribing to moral principles and values taught by the Lamb of God. It could be a nation that professes to be a Christian nation; or one that professes belief in a holy God whose law is consistent with the ten commandments of the Law of Moses.

This beast not only has two horns like a lamb, it speaks like a dragon. (Revelation 13:11) It's an enigmatic combination; a hypocritical mixture of humility, gentleness and meekness characteristic of the Lamb of God fused with the lying, deceitful, accusative, domineering devil-speak characteristic of a dragon. (Revelation 13:11, 15) Its power is fueled not only through lies; but also in persistent, persuasive and unrealistic myth. (Revelation 13:13-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

The beast out of the earth is a wolf camouflaged as a sheep; a nation professing to be a light to the world; a great nation that is to be emulated. The devilish, political warmongering of the two horned beast, however, betrays its profession of compassionate goodness. (Revelation 13:11-15) This is consistent with Satan’s tendency to disguise himself as an angel or messenger of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14)

The false prophet

References: Revelation 19:20; Revelation 20:10

Biblical Interpretation: Mouth of the little horn kingdom described in Daniel which corresponds with the mouth leading the beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13 and the beast coming up out of the earth kingdom of Revelation 13:11-18.

Modern Paraphrase: Commander and Chief and President of the United States of the World.

We have heard that the “little horn” is Antichrist and that the other beast of Revelation 13:11 is the false prophet. The little horn of Daniel 7:8 and the beast of Revelation 13:11, however, are both kingdoms.

The false prophet is actually the individual commonly referred to as Antichrist. He’s the mouth of the little horn/beast out of the earth kingdom exercising leadership power within the beast out of the earth/little horn kingdom on behalf of the other kingdoms of the global beast kingdom. (Revelation 13:5; Revelation 13:11-12)

Daniel 7:8, 20	Revelation 13:1, 5	Revelation 13:11-12
<p>⁸I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn <i>were</i> eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.</p> <p>²⁰And of the ten horns that <i>were</i> in his head, and of the other which</p>	<p>¹And 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. ⁵And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to</p>	<p>¹¹And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹²And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.</p>

<p>came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look <i>was</i> more stout than his fellows.</p>	<p>continue forty <i>and</i> two months.</p>	
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Three striking parallels are seen in prophetic scripture between the little horn kingdom of Daniel, the beast coming up out of the earth of Revelation 13:11 and the mouth given to the beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13:1-4.

First, both the little horn kingdom of Daniel 7:21, the beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13:7, and the leader speaking for the beast out of the earth of Revelation 13:11-18 wars against the saints. Secondly, the little horn kingdom of Daniel has a mouth speaking great things, the beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13 is given a mouth speaking great things, and the beast coming up out of the earth speaks as a dragon. (Daniel 7:20; Revelation 13:5; Revelation 13:11) Third, the beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13 has ten horns before being given a mouth, the little horn kingdom of Daniel comes up among ten horns, and the beast coming up out of the earth exercises all the power of the first beast of Revelation 13:1-10 as an eleventh horn over ten existing horns. (Revelation 13:1-5; Daniel 7:8; Daniel 7:20)

In addition to this, note that the things that the mouth will speak and do correspond with the speech and actions of Antichrist. Both are speaking great things, blaspheming and warring against the saints. This indicates that Antichrist is the mouth in the little horn kingdom of Daniel, the mouth given to the beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13 and the hypocritical mouth leading the beast coming up out of the earth which speaks as a dragon. (Daniel 7:20-21; Revelation 13:5-7; Revelation 13:11-12)

The little horn of Daniel is an 11th kingdom coming up among the other horns or kingdoms. (Daniel 7:8) Likewise, the beast out of the earth kingdom of Revelation 13:11-15 is another beast, an 11th kingdom, coming up out of the earth among the beast of the sea with ten horns or kingdoms.

Daniel 7:8, 19-21	Daniel 8:9-12	Daniel 8:19-25	Revelation 13:2	Revelation 13:5-6, 7, 11-12
<p>⁸I considered the horns, and,</p>	<p>⁹And out of one of them came forth a little horn,</p>	<p>¹⁹And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what</p>	<p>And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and</p>	<p>And there was given unto him a mouth</p>

<p>behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.</p> <p>¹⁹Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the</p>	<p>which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.</p> <p>¹⁰And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.</p> <p>¹¹Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. ¹²And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised,</p>	<p>shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.</p> <p>²³And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.</p> <p>²⁴And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.</p> <p>²⁵And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.</p> <p>⁶And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.</p> <p>⁷And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.</p> <p>⁸And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the</p>
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<p>residue with his feet; ²⁰And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. ²¹I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;</p>	<p>and prospered.</p>	<p>destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.</p>		<p>Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ¹¹And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹²And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, who's deadly wound was healed.</p>
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Image of the beast; Image to the beast

References: Revelation 13:14-15; Revelation 14:9-11; Revelation 15:2; Revelation 16:2; Revelation 19:20; Revelation 20:4

Biblical Interpretation: nations marked by their integration with the mandates instituted by the fourth and final global beast kingdom concerning requirements for buying and selling.

Modern Paraphrase: nations and people marked by integration with the economic rule set instituted and enforced under the totalitarian dictatorship of Antichrist; President of the United States of the World.

The fourth and final global kingdom is described in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 as follows:

Daniel 2:40	Daniel 7:7	Daniel 7:19	Daniel 7:23
<p>⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all <i>things</i>: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.</p>	<p>⁷After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it <i>was</i> diverse from all the beasts that <i>were</i> before it; and it had ten horns.</p>	<p>¹⁹Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth <i>were</i> of iron, and his nails <i>of</i> brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;</p>	<p>²³Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.</p>

Since the prophecies of Daniel Chapter 2 and Chapter 7 are concerned with the fourth and final beast kingdom prophesied in Revelation 13, Daniel 7:7 helps interpret the meaning of the image of the beast.

Daniel 7:7 states:

*After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and **stamped the residue with the feet of it:** and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.*

According to this prophecy, the fourth beast kingdom devours non-integrating countries, breaks them in pieces, and stamps the residue or the remains of those countries with its feet.

Images can be stamped on things. The word *stamp* means to impress or imprint with a mark. The fourth and final beast kingdom divides, conquers and occupies new lands in order to stamp or impress its image or likeness upon them.

Concerning the significance of this image of the beast kingdom, the word image (eikon) means manifestation; a representative or derived likeness. It's used in Matthew 22:20, Mark 12:16 and Luke 20:24 to refer to likeness of Caesar's face stamped on a Roman coin. Since the beasts of Revelation 13 are kingdoms, not people, the image of the beast refers to the representative likeness of the fourth and final kingdom of Daniel and the beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13:1-4.

This likeness is economic in nature. The crowns on each of the individual ten horns of the beast out of the sea kingdom of Revelation 13:1 reveal that each of the ten nations maintains its own governing authority within the greater global kingdom. The unity of the fourth kingdom; the beast out of the sea kingdom, lies in a common economic system; not in a common political philosophy or system. The fourth kingdom of Daniel is a global economic dictatorship. (Daniel 2:41-43; Revelation 13:14-18)

Revelation 13:15 speaks of the worship of the likeness or representative image of the beast. It relates this worship to individuals being marked in the right hand or forehead. (Revelation 14:9; Revelation 14:11; Revelation 15:2; Revelation 16:2; Revelation 19:20; Revelation 20:4)

This marking will be a requirement for buying or selling in the global economic system of the fourth and final global kingdom. (Revelation 13:16-18)

The mark or common image stamped upon individuals and their nations, marking them as a member of the fourth and final global kingdom, is their means of connectivity to the global economic system of the beast kingdom. (Daniel 2:40-44)

An electronic global economic system will require an electronic mark to identify integrated members. Receipt of an interoperable electronic identification mark will require members of the global community to serve and support the image of the beast kingdom in which they live and work. They will be world servers; people living for and worshipping the global village.

The image of the beast is a blasphemous image consisting of antichristian values, beliefs and practices. Disguised as light, the image is really darkness

void of biblical faith and truth. Throughout the entire earth, all people will be required to “make an image **to** the beast” or they will be killed. (Revelation 13:14-15) In order to buy and sell in the global economy, people will be required to receive the mark of the beast in conformance with the global rule set for economic transaction enforced by the beast out of the earth; the little horn kingdom led by the false prophet Antichrist. Each integrated nation made in the economic image of the greater global beast kingdom will command that those refusing to mark themselves as an integrated member of the global economic system be executed. (Revelation 13:15)

True spiritual worship is serving God in spirit and truth in everything we do; not just in public gatherings. (1 Kings 8:6; Deuteronomy 4:19, 8:19, 11:16, 30:17; Matthew 4:10; Romans 12:1; Revelation 9:20)

False worship adores and honors abominable character. God strongly denounces doublespeak that honors dishonorable character, puts a positive spin on evil, and whitewashes darkness. (Isaiah 5:20; Proverbs 24:24-25)

Both the beast kingdom and its image will be worshipped. Worship of the beast kingdom and its image means serving it. The beast kingdom is a one world system in opposition to God and the saints. Its friends are God’s enemies; even if its friends profess to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; Revelation 13)

It should be obvious from scripture that the evil government of the fourth and final kingdom under Antichrist should be exposed; not supported as an honored and respected friend. Some professing Christians, however, have been duped into believing the nonsense that honoring by quietly submitting to all governing authority gives them a protective umbrella of authority and may fear negative repercussions if they get out from underneath their umbrella.

“Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?” (Isaiah 2:22) Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool. (Jeremiah 17:5-11)

Out of concerned love, truth should be spoken to expose government evils. God denounces partiality in relationships. (James 2:1-9) The Lord Jesus Christ didn't show partiality to civil authorities. (Luke 13:32) Yes, the scriptures teach that all people, including civil authorities, are to be honored. (1 Peter 2:17) Honoring someone, however, means treating them with dignity as a valued human being made in God's image. It means humbly relating to them in love, mercy, truth and justice. (Micah 6:8) It means leaving vengeance with God and the proper channels of justice he's established for avenging rogue governments failing to uphold their God-ordained responsibility to do good, not evil. (Numbers 31:1-3; Deuteronomy 32:35; Deuteronomy 32:43; Romans 12:17-13:5; Matthew 5:38-39; Psalm 94; Hebrews 10:30; Revelation 17:16-17; Jeremiah 51:11; Revelation 18:20)

The foolish idolater, however, treats an abomination with supreme respect and fawning veneration. (Proverbs 26:8) This expresses worship of both the abomination; as well as the satanic power responsible for the destructive nature of the abomination.

Revelation 13:4 speaks of the worship of the beast as follows:

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?

This scripture pictures a deluded lost world fawning in worship of both the global superiority of the beast kingdom's military strength and the false god behind its military prowess, Satan.

In Revelation 13:5 a *mouth* is given to the beast kingdom of Revelation 13:1. This mouth is Antichrist the false prophet, the leader of the little horn nation. He speaks on behalf of the world's foremost military power, the beast kingdom of Revelation 13:1. According to Daniel 11:38, the false God of Antichrist is the *god of forces*. *Forces* refers to power for war such as costly military arms and troops. The false prophet deals primarily in war as a blasphemous warmonger. According to Revelation 13:4, in marveling, praising, supporting and admiring the supreme military power of the *United States of the World*, the beast kingdom, one is in actuality worshipping the devil and the god of forces spoken of in Daniel 11:38. Likewise, in receiving the mark of the beast and participating in the economic system maintained and spread by the military power of the beast kingdom, people will be spreading, supporting, serving or worshipping the image of the beast and along with it the devil and the god of forces.

“the prince who is to come”

Biblical references: Daniel 9:26-27

Biblical Interpretation: Antichrist, the leader of the fourth and final global kingdom.

Modern paraphrase: Antichrist: The President of the World.

Daniel 9:26-27 is often used to teach that the beast will be a Revived or Holy Roman Empire. The context of Daniel 9:26-27, however, is the final 7 years before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, “the people of the prince that is to come” doesn’t refer to the Roman Emperor Vespasian. Vespasian led the destruction of Jerusalem following the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.
Then he (the prince who is to come) shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

Daniel 9:27 states that it’s the same prince who leads the destruction of the city and the sanctuary who will confirm the covenant with many for one week or the final seven years before Christ returns in glory. Clearly, it’s the same prince whose people destroy the city and the sanctuary who confirms the covenant with many for seven years.

The second portion of scripture used to teach that the beast of Revelation 13:1 is a Revived and or Holy Roman Empire is Daniel 2:31-45. The scriptures, however, teach that the little horn kingdom, led by its spokesman, Antichrist, will originate out of one of the four divisions of the ancient Grecian Empire. The Grecian Empire was once a part of the eastern leg, not the western leg, of the Roman Empire. The eastern leg doesn’t include the modern European territory of Rome, Italy. The eastern leg includes territories found in the regions of Eurasia and the Middle East.

The book of Daniel in chapter 7:1-28 describes a vision of 4 beasts or kingdoms and a “little horn“ that came up among the 10 horns of the 4th kingdom. The symbolic imagery used to describe the 4 beasts or kingdoms and the “little

horn“ kingdom that came up among the 10 horns of the 4th kingdom is as follows:

- 1st beast: like a lion with eagle’s wings (Daniel 7:4)
- 2nd beast: like a bear (Daniel 7:5)
- 3rd beast: like a leopard (Daniel 7:6)
- 4th beast: 10 horns. Diverse from the other 3 beasts. “Little horn” an 11th horn (Daniel 7:8-14, 19-28)

Daniel 2:31-45 reveals that King Nebuchadnezzar also received a vision of “what shall be in the latter days” or at the time of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to destroy the kingdoms of the world to establish his everlasting kingdom. The King’s vision recorded in Daniel 2 is of a great, bright, terrible image consisting of a gold head, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, iron legs and clay iron feet.

A historical understanding of the fulfillment of Daniel 2:36-45 reveals that this great image consists of the amalgamation of the following 4 kingdoms:

- 1st: Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon = head of gold
- 2nd: Medo-Persian Empire = breast & 2 arms of silver
- 3rd: Alexander the Great’s Grecian Empire = belly & 2 thighs of brass
- 4th: future kingdom with 2 iron legs, 2 clay/iron feet with 10 clay/iron toes.

The 4th world-wide kingdom or New World Order is a future 10 nation amalgamated by-product of the incorporation, or assimilation of the 1st kingdom (Babylon) into the 2nd kingdom (Medo-Persian); and the 2nd kingdom into the 3rd kingdom (Grecia). The 3rd kingdom incorporates the influence of the eastern leg or Seleucid part of the Roman Empire, or the Byzantine Empire based upon a historical understanding of Daniel 8:5-9 and Daniel 8:19-25.

Daniel 7:8 and 7:21 describe a little horn kingdom which makes war with the saints. Revelation 13:7 tells us that it’s Antichrist, the mouth, leading spokesman and false prophet of the kingdom out of the earth, who makes war with the saints. (Revelation 13:11-15) Connecting the dots, the little horn kingdom Daniel wrote of is the eleventh nation leading the other ten nations of the global beast kingdom of Revelation 13:1. Its mouth or false prophet is its leading spokesman and President; Antichrist. (Revelation 13:5; Revelation 13:11-15) He rules as *President of the World* for 3 ½ years. (Revelation 13:5)

Daniel 8:9 and 8:23 state that the little horn kingdom envisioned by Daniel will originate out of one of the four divisions of Alexander the Great’s Grecian Empire which resulted from the break-up of Alexander the Great’s Grecian

Empire at his death in 323 B.C. Those 4 divisions of Alexander's Empire were as follows:

- Cassander, King Of Macedonia & Greece
- Lysimachus, Macedonian King of Thrace & Asia Minor (modern Turkey)
- Seleucus, Macedonian King over Asia including Mesopotamia (Syria, Lebanon, Babylon)
- Ptolemy, Macedonian King over Egypt, Palestine & Arabia (Rudd, 1905) (Wood, 1970, 1986) (Kastein, 1933) ([Ancient Macedonia](#))

Much of the lands within these 4 divisions were absorbed into the eastern leg of the Roman Empire as follows:

Constantine the Great founded Byzantium as his capital of the New Rome in the east in 330 A.D. In 395 A.D. the Roman Empire was divided in eastern and western halves. The Roman conquest of Greece had shifted the population and wealth of the Roman Empire east. Byzantium, later known as Constantinople and known today as the present day Istanbul, Turkey, became its commercial center and capital.

The Eastern leg of the Roman Empire continued at Constantinople after the western leg fell in 476 A.D.

The eastern portion or leg of the empire was stronger. It later became known as the Greek or Byzantine Empire because the Roman element was displaced by the Greek customs. (Myers, 1901, 1906) (Byzantine Empire)

The eastern leg of the Roman Empire expanded east under Constantine to include much of the area was ruled by the successors of Alexander the Greats Grecian Empire. This includes the territory inhabited by modern nations such as: Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Israel, Iran, Kuwait, Cyprus, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia and the present-day countries of the [Balkan Peninsula](#). The Balkan Peninsula generally encompasses the countries that are commonly known as the Balkan states: [Croatia](#), [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), the [Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#), [Serbia and Montenegro](#), [Albania](#), [Greece](#), and [Bulgaria](#). [Slovenia](#) and [Romania](#) are also sometimes included in this designation. In addition, the southeastern part of the peninsula includes Eastern [Thrace](#), the European part of [Turkey](#). (Balkan Peninsula)

Daniel 8:9 tells us that the *little horn*/beast out of the earth kingdom led by of Antichrist becomes exceedingly powerful expanding in a southeasterly direction toward Israel. This means that the little horn kingdom originates in territory located west of Israel and expands south and east toward the pleasant land.