

## Revelation 13 Part 1

Hi, this is Richard Oliver, and we are looking at the book of Revelation, we're in chapter thirteen, this is part twenty-nine of our Revelation study.

*'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.'*

The first thing is the sea. We learn in Revelation chapter seventeen verse fifteen, *'And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.'* In other words a sea is a whole mass of people. So out of a mass of people came a beast, having seven heads and ten horns. We know already that the seven heads are seven hills which the city sits on. The beast is the city, of course. *'and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.'* Blasphemy is calling something god that isn't God. Claiming to be a Christian and it isn't.

Verse two, *'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.'*

We know from the book of Daniel that there are four representations of the statue, the four kingdoms that make up the statue, I should say, and they go all the way down from the head of gold which was, of course, Babylon, through the Medes and Persians which was the silver, to the Greek kingdom which was the Greek world power at the time of Alexander the Great, and then on to the two legs of iron which are Rome. And, of course, there's two legs because there are the eastern side, basic Constantinople, part of the Byzantine Empire, and of course Rome itself, the western section of the Roman Empire. So this is to do with a mixture of these.

Verse three, *'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.'*

*'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?'*

It is very hard, as we are finding out at the moment with the Muslim religion, and Islam, ISIS and these things, to actually make war against a very determined religious movement, because you're actually fighting in the minds of men. You're not actually fighting a physical power or authority or place.

And verse five, *'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.'*

Once again, forty and two months is three and a half years. So we're back – that is the tribulation period again.

*'And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.'*

Pretty obvious that this is just the church claiming to be the representation of God when, of course, it isn't. Jesus Christ is the representation of God.

*'And 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.'*

*'And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

*'If any man have an ear, let him hear.'*

Like the seven church ages. To have an ear is a spiritual gift, it is not a physical ear, it is being able to recognise what is going on spiritually. Will worship the world religion, will be a one world religion. It's based on this Rome, but we will cover that a little bit more in the rest of this chapter in a second.

And those that are written in the Book of Life of the Lamb, have always been, these are the predestinated ones, these are ones that God thought of before He created the heavens and the earth.

Jesus Christ is a Redeemer. To redeem is to buy back what was originally yours. Anyone can be saved. Lost people can be saved. But a redeemed person always was God's, in His thoughts before the world was created. And Jesus's death on the cross was what redeemed us and brought us back to that perfect relationship. So redemption is different from saving. Anyone can be saved. Only those that were in the mind of God before the creation of the world can be redeemed, and they were written in the Lamb's Book of Life. And those, when we get to the very end period, it's only those who were in God's mind before the foundation of the world and therefore in the Lamb's Book of Life, that can be raptured. Everyone else will be fooled. Everyone else will accept this one world government.

And we'll pick it up again at verse ten – oh sorry, one last thing, the Lamb was slain from before the foundation of the world. God knew and understood that Christ would have to die. It was already part of the plan. So it was from before the foundation of the world.

Okay, go to verse ten, *'He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.'*

Whatever we do will come back on us. You reap what you sow.

Verse eleven, *'And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.'*

Now this is a representation of the United States of America. John didn't recognise this beast because it was a buffalo. They don't have buffalos in Israel. And the United States of America started as a lamb, it started with the founding fathers on the Plymouth Rock, they came for religious freedom. It has now come to a point, this great country has come to a point now where they won't even allow the bible in schools, totally against the original foundation concept.

And verse twelve, *'And 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.'*

America, at the moment, is being used by Rome to control the world. In other words, the USA army, military, is the army of Rome.

Verse thirteen, *'And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,'*

That, of course, is the atomic bomb.

*'And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.'*

So there's more than just Rome itself. There is also an image, and that, of course, is the world council of churches. The world council of churches, of course, has its headquarters in New York.

*'And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.'*

There will be a time when those left behind from the rapture, pure Christians, will have to stand and die for their testimony. Now there is a whole lot of misconception about this. The rapture has already happened. What is left behind is the remnant of the seed of Christians who are not part of, or didn't catch on to what was actually happening at the time. And there will be a squeeze on the true Christians, then there will be the rapture, and then those that are left will have to make a choice between either worshipping the image of the beast or the beast, in other words which means worshipping man-made religion or denominations, three and a half years of tribulation when a church will rule the world.

Verse sixteen, *'And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:'*

In other words, anything that you do, your work, which is what your right hand is, or in the forehead, you acknowledge and accept the political economic and religious combination that this one world church will bring to the world. That is the mark. The mark of the beast.

Verse seventeen, *'And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.'*

So, you're not going to be able to trade, you're not going to be able to get government grants, you're not going to be able to hardly operate at all except by faith if you're a Christian. The world system will tie everything up, including the financial and economics systems of the world as well as the religious.

*'Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.'*

This, of course, is the famous 666. Six is the number of man, man was made on the sixth day. This is man at his absolute limit, three lots of man, six six six. The three strengths of man. Politics, religion and economics. What does it mean? It means Vicarius Filii Dei, Vicar of Christ, which is, of course, the pope, and if you take those letters and add them up or a V for example in Roman is five, you add up all the Roman numerals within that Vicarius Filii Dei you will find it comes to six hundred and sixty-six. So the problem is really the world church system that is still to come. That does not mean that all Roman Catholics, all Protestants or any particular group, are evil. What it means is the system that is behind them is evil, is of the devil. And it will control, in the end, everything in the world for a short period of time.

May God bless you.