

THE RISE OF THE FIRST BEAST

REV. 13:1-3

Introduction:

- A. This is the time of tribulation on the earth. It is seven years in length.
  - 1. It is divided into two halves.
  - 2. 42 months are in each half.
  - 3. The last 3 1/2 years are called, "great."
  
- B. The "beast" is the antichrist that comes to power at the beginning of the tribulation.
  - 1. He is the friend and protector of the Jews.
  - 2. He is their "Messiah."
  - 3. He will break his covenant with them in the middle of the week.

I. THE ORIGIN OF THE BEAST. V1a

- A. "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea."
  - 1. beast = therion - a savage beast, a beast of prey.
  - 2. out of the sea = Rev. 17:15.
  - 3. Dan. 11:21-24. [812 B.C.]
  
- B. "having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."
  - 1. name = onoma - that by which one is known.
  - 2. blasphemy = blasphemia - to drop evil or vile words, abusive, destroying one's good name, revile divine things.
  - 3. Rev. 17:7-13.

II. THE LIKENESS OF THE BEAST. V2

- A. "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."

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1. like = omoios - resembling, external form.
2. Dan. 7:1-28. [807 B.C.]
3. John's vision is a composite of Daniel's vision.  
They are of the same time and circumstance.

B. "and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

1. power = dunamis - ability to perform.
2. seat = thronos - a high seat, throne.
3. authority = eksousia = power, license.

### III. SATAN, THE MASTER IMITATOR. V3

A. "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."

1. wounded = sphazo - to slay, slaughter, as a sacrifice.
2. deadly wound = lethal wound = plige thanatou = stroke of death, as a weapon, sword. v14.
3. healed = therapeuo - to take care of the sick, to nurse them back to health.
4. wondered = thaumazo - to marvel, be astonished or amazed, to wonder at, hence to admire.

B. The scriptural predictions.

1. John 5:40-43.
2. II Thess. 2:8-12.
3. The stage is being set for him.