

The Career of the Beast

Recorded in Daniel and Revelation

Rise of the Beast	
¹ And I saw a beast rising out of the sea ... ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. (Rev. 13:1a, 2a)	I saw in my vision by night, and behold ... four great beasts came up out of the sea ... ⁴ The first was like a lion ... ⁵ And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear ... ⁶ After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard (Dan. 7:2-6)
the beast that rises from the bottomless pit (11:7b) The beast ... is about to rise from the bottomless pit (17:8a) And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. (13:2b)	a king of bold face ... shall arise. ²⁴ His power shall be great—but not by his own power (8:23b, 24a)
	there came up among [the ten horns] another horn, a little one (7:8a) the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up ... that seemed greater than its companions (7:20) Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great (8:9a)
	It was different from all the beasts that were before it (7:7b) the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest (7:19a) there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms (7:23a) and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones (7:24b)
	And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week (9:27a)
One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. (13:3) the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived (13:14)	

Ten Horns

a beast ... with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns (Rev. 13:1a)	After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast ... and it had ten horns (Dan. 7:7) And as the toes of the feet (2:42a)
the ten horns that you saw are ten kings... (17:12a)	As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise (7:24a) And in the days of those kings... (2:44a)
...ten kings who have not yet received royal power... (17:12b)	
...but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour... (17:12c)	
	⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. (2:42-43)
...together with the beast. (17:12d)	Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many (11:39b)
These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. (17:13) God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast (17:17a)	
the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire (17:16)	
	a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots (7:8b) the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell (7:20a) and another shall arise after them ... and shall put down three kings. (7:24b)

Political Actions

And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation (Rev. 13:7b)	And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these. (Dan. 2:40) a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet (7:7a) and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces (7:23b) His power shall be great ... and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men (8:24a)
it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them (13:7a)	this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them (7:21) He shall wear out the saints of the Most High (7:25b) he shall cause fearful destruction ... and destroy ... the people who are the saints (8:24b)
when [the two witnesses] have finished their testimony, the beast ... will make war on them and conquer them and kill them (11:7)	
and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months (13:5b)	and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. (7:25d) and for half of the week (9:27a) “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” ... it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. (12:6b, 7b)

Religious Actions

the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words ... ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. (Rev. 13:5a, 6)	in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. (Dan. 7:8c) I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. (7:11a) the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things (7:20b) He shall speak words against the Most High (7:25a) And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods ... for he shall magnify himself above all. (11:36a, 37b)
¹¹ Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth ... makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast (13:11a, 12a)	
	and he shall think to change the times and the law (7:25c)
the court outside the temple ... is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. (11:2b)	“For how long is ... the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?” ¹⁴ And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings.” (8:13b-14a)
	And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown. (8:11b) and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. (9:27b) and shall take away the regular burnt offering. (11:31b) the regular burnt offering is taken away (12:11a)
deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image ... ¹⁵ And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. (13:14b, 15)	And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate (9:27c) Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple ... And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. (11:31) the abomination that makes desolate is set up (12:11b)
¹⁶ Also it causes all ... to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name ... the number of the beast ... is the number of a man, and his number is 666. (13:16-17, 18b)	
and all who dwell on earth will worship it (13:8a)	

Fall

	⁴⁰ At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him... ⁴¹ He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall... ⁴² He shall stretch out his hand against the countries ... Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites ⁴⁴ But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction. ⁴⁵ And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. (Dan. 11:40-45a)
Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! (Rev. 19:11a)	and he shall be broken—but by no human hand. (8:25b)
the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army (19:19) They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them (17:14a)	
the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet (19:20a)	Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him. (11:45b)
	⁹“As I looked, thrones were placed and the Ancient of Days took his seat ... the court sat in judgment and the books were opened. (7:9-10) until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High (7:22a) But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away (7:26a)
	And as I looked, the beast was killed... (7:11b)
These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire (19:20b) and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (20:10b)	...and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. (7:11c)

Millennium	
And the rest... (Rev. 19:21a)	As for the rest of the beasts... (Dan. 7:12a)
Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed ... They ... reigned with Christ... (20:4a)	...their dominion was taken away... (7:12b) and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom (7:22b) But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever. (7:18) And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High (7:27a)
...were slain by the sword ... and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. (19:21b)	...but their lives were prolonged... (7:12c)
...for a thousand years. (20:4b)	...for a season and a time. (7:12d)