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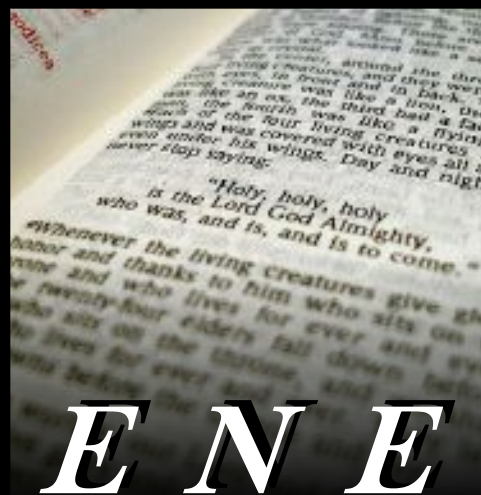
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- 1. God uses the faithful to bring the Savior into the world.**
- 2. The devil tried to destroy Jesus throughout His time here on the earth.**
- 3. The devil is defeated through the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord from the dead!**
- 4. The devil continues to assault the people of God.**

The Great Red Dragon

Revelation 13

The vision in this chapter is of two beasts;

- Literally, “living creatures” or creatures having life in them.

Their power comes from the Red Dragon.

They work together,
trying to defeat God’s chosen people.

An Interlude: The Two Beasts

Revelation 13

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BABYLON

626 BC

SILVER

**MEDO-
PERSIA**

539 BC

BRASS

GREECE

331 BC

IRON

ROME

63 BC

**IRON &
CLAY**

**Division
within
Rome**

Daniel 2:44

**"And in the days of
these kings the God of
heaven will set up a
kingdom which shall
never be destroyed;
and the kingdom shall
not be left to other
people; it shall break in
pieces and consume all
these kingdoms, and it
shall stand forever."**

4. TERRIBLE BEAST

ROME (IRON)

Sea Beast of
Revelation 13

2. BEAR

MEDO-PERSIA
(SILVER)

1. LION

BABYLON (GOLD)

3. LEOPARD

GREECE (BRASS)

The
FOUR BEASTS
of Daniel 7 are the
same as the
FOUR NATIONS
in the king's
image in Daniel 2.



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It has **seven heads – thinks and reasons**
with ten horns,
and ten crowns or diadems.

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The sea beast:

Blasphemies god;

Makes war on the saints,
attempting to overcome them;

Causes all except saints to worship him.

Will suffer total defeat!

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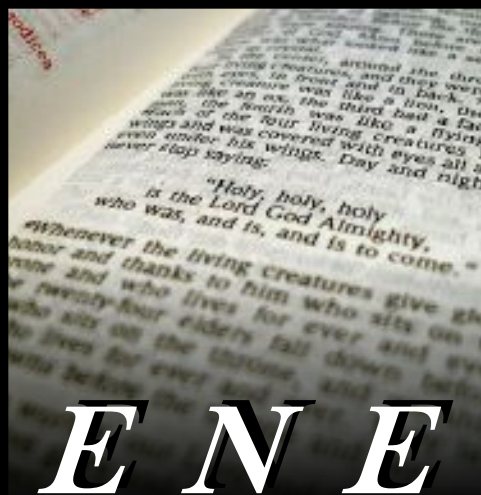
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For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

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So, both are Incomparable - “Who is like the beast, and
who is able to wage war with him?” V4

They both “speak great things and blasphemies,” V5 -
that is, they are arrogant, and revile the God of heaven.

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Early take away:

**Satan is driving these two enemies!
They cannot be defeated by physical means.
They are defeated by Christ and His angels.**

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Satan is working through the two beasts

And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who *had the wound of the sword and has come to life. And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Revelation 13:14-15

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And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Revelation 13:16-17

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The second beast

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what this beast desires? V15**

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Death – power to kill the body.

See Rev. 6:4-8, 8:7-13

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The second beast Causes People to Worship the First Beast

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**#1 - The beast is human and
not spirit or demonic.**

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Thus, 666, the number of the beast (Rev_13:18), the judged world power, contrasts with the 144,000 sealed and transfigured ones. (Fausset)

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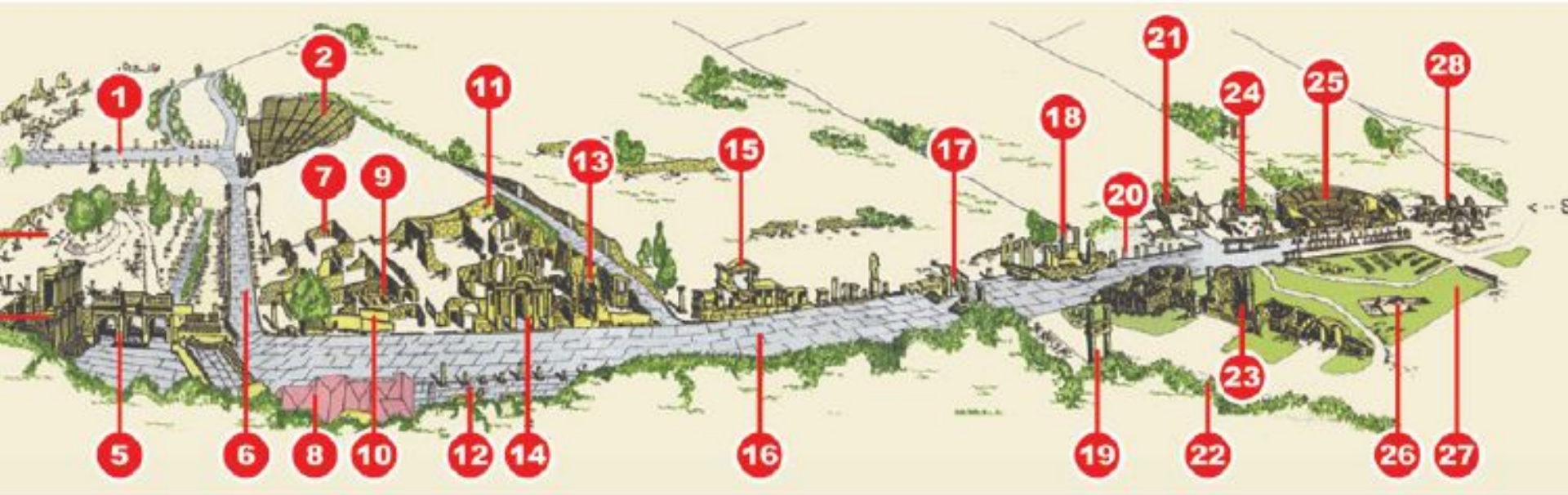
The primary lesson is that the beast will fail. “Six,” the human number, is short of “seven,” the perfect divine number. Thus the threefold repetition of six elevates the kingdom of men to ungodly heights in contrast with the threefold repetition of “holy” (Isa. 6: 3). Though the beast is intelligent and powerful, “wisdom” teaches that the beast will come to “failure upon failure upon failure” (666). Every individual must choose either to have the seal of God in his forehead (7: 3) or the mark of the beast. One cannot serve two masters (Matt. 6: 24; 12: 30). The book of Revelation furnishes the wisdom to know which to choose.

Robert Harkrider, Edited By Mike Willis. Truth Commentaries - The Book of Revelation (Kindle Locations 5241-5246). Guardian of Truth Foundation .

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- 8. Hillside houses.
- 9. Public toilets.
- 10. Latrina.
- 11. Scholastica Baths.
- 12. The Mosaic - Paved sidewalk.
- 13. Entrance Scholastica Baths.
- 14. Hadrian's Temple.

- 15. Trajan's Fountain.
- 16. Curetes Street.
- 17. Hercules Gate.
- 18. Memmius Monument.
- 19. Temple of Domitian.
- 20. An altar.
- 21. The list of Curetes.

- 22. Freshwater.
- 23. The Fount.
- 24. Prytaneon.
- 25. Odeon.
- 26. Isis Temple.
- 27. Stage Ago.
- 28. Baths of V.

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No Temple in Asia to this guy!



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The devil uses two henchmen in this chapter to accomplish his purposes.

The sea beast represents the political power of the Roman Empire.

The earth beast represents the emperor worship system. (False religions)

The emperor worked with this system to oppress the Christians.

The Christians faced all sorts of persecution from these beasts (economic; imprisonment; death; etc) Rev. 2 and 3)

Despite their apparent victory over God's people, God will eventually defeat both of these enemies (verses 10 and 18).

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THE REVELATION

The background of the entire slide is a dramatic, dark illustration of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. The title 'THE REVELATION' is at the top in a large, metallic, serif font. Below it, four riders on horses of different colors (white, red, black, and pale) are depicted against a stormy, cloudy sky. The horses are galloping over a large, unrolled scroll that fills the bottom half of the image. The overall tone is ominous and apocalyptic.

**Two kingdoms still compete for the
hearts of men.
Which will we choose?**