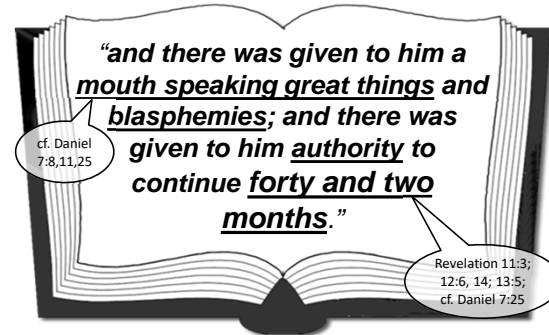


# A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 13

## Revelation 13:5



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## The Beast's Actions

- The beast's target is God and His saints.
- Revelation 13:5 – He **blasphemes**, speaking against God with great arrogance. cf. Daniel 7:8,11, 25
- This continues for **42 months** – an indefinite, broken period of time (*God determines the length*).

Revelation 11:3;  
12:6, 14; 13:5;  
cf. Daniel 7:25

Revelation 12:6, 14

## Flight of the Woman

- To a prepared place:
  - Church protected for an **indefinite period of time** as God's enemies wage war against her
  - **1,260 Days** – Witnesses to prophesy (11:3). Woman fled into the wilderness (12:6)
  - **42 months** – Beast given power (13:5). Holy city trodden underfoot (11:2)
  - **3½ years** – Time, times, and half a time. Saints are persecuted (Daniel 7:25). Woman is nourished (12:6, 14).
- All these times show an **incomplete**, temporal period during which persecution will have to be endured! God will not permit it to continue indefinitely!
- War waged by the *beast* and the *false prophet* "until" (Revelation 19:19-20)
- Church existed in a world of sin and persecution, but was **protected by God's promise!**

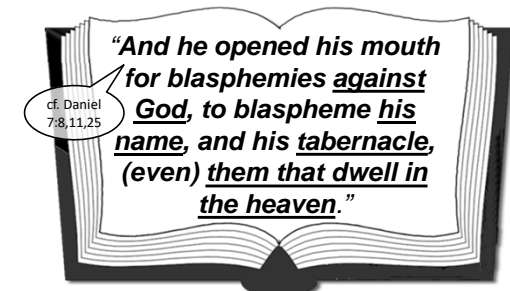
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## Flight of the Woman

- **What Promise?**
- Daniel also foretold how God's kingdom would be opposed by this fourth empire (Daniel 7:15-28).
- The Roman Empire, led by wicked rulers both in Rome and the chief provinces, would make war with the saints, but it would not prevail.
- Instead, "But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." (Daniel 7:18; cf. Daniel 7:22-27).

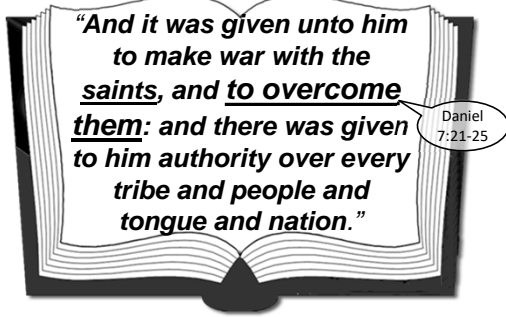
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## Revelation 13:6



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### Revelation 13:7



***“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.”***

Daniel 7:21-25

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### The Beast's Actions

- Boldly rails against God's people.
- **Blaspheming God** is speaking against His eternal nature and authority.
- Blaspheming His name because of all He stands for.
- Blaspheming His tabernacle – the church.
- Blaspheming those who dwell in heaven – angelic beings who are God's messengers and faithful servants.

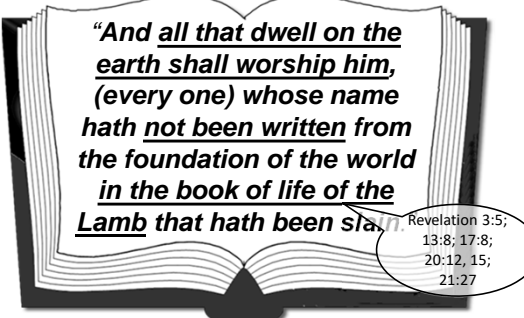
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### Make War with the Saints and Overcome Them!

- **The Beast** is allowed to declare war against God's people.
- He (**the Beast**) will conquer many of them. – Daniel foretold this (**Daniel 7:21-25**).
- Yet, he has only a limited amount of time (**42 months**). *His reign is only temporary.*
- **Great persecution** came upon God's people (*the church*). They were tortured, murdered, and slaughtered for His name's sake!
- Worldwide reign – could only have been Rome!

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### Revelation 13:8

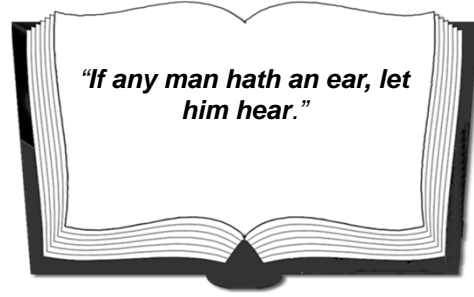


***“And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, (every one) whose name hath not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain.”***

Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27

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### Revelation 13:9



***“If any man hath an ear, let him hear.”***

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### Many Will Worship Him!

- Worldwide worship of the beast did not occur during Nero's reign, but during the reign of Domitian and later emperors.
- Failure to worship the “beast” did not invoke a death sentence worldwide under Nero. (cf. 13:15)
- Those “**not written in the book of life**” were worshipping the beast!
- God's **sacrificed Lamb** – Jesus Christ. Determined before the **world's creation**!

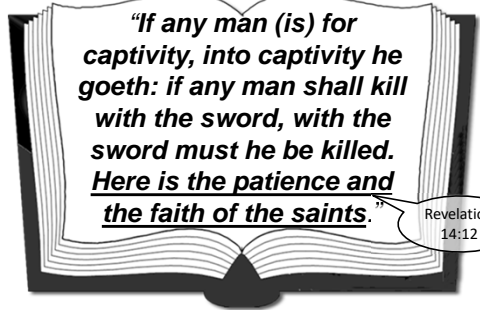
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### Caution...

- Some want to make “those who have been slain” (verse 8) names that were written before ...
- **Foreknowledge of God** was the reward of those who would be faithful – not **WHO** they would be!
- **Christ’s death** predetermined – not who the saved would be (**Ephesians 1:3; 3:10**)  
– Acts 2:23; John 17:24; 1 Peter 1:20; Hebrews 9:26
- Those who seek salvation should open their ears and **LISTEN** to God! (verse 9)

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### Revelation 13:10



***“If any man (is) for captivity, into captivity he goeth: if any man shall kill with the sword, with the sword must he be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”***

Revelation 14:12

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### Tables Will Be Turned!

- **Many Christians would suffer and die at the hands of the beast.**
- **God’s promise** – His justice would prevail and triumph over the beast! *“But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.”* (Daniel 7:18; cf. Daniel 7:22-27).
- Those who have killed by the sword **will suffer a similar fate.**
- **“Led captivity captive”** – Ephesians 4:8
- **The beast would be destroyed.** This gave the saints reason to hold on and **preserved their faith!** In the end, God wins! (cf. Daniel 7:11-12 “Burned with fire ...” Revelation 2:10; 19:19-21; 20:10)

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### Revelation 13:11

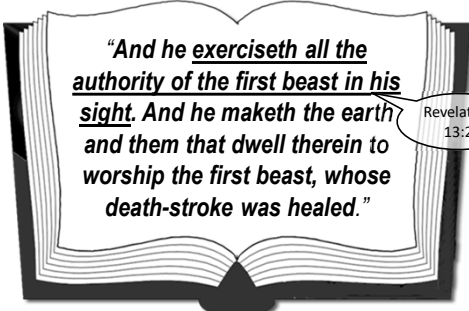


***“And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like unto a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.”***

cf. Revelation 13:1

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### Revelation 13:12



***“And he exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he maketh the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed.”***

Revelation 13:2

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### Second Beast

- Four **characteristics**:
  - “Two horns like a lamb” (religious appearance)
  - “Spoke as a dragon” (cf. 13:2, an agent of Satan)
  - “Exercised all the power of the first beast” (backed by political power)
  - “Caused the earth to worship the first beast” (represents the pagans’ false worship of the Caesars as gods)
  - Emperor worship was **enforced** by the imperial power of the sea-beast, supported by a delegated commune. “Roman Concilia”

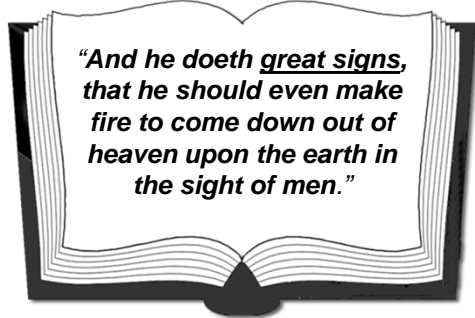
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### Second Beast

- The beast **from the earth**
- The “**land (earth) beast**” – represents **false religion**.
- Appearance of the **lamb** – but the **voice of the dragon!**
- Speaking lies and falsehoods – **trademarks** of Satan (John 8:44)
- **Mission** – to cause men to worship the beast that came out of the sea!
- NOTE: Referred to in other places as “**false prophet**” (16:13; 19:20; cf. Daniel 7:11; 20:10)

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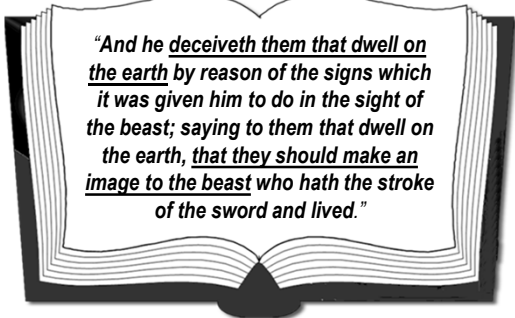
### Revelation 13:13



*“And he doeth **great signs**, that he should even make **fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men.**”*

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### Revelation 13:14



*“And he **deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him 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 who hath the stroke of the sword and lived.**”*

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### Signs of Second Beast

- The role of the false prophet was to **entice men** to worship the first beast.
- Empowered to work “**great wonders**”
- These were really “**lying wonders**” to deceive
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; Matthew 24:24
  - Whatever these were – they were not of the **same quality** as those worked by God’s servants. cf. Hebrews 2:3; Mark 16:20; 2 Corinthians 12:12
- **Counterfeit miracles** of false religions.
- Simon knew the **difference!** (Acts 8:5-13)
- *Remember Moses and Pharaoh?* (Exodus 8:19)