

Revelation 13:1-18

1. And I saw a **beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems upon its horns and a blasphemous name upon its heads.** 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. And to it **the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.** 3. **One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth followed the beast with wonder.** 4. Men worshipped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and **they worshipped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?'**

5. And the beast was given a **mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words,** and it was allowed to **exercise authority for forty-two months;** 6. it opened its mouth to **utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name** and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7. Also it was allowed to **make war on the saints and to conquer them.** And authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation, 8. and all who dwell on earth will worship it, every one whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain. 9. If any one has an ear, let him hear: 10. 'If any one is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if any one slays with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is the call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

11. Then I saw another beast which rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. 12. It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and **makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.** 13. It works great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of men; 14. and by the signs which it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast, it deceives those who dwell on earth, **bidding them make an image for the beast which was wounded by the sword and yet lived;** 15. and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast should even speak, and to cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. 16. Also **it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, 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. 18. This calls for wisdom: let him who has understanding reckon the number of the beast, for it is a human number, its number is six hundred and sixty-six".

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3. "And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on **a scarlet beast which was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns**

6. When I saw her I marvelled greatly. 7. But the angel said to me, 'Why marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. 8. **The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is to ascend from the bottomless pit and go to perdition;** and the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, **will marvel to behold the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.** 9. This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven hills on which the woman is seated; 10. **they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes he must remain only for a little while.** 11. **As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to perdition.** 12. And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. 13. These are of one mind and give over their power and authority to the beast; 14. they will make war on the Lamb, and **the Lamb will conquer them**, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful'. 15. And he said to me, 'The waters that you saw, where the harlot is seated, are people and multitudes and nations and tongues. 16. And the ten horns that you saw, **they and the beast will hate the harlot; they will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire,** 17. for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and giving over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 18. And the woman that you saw is the great city which has dominion over the kings of the earth."

