

Explanation of Revelation 13.

1 And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

The Dragon is Satan. The beast is the anti-christ. Ten horns is ten nations. Seven heads are the leaders of the ten nations. All given a name by the dragon which blaspheme God. They will all curse the name of the Living God, ie Jesus Christ.

2 The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

The Dragon(Satan) gives the anti-christ his power. This is a political leader who is possessed by the Devil.

3 One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. This is a reference to an assassination attempt upon the anti-christ. Satan has the power to heal this leader in a miraculous way to cause the world to marvel at his power. 2Thessalonians 2:9&10 The coming of the lawless one (anti-christ) will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

4 Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

This is the delusional power of Satan. Ungodly men and woman will devote themselves to the power of Satan and the smooth talking anti-christ. These questions are blasphemous because Jesus Christ holds all power not Satan. 2Thessalonians 2:8 And then the lawless one(anti-christ and Satan) will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. Watch out!!

5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. Always does the anti-christ and Satan speak boldly against Jesus Christ. This verse tells us how long the anti-christ will have power. 42 months is 3 and 1 half years.

6 He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his

dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

The anti-christ will even curse those in Heaven, which is referring to Angels and believers who have died in the LORD Jesus Christ.

7 He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as their personal savior will be under attack. Revelation 6:9-11 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed. Everyone who does not believe in Jesus will be under the power of Satan and his anti-christ. Why would Jesus allow His followers to be killed by the anti-christ? As a testimony against the ungodly. Jesus said we would be hated of all nations because of Him. Besides He will bring us back from the dead if we are killed by Satan or the anti-christ. Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast-- all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

This is the Testimony of believers in Jesus. All believers will never bow down and worship anything or anybody except Him. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The book of Life is where believers names are written. A role book if you will. Is your name written there? If your name is not written there you will worship the beast and be damned for eternity!

9 He who has an ear, let him hear.
Listen up people! Clean your ears out. Get right with Jesus Christ!!

10 If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.
This is a call to faithfulness on the part of believers. Don't get bogged down with the cares of this world and with the godless culture in which we live. Wait upon the Lord for He will soon be here. Remember the anti-christ will rule for only 3 and a

half years. Trust in Jesus for He cares for you.

11 Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.

Hello mister false prophet. Satan will have a religious leader that will talk with conviction.

12 He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

What better way to deceive religious lost people than a pope, pastor, rabbi, cleric or spiritual advisor. Listen to next few verses.

13 And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men.

Magnificent display of blasphemous signs and wonders.

14 Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

Satan gives power to anti-christ, anti-christ gives power to false prophet and they will set up an image so godless men will worship the image. Refer back to Daniel 3:3-6 So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it. Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace." This is a good reference to the way the false prophet will establish the image of the anti-christ.

15 He (the false prophet) was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

If you do not worship the anti-christ you will be on his hit list. The anti-christ will try and destroy every believer in Jesus Christ. This is in line with the purpose of the Devil. The Devil has always tried to kill, steal and destroy.

16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to

receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

This verse has been misunderstood by many. No matter what your current status you will be forced to have a mark. If you do not take the mark you will die. If you take the mark then you are pledging allegiance to the anti-christ. This mark will be a number or prefix and will be on right hand or on forehead. This could be a tattoo or some variation. It could also be under the skin.

17 so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

This is a reference to the one world currency, one world economy and one religion. If a person does not have this prefix or number, that person can't buy food, gas, cloths or anything. The person without this mark will not be able to sell anything as well. Listen Revelation 14:9&10 "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. For the believers reading this, listen to Jesus Matthew 6:31-34 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

Do you need wisdom? Ask the Lord Jesus. He will give you wisdom to calculate the number of the beast. The number 6 is a number of incompleteness. God's number is seven which is complete. Therefore Satan, anti-christ and false prophet fall completely short of God. The number 666 is like a prefix number. Every transaction we make in the world today has a number. This is also referring to the fact the anti-christ will be a man. A man that will try to rule the world. Listen to the pride of Satan. Isaiah 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. Again 2Thessalonians 2:1-4 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by

some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for Salvation so you may be able to stand against the coming anti-christ.