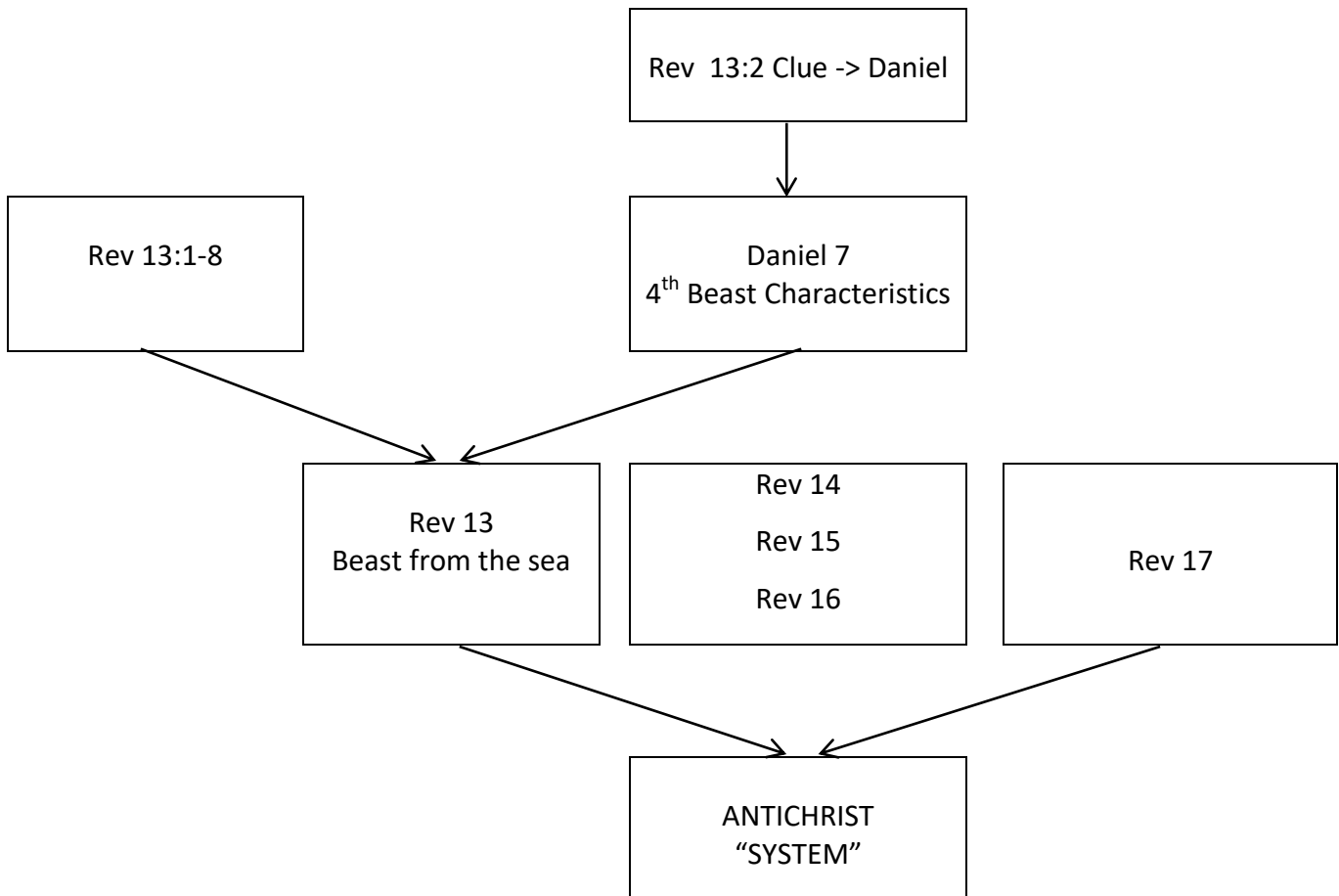


REVELATION 13:



1. V1-2

- a) Read Dan 2:37. What information does this verse give us regarding a king and a kingdom? Is the beast coming out of the sea in Rev 13:1 therefore a king or a kingdom?
- b) What does the beast rising out of the sea look like? (V1-2)
- c) The beast that John saw rising out of the sea was like a leopard, his feet were like a bear and his mouth as the mouth of a lion. Refer to Table 1.
  - i) Do you think the similarities between the beast in Rev 13:2 and the 4 beasts that Daniel saw in his vision in Daniel 7 could be deliberate? (v2)
  - ii) Do you think this (v2) could be a clue that we need to consult Daniel at this point? Refer to Table 2.
- d) What do you think does it mean when "the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority"? (v2)  
Who do you think is the "him" in this context ?  
What do you think is "his seat" in this context ?

e) Can we therefore conclude that the Antichrist and his “super powerful future kingdom” will be an amalgamation/combination/mixture of the characteristics of the past world kings and kingdoms (Babylon, Media Persia, Greece, Roman Empire)?

2. V2-7

a) View the similarities between the “4<sup>th</sup> beast” in Daniel 7 (as we have seen in Table 2) and the “beast” in Revelation 13:1-8 in the table below?

Consider what additional information does Revelation 13 give us regarding the beast?

What additional information does Daniel 7 give us regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> beast?

Similarities between the “4 <sup>th</sup> beast” in Daniel 7 and the “beast” in Rev 13:1-8	
Revelation 13:1-8	Daniel 7
A beast rise out of the sea (v1)	= Came up from the sea (v3) 4 <sup>th</sup> Beast shall be the 4 <sup>th</sup> kingdom on the earth (v23) Shall be diverse from all kingdoms (v23) Shall devour the whole earth (v23) Shall tread it down (v23) Shall break it into pieces (v23)
Having 7 heads and 10 horns (v1) *	10 horns are 10 kings shall arise (v24) *
Upon his horns 10 crowns (v1) *	Another <i>little horn</i> shall rise after them (v24) <i>Little horn</i> shall be diverse from the first (v24) <i>Little horn</i> shall subdue three kings (v24)
Upon his heads the name of blasphemy (v1)	
Like a leopard (v2)	= 3 <sup>rd</sup> Beast – Like a leopard (v6)
Feet of a bear (v2)	= 2 <sup>nd</sup> Beast – Like a bear (v5)
Mouth of a lion (v2)	= 1 <sup>st</sup> Beast – Like a lion (v4)
Dragon gave him his power, his seat and great authority (v2)	
One of his heads as it were wounded to death (v3)	
His deadly wound healed (v3)	
All world worshipped the dragon and the beast (v4)	
His mouth speaking great things and blasphemies (v5)	= Shall speak great words against most High (v25) Think to change times and laws (v25)
Power given to him to continue 42 months (v5)	= A time, times and the dividing of time (v25)
Blasphemy against God, His name and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven (v6)	
Given unto him to make war with saints (v7)	= Shall wear out the saints of most High (v25)
Given unto him to overcome the saints (v7)	= Shall be given into his hand (v25)
Power was given him over all kindreds, tongues and nations (v7)	
All names NOT written in the book of life shall worship him. (v8)	

Notes: \* The 7 heads of the beast (Rev 17:9-10, Dan 7:24)

\* The 10 horns and 10 crowns of the beast (Rev 17:12)

b) What do you think does it mean when it says “one of his heads were wounded to death” and “his deadly wound was healed”? (Rev 13:12, 14, Rev 11:7, Rev 17:8)

c) From what verse is it evident that the beast will rule over all the earth? For how long?

- d) “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them:” (v7b)  
 For how long do you think will the beast have power over the saints?  
 Do you think v7 matches up with the great tribulation in Matt 24:22?
- e) Do any of the verses in Revelation 13:1-8 and Daniel 7 resemble 2 Thess 2:1-4?
- f) Why will the world worship the beast? (v4, John 5:43, John 1:10-11, Matt 6:24, Matt 12:30)
- g) The Greek (Seleucid) ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes was a foreshadowing of the future Antichrist (Daniel 11:21-39).  
 Examine his characteristics in Table 3.  
 What could we possibly learn from Daniel 11 about the future Antichrist?
- h) Do you agree that the “beast” represents 2 things as follows?
- A kingdom (worldwide kingdom) – 7 heads and 10 horns
  - A man who is the head of that kingdom (the Antichrist) – “One head” & “a little horn”

### 3. V8-10

- a) What is the “book of life”? (Phil 4:3, Rev 3:5, 1 John 5:4-5)  
 Who’s names are not written in the “book of life”? (Rev 20:12-15, Rev 17:8, Rev 13:8)
- b) When are the names of the saved written “into the book of life” or “have they been there from the foundation of the world”? (v8b, Ex 32:32-33, Ps 69:28-29, Rev 22:19)
- c) What do you think is the meaning of “If any man have an ear, let him hear”? (v9, Matt 11:15, Matt 13:9, Matt 13:43, Mark 4:9, Mark 4:23, Mark 7:16, Luke 14:35)  
 Where else in Revelation is this statement used? (Rev 2:7, Rev 2:11, Rev 2:17, Rev 2:29, Rev 3:6, Rev 3:13, Rev 3:22)
- d) When is there a blessing for those “that hear” in Matt 13:16, Luke 11:28 and John 5:24?
- e) What is the “patience and the faith of the saints” in this context? (v10, Jam 1:2-4, Rom 5:3, Rom 15:4, Heb 10:36)

### 4. V11-18

- a) Describe the beast that comes out of the earth. (v11)  
 Who do you think is this beast? (Rev 16:13, Rev 19:20)
- b) Why do you think does this beast have “two horns like a lamb”? (v11)
- c) Consider the following verses regarding the beast from the earth:
- i) “He causes man on the earth to worship the first beast”. (v12)  
 What will he do to make man worship the Antichrist? (Dan 3:3-6, v14-17)

ii) "He does great wonders". (v13)

- Does Jesus warn us about false prophets/"the false prophet" performing signs and wonders? (Mark 13:22, Matt 24:24, Deut 13:1-5, Ez 13:1-4)
- Who do you think gives him the power to do these wonders? ( 2 Thess 2:9, Ex 7:11,22, Ex 8:7, Num 24:1, 2 Kings 17:17, 2 Kings 24:6)
- What wonders or miracles is he able to do? (v13)
- Who does he deceive with these miracles? (v14)

iii) "He instructs man to make an image of the beast." (v14)

What do you think does the image look like?

iv) "He causes all to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads." (v16)

- Who will receive the mark of the beast and what will happen to those that receive the mark of the beast? (v16, Rev 14:9-11, Rev 16:2, Rev 19:20, Rev 20:4)
- Do you think the mark will be visible?
- What happens if you do not have the mark of the beast? (v15, 17)
- What do you think does the mark of the beast look like? (v17-18)

d) "Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast." (v18)

Do you think we will be able to count or calculate or figure out what the mark of the beast is?

e) How are believers sealed or "marked"? (2 Cor 1:22, Eph 1:13, Eph 4:30, 2 Tim 2:19, John 14:17, John 16:7, John 20:22)

#### 5. Additional discussion points:

a) John 4:48 Then said Jesus unto him, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe".

Why do you think did Jesus say this? (Matt 12:39, Matt 16:1, Mark 8:11, Luke 11:16, Luke 11:29, 1 Cor 1:22, John 6:30)

In what way is John 4:48 applicable to current day believers?

b) What is a false prophet and how will we recognise them? (2 Pet 2:1-3, Jude 4, 2 Tim 4:3-4, Col 2:8, Rom 16:17-18, 2 Cor 11:3-4, Ez 13)