

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 31 – Revelation 13:1-8

- I. The Beast arises from the Sea when the woman flees to the wilderness (Isa. 26:20-27:1)
- A. Vs. 1 *"I stood upon the sand of the sea."* Patmos was an island in the Med. Sea off the west coast of Turkey (Asia Minor).
1. The "Beast" from the Med. Sea, the seat of Gentile power (not a Jew).
 2. Dan. 7:2-8 Sequence of Gentile Empires dominated the "Great Sea":
 - a. Babylon (Lion)
 - b. Persia (Bear)
 - c. Greece (Lepoard)
 - d. Rome (Dreadful Beast)
 1. The "Little Horn" arises "among them" (Antichrist)
 3. Seven heads – the 7-headed Serpent (Dragon) of Rev. 12:3,9
 - a. 7 heads = seq. of 7 Satanic dominions (addressed in chapter 17).
 - b. Ten horns (final ten kings, 10 toes {Dan. 2:41-44}, add. in ch. 17).
 4. Blasphemous names
- B. Vs. 2 The Beast was:
1. "Like a leopard" – swift (Greece – Dan. 7:6)
 2. "Feet of a bear" – brutal (Persia – Dan. 7:5)
 3. "mouth of a lion" – braggadocios (Babylon – Dan. 7:4)
 4. Empowered by Satan (as were all previous 7 heads)
- C. Vs. 3 One of its heads wounded to death, but healed – renewed former king.
- D. Vs. 4 They openly worship the Dragon, the power behind the Beast
- E. Vs. 5 Continues 42 months (while Jerusalem trampled after 2 witnesses killed – Rev. 11:2).
- F. Vs. 6 Blasphemies of the "Little Horn" (Dan. 7:20,25; Dan. 8:25).
- G. Vs. 7 Persecutes the Woman & her seed (Rev. 12:13-17, Dan. 7:25).
1. Beast given authority over all nations within his domain.
- H. Vs. 8 All "dwelling upon the (Promised) Land" worship him;
1. Those not written in the "Book of Life of the Lamb"
 - a. The Lamb was *"slain because of the casting down of the world."*
 1. καταβολῆ means "overthrow" not "foundation."
 2. Refers to the curse
 3. "Because of" is ἀπὸ meaning "from," pointing to the origin or cause.