

The Beasts of Daniel and Revelation and the Mark of the Beast: Part 1

Part 1: The Identity and Legacy of the Beasts Described in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 & 17

Introduction

In Revelation there is a divine warning

And the third messenger followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the set apart messengers, and in the presence of the Lamb (Rev.14:9-10).

Insofar as humanity's eternal destiny is concerned this has to be the most serious warning in the Scriptures. YHWH has given this warning because He does not want us to be deceived but this warning would be meaningless without YHWH providing the information enabling us to identify both the beast and its mark. So let us have eyes that see and discover what YHWH has provided.

Notice in the above translation it says the mark is either in the hand or in the forehead, whilst many translations say on the hand or on the forehead. I believe 'in' is the correct translation, I do not believe the mark is a form of a visual branding as is explained later. However, the word 'in' has led to a lot of speculation and conspiracy theories about electronic implants and the like but Revelation is symbolically referring to those who cast their lot with the opponents of YHWH, rather than pointing to some implanted traceability technology.

But first let's define the term 'beast.' Personally I do not believe these beasts represent any of today's countries or that they have anything whatsoever to do with future ethnicity. Concerning eschatology the term beast may refer to either a particular person in authority or a system of religious societal control, generally an apostate religious control. This article is concerned with the beasts in Daniel chapter 7 and those in Revelation chapters 13 and 17.

Identifying the Legacy of the Beasts of Daniel 7 and the First Beast of Revelation 13

It should be realized that the four beasts in Daniel 7 and the first beast in Revelation 13 are merely different representations of the same apostasy and whilst there are parallels there are differences, thus the two descriptions are complementary, only when collected together is the whole truth visible. What is revealed is,

- Both beasts come from the sea/waters and Rev.17:15 defines waters as humanity thus both beasts are borne of mankind.
- They both rule for the same period.
- Both are said to speak in an arrogant manner against YHWH.

One major difference is that the ten horns of Daniel's fourth beast have no relationship with the ten horns of the beast in Revelation 13 they each refer to a different time. The ten horns in Daniel correlate with the ten toes of the statue in Daniel's earlier vision and represent an event past. Whereas the ten horns in Revelation relate to an end time event yet to happen.

We start with Daniel's vision of four beasts that arise out of the sea (Dan.7:2-7). This was merely a different presentation of Daniel's earlier vision of a statue in chapter 2. Both visions represent the four empires Babylon, Mede/Persia Greece and Rome. The significance of these particular empires is that each conquered the Land in the sequence described in the visions and all were instrumental in the evolution of Israel and its rejection of YHWH. Of these empires we need only concern ourselves with the last empire, Rome because its legacy continues today and will continue until Mashiach's return. It is for this latter reason that Daniel was given a lot more detail of the fourth beast than any of the others.

Daniel's fourth beast, Rome, had ten horns representing ten kings (vs. 24) from amongst which a little horn arose and it is at this point that this vision can be considered complementary to Daniel's earlier vision of the statue. The little horn is to become the focus of this vision. Verse 11 of chapter 7 is of particular importance,

*I was looking. Then, because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking, I was looking until the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to **the** burning fire. (Dan.7:11).*

This verse is specific to the little horn and the presence of the definite article effectively places this entity in the last days, directly linking it with Rev.19:20. Of all the beast powers it is the entity represented by this little horn that will have a direct influence on world society for millennia, its power and control will exist until overcome by Mashiach (vs.26). So this particular entity is present today, hence it is important we establish its identity, especially considering what is said of its character, the highlights are mine,

*And it speaks words against the Most High, and it wears out **(overcomes)** the set-apart ones of the Most High, and it intends to change appointed times and law, **(Torah)** and they **(the set-apart ones)** are given into its hand **(are subjected to its authority)** for a time and times and half a time. (Dan.7:25).*

This passage leaves us in no doubt that this end time entity will impose an apostate religious system which all of humanity will ultimately be required to accept and as the verse infers, it will be a life or death choice. Considering that this little horn entity is present with us today, given its character and ultimate goal it is paramount for us to identify who or what it is. Whilst Scripture is not explicit, YHWH has provided a lot of factual information, the sum of which leaves no doubt that the term little horn is a euphemism for both a 'king' and a 'kingdom,' i.e. a sovereign state. YHWH's clues lead us conclusively to Papal Rome and its head; the Pontiff. Let's consider what we are given starting with Daniel chapter 7,

1. The little horn sprang up from ten horns which substitute for the ten toes of the statue in Daniel's earlier vision. The ten toes symbolised the breaking up of the Roman Empire. The prophecy was that the Roman Empire was to be the last Empire and would not be succeeded by another single monolithic empire. For this reason the toes were of dissimilar materials reflecting the individual characters of the different rulers. The ten toes/horns provide two facts 1) the little horn will arise after the dissolution of the Roman Empire and 2) because it came from the ten, the little horn will be located where the ten horns ruled i.e. Europe. Being a little horn this sovereign state will be small.

The Vatican state was certainly established after the end of the Roman Empire, it is an independent state and of course it is in Europe. It is also a tiny state of only 44 hectares with a population of around 1000 people.

Let me add a couple of comments from two scholars,

- I. To the succession of the Caesars came the succession of the Pontiffs of Rome. When Caesar left Rome he gave his seat to the Pontiffs. (Professor Labianca, Professor of History , University of Rome)
 - II. The Popes filled the place of the vacant emperors of Rome, inheriting their power, prestige and titles from paganism. The Papacy is but the ghost of the deceased Roman Empire sitting crowned upon its grave. (Stanley's History p. 40).
2. Verse 8 describes the little horn as having eyes like those of a man and a mouth speaking great things.

The indication here is that this sovereign state will have a man at its head. This is nothing unique but for this verse to distinguish the little horn only in this way tells us that this ruler will be quite different from all others. Saying this ruler will speak great things is a euphemism for him having a large attentive

audience. What we have is a ruler of a small state whose influence is far reaching and beyond the boundaries of his province. (See 5 below).

3. Verse 21 says the little horn made war with the set apart ones and prevailed against them.

I believe this statement is both historical and futuristic. Historically we had the crusades through which Vatican Rome aimed to get control of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) and the holy land. Insofar as the future is concerned we will again see the Vatican enforcing its will but under a very different aegis.

4. From verse 22 we understand that this sovereign state will exist when Mashiach returns.

Well I believe Mashiach's return is imminent and there is no reason to think Papal Rome is coming to an end. On the contrary, today the Vatican is putting every effort into appeasing all religions in an effort to cement Rome's position at the head of a universal religion.

5. Verse 24 tells us that the little horn is different from the other horns.

The Vatican state is unique. It is the only wholly ecclesiastical state in the world. It has no political base and its head is a purely ecclesiastical figure and not a political figure.

6. Verse 25 provides three further clues; firstly we are told that this ruler will speak words against Elohim. To speak against Elohim is to blaspheme and we have a perfect example of blasphemy as is applicable to the little horn. It is in John chapter 10 where the people wanted to stone Mashiach because of His claim to be one with the Father which they saw as blasphemy. Compare this story with what is said in some official Catholic publications,

a) LA CIVILTA CATTOLICA (The Catholic Civilization)

- I. The Pope is the supreme judge of the law of the land: he is vicegerent (replacement) of Christ, who is not only a priest forever but also king of kings and lord of lords.

b) PROMPTA BIBLIOTHECA

This was the work of Lucii Ferraris an 18th century Franciscan canonist. Since then this document has undergone several revisions, today it is accepted as the official Catholic encyclopaedia. The following are extracts from its content,

- I. The Pope is of so great authority and power that he is able to modify, declares or interprets divine law. The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man but of God and he acts as vicegerent (replacement) of Elohim on earth.
- II. The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man but as it were God and the vicar (substitute) of God. Moreover the superiority and power of the Roman Pontiff by no means pertains only to heavenly things but also earthly things and to things under the earth and even over the angels whom he is greater than.

c) THE ROMAN DECRETALIA

The Pope has power to change times to abrogate laws and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ. He can pronounce sentences and judgments in contradiction to the nations, to the law of God and the commands of the apostles, he being their superior and from the rules of the Old Testament (*Decretal, De Translat Episcop, Cap*)

In the eyes of Catholicism the Pope is god on earth. Whilst some within the Catholic Church will try hard to dilute the effect of what is said in these publications the above statements are categorical. A further blasphemous claim by the Catholic Church is its alleged priestly ability to forgive sins, refer Mark.2:5-7.

7. Verse 25 goes on to say that the little horn will attempt to alter the seasons and the law.

We are well aware how Papal Rome has substituted YHWH's appointed times with its own festivals and Sunday Worship. The Catholic Church has also altered the Ten Commandments, removing the second commandment and splitting the tenth commandment into two so as to maintain ten. Several Vatican buildings are festooned with effigies and images many of which are associated with paganism. Hence Papal Rome had to remove the second commandment. Incidentally the crucifix is probably the most blatant transgression of the second commandment and is actually a denial of Mashiach's resurrection and His vicarious atonement. Mashiach is no longer 'on the cross,' (Heb.6:6, 10:14).

8. Lastly verse 25 says the little horn will wear out (**persecute**) the holy ones for a time, times and a half time.

Why express a period of time in such a strange manner, why not use plain language? When Scripture becomes cryptic it's a signal for us to dig deeper. To understand this strange phraseology we have to examine what is said elsewhere, specifically we need to focus on the first beast described in Revelation 13. As said above the first beast of Revelation 13 and the four beast of Daniel 7 are representations of the same apostasy. They must therefore exist for the same period of time, which Revelation defines as forty two months i.e. three and a half years, (Rev.13:5). Thus times, time and a half time must also equal three and a half years i.e. 1260 days. But concerning Daniel, such a short time does not fit with any historical event regarding the beast representations. However, in Scripture a day can represent a year (Gen.29:27-28) and Dan.7:25 is such an example, so has Papal Rome ever ruled for 1260 years? Yes! in 538 AD Emperor Justinian issued a decree establishing the Bishop of Rome; the Pope's official title. This started the prophetic period which ended in 1798, exactly 1260 years later. In 1798 Napoleon's general Berthier entered Rome and sacked Pope Pius VI and exiled him to France.

After verse 25 there are no further clues identifying the little horn given in Daniel but we can find more information in Revelation chapter 13 and what is said about the first beast,

¹ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. ² And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: **and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.** ³ And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. ⁴ And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like the the beast? who is able to make war with him? ⁵ And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given to him to continue forty and two months. ⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against Elohim, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. ⁷ And it was given to him to make war with the set apart ones, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all tribe, and tongue and nation. ⁸ **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him,** whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev.13:1-8).

When we collect the two highlighted sections together it shows that firstly this beast vision represents an apostate entity and secondly it is a universal religious system of worship. In this vision John sees a composite beast comprising three of Daniel's four beasts: lion, leopard and bear, all described as component parts of a principal beast but the beast representing Rome appears to be missing. Revelation expounds on this apostate entity adding seven heads and in verse 3 are we told that one of the heads suffered a fatal wound but recovered. What do these heads represent and why are we given specific information about one particular head? We said earlier this beast represents the same apostate entity as that in Daniel 7, therefore Rome must be present in some form or other and it is. Rome is represented via the head that recovered from a fatal wound. Let us go back to item 8 above. In 1798 the French Directorate ordered the end of the Papacy, this was the fatal wound and although the Papacy enjoyed some restoration under the Congress of Vienna in 1814 it was a precarious on/off existence. However, in 1929 the Papacy was once again granted formal recognition when, under the Lateran

Treaty, Vatican City was established as a separate country by Mussolini, thus the head wound was completely healed. This particular head substitutes for the little horn of Daniel's beast representing Papal Rome. The inclusion of seven heads **and** ten horns merely confirms the apostate nature of the entity represented, for these are a reflection of the devil himself (Rev.12:3). For clarification of the seven heads we have to look to Revelation 17. Up to this point the two beasts we have discussed both came from the sea/waters and therefore were borne from humanity.

What remains is the second beast of Revelation 13 and the beast described in Revelation 17. Neither of these beasts comes from the sea/waters hence they are not of mankind. We are told both beasts come from the earth, that is, the abyss **and 2Pet.2:4 identifies the occupants of the abyss as the fallen messengers of Gen.6:4, hence these two beasts symbolise an apostate spiritual (demonic) presence.**

The second Beast of Revelation 13

*And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth (**abyss**), and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast (**Papal Rome**) in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he does great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from the heaven on the earth before men. (Rev.13:11-13).*

In the above passage we are told this beast had two horns like a lamb but it is not called a lamb and for good reason. There is only one Lamb of Scripture; Yahusha HaMashiach and this is not Him: this lamb speaks like a dragon it is therefore a counterfeit lamb, this beast is a counterfeit messiah. The phrase 'it spoke like a dragon' is a euphemism for it being a disciple of HaSatan. This demon from the abyss is the eighth king of the beast described in Revelation 17. 2Thessalonians confirms that the occupants of the abyss will be released during the end time tribulation,

Let no one deceive you in any way, because the falling away is to come first, and the man of lawlessness is to be revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped, so that he sits as Elohim in the Dwelling Place of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim. Do you not remember that I told you this while I was still with you? And now you know what restrains, for him to be revealed in his time. For the secret of lawlessness is already at work – only until he who now restrains comes out of the midst. (2Thes.2:3-7).*

*'Secret of lawlessness' is a euphemism for the covert deception of YHWH's truth and present today.

In essence this verse is saying that currently false worship is working under a deceit but only until the release of the false messiah 'the man of lawlessness'. After his release the false messiah will ultimately (but not initially) force everyone into worship of him and the 'falling away' (rejection of YHWH) shall be complete. Until his release the false messiah is being restrained (in the abyss) but who is it who is restraining/preventing his release? Rev.20 helps,

And I saw a messenger coming down from the heaven, having the key to the pit of the deep and a great chain in his hand. (Rev.20:1).

It is YHWH's messenger that is preventing the release of the false messiah from the abyss. When YHWH decides the time is right He will instruct the release of the demons held captive in the abyss. Actually YHWH opens the abyss twice, the first time is to release the demon who poses as the false messiah and along with, I believe, ten other specific demons and a second time during his wrath when He empties the abyss and destroys all its occupants but not until they have tormented humanity for five months (Rev.9:1-5).

We are left with the fourth and final beast described in Revelation 17. It is fitting for this to be the last beast description because it singularly depicts the whole end time scenario. We will see how this beast not only confirms that Papal Rome will be in power when the false messiah appears but tells us that these two will initially work together although it will be a short romance.

The Beast of Revelation 17

This vision wholly portrays an end time apostate religious system of worship. What is described is a beast ridden by a woman and although there is no direct mention of past empires in this description, as we shall see, this beast has all the characteristics of the beasts of Daniel and the two beasts of Revelation 13, thus these empires must somehow be present. Comprising seven heads and ten horns this spiritual entity has the same apostate nature as the other beasts,

*And one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying to me, Come, I shall show you the judgment of the great whore sitting on **many waters**, with whom the sovereigns of the earth committed whoring, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her whoring. And he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast covered with names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup filled with abominations and the filthiness of her whoring, and upon her forehead a name written, a secret: BABEL THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE WHORES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the set-apart ones, and with the blood of the witnesses of Mashiach. And having seen her, I greatly marveled! And the messenger said to me, "Why did you marvel? Let me explain to you the secret of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up **out of the pit of the deep** and goes to destruction. And those dwelling on the earth, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, shall marvel when they see the **beast that was, and is not, and yet is**. Here is the mind having wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. And there are seven kings: five have fallen, and one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he has to remain a little while. And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes to perdition. And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. (Rev.17:1-12).*

As said this description encompasses everything concerning the end time apostasy; all of the players, their roles and their characters. As we will see all the pieces of the jigsaw are in this passage. However, whilst this passage is full of information the highlights are of particular importance which we will expound on a little later but first let us consider the seven heads and the ten horns of this beast vision.

The Seven Heads

We are told the seven heads are seven kings, (remember kings and kingdoms are synonymous terms in Scripture, (Dan.8:22)); five have fallen, one is now and one is yet to come and an eighth will reign for a short time. The following tabulation clarifies these seven heads and the eighth king,

1	Egypt	} 5 have gone
2	Assyria	
3	Babylon	
4	Mede/Persia	
5	Greece	
6	Rome	Is now - was in power at the time of John's revelation
7	Papal Rome	Is to come (the head that suffered the fatal wound)
8	False Mashiach	Eighth king

We said earlier that the empires depicted in Daniel and the first beast of Revelation 13 must somehow be present in this vision and they are via the seven heads. But why are ancient, defunct empires present in beast visions representing future events? Daniel provides an explanation,

*I was looking. Then, because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking, I was looking until the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to **the burning fire, and the rest of the beasts had their rule taken away. But a lengthening of life was given to them, for a season and a time.*** (Dan.7:11-12).

We have already commented on the relevance of the definite article in this passage but the latter half of this verse has its secret. In Scripture time and season are euphemisms for period and event. In other words the apostatic legacy represented by the four beasts would continue for a definite period and be brought to an end by a specific event: namely the return of Mashiach. In a nut shell, Daniel was being shown how rejection of YHWH and false worship would continue until the end of this age. This is why all of Daniel's four beasts are incorporated into one beast in Revelation 13. The above passage predicts that the apostate traits of Daniel's four beasts will continue. History and the various religions existing today confirm this truth. Ancient religion was mostly founded on worship of the sun as the supreme god because it gave life, light and warmth. We know from Ezekiel that sun worship was adopted by Israel, (Ezek.8:16) but it was a system of worship that spread around the globe. Today you can find the solar wheel present in almost all pagan religions and the sun disc extant in many pagan religious effigies and paintings. Christianity's halo is nothing less than a sun wheel; it is an adaptation of a pagan symbol. The Vatican's St. Peter's square is designed on the solar wheel: the paving has been designed in a pattern identical to the solar wheel of Baal. A further example of the continuing legacy of pagan worship is the obelisk. The obelisk at the centre of the solar wheel in St. Peter's square is an original transported from the ancient pagan temple of Amon in Egypt. Lev.26:1 says, "You are not to make any idols, or erect a carved image or a standing stone" (pillar). YHWH will not have any pagan worship practices in worship of Him. Yet obelisks can be found all over the globe.

Another legacy from ancient pagan worship is the 'mother and boy child' worship. The Babylonians worshiped Nimrod who when he died became a sun god. Nimrod left a wife, Semiramis who claimed to have been divinely impregnated by the sun god and gave birth to a son Tammuz (so we have HaSatan's counterfeit of Mashiach's divine birth albeit premature). But it was the mother with the god incarnate son that became the object of worship holding the title 'queen of heaven.' This mother with boy child worship spread throughout the ancient world, it remains present in almost every religion and encompasses the whole globe today. In ancient Germany she was called the virgin Hertha, Scandinavians called her Frigga and Balder, the Egyptians Isis with son Horus, in China Shing Moo with babe in arms, India has Isi with boy child Iswara and of course we cannot ignore Catholicism's Mary. What is more fertility worship is, to some extent, present in most pagan religions but you will not find it anywhere in YHWH's Word. The continuance of these religious customs shows how the influence of Daniels' four beasts continued long after their physical disappearance and will remain until the end, fulfilling the highlighted words in the above passage from Daniel.

The Eighth King

An eighth and final king will succeed the seventh head: Papal Rome. This eighth king can only be the false messiah a.k.a. the second beast of Revelation 13. This beast comes from the abyss as did the second beast of Revelation 13 hence they represent the same apostate entity. This beast is but another representation confirming the presence of a false messiah in the end times. Coming from the abyss this demon satisfies the description of the eighth king as one who was, is not and is to come; the fallen messengers of Gen.6:4 were removed from creation (was) and locked up in the abyss for disobedience, where they remain to this day (now is not but is to come). Neither is this eighth king HaSatan because HaSatan has never been confined to the abyss, (Job.1:6-7). We now come to the woman riding the beast.

The Woman Riding the Beast: Revelation 17

And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast covered with names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup filled with abominations and the filthiness of her whoring, and upon her forehead a name written, a secret: BABEL THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE WHORES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the set-apart ones, and with the blood of the witnesses of Mashiach. (Rev.17:3-6).

Consider how this woman is clothed, she is dressed in purple, scarlet and gold and adorned with precious stones. Where else can we find a similar description of dress? It is in Exodus 28 where YHWH describes the priestly garments to be worn when the priests are executing temple rites. By her dress this woman symbolises a religious priesthood and we have just shown it is Papal Rome who will be in authority thus she represents the Roman Pontiff. The woman is described as a whore, a prostitute she must therefore epitomise false worship and we have proved Papal Rome via the little horn is indeed apostate. But what is meant by her title 'Babel the Great the Mother of Whores and the Abominations of the World?' We have shown how the presence of past pagan religious traits are present today via the various world religions, these individual religions were all spawned at Babylon, they are the result of YHWH creating different languages and this woman's title is a reflection of that event. In fact the book of Yasher says that at Babel YHWH created the different races of humanity. It is the rider of an animal that is in control and this vision confirms what is said of the false messiah (here described as the dragon because he is HaSatan's agent), that he gives Papal Rome his power, seat and authority (Rev. 13:2). What this woman depicts is the unification of these different religions under the umbrella of Papal Rome: hence she is described as sitting on many waters i.e. many nations, depicting universal control.

The Ten Horns of the Beasts of Revelation 17

There is no need to discuss the ten horns of Daniel's beast because they represent an event past and I believe their relevance is not in their identity but is purely to establish the timing of the appearance of the little horn, which was to be after the ten. However, the ten horns of the beasts in Revelation are of concern because they are a future event. Furthermore, contrary to Daniel's horns which came from humanity, these horns are spiritual; they are demons from the abyss,

*And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings with the beast (**false messiah**) for one hour. They have one mind, and they shall give their power and authority to the beast. (Rev.17:12-13).*

A king is meant to rule over a kingdom yet these ten kings have no kingdom thus they are not kings in the true sense of the word. The verse clarifies itself explaining that they are given the power or authority of a king, a superfluous statement if they were to rule over kingdoms. From the last sentence it is clear that these ten align themselves with the beast (false messiah). These ten are most probably senior demons released with the false messiah from the abyss. Revelation 13 tells us that the false messiah forces everyone to worship Papal Rome but this is only for a short time, after which he along with the ten horns will remove Papal Rome from power,

And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these shall hate the whore, and lay her waste and naked, and eat her flesh and burn her with fire. (Rev.17:16).

We have just said that the woman represents a universal false religion led by Papal Rome and the Roman Pontiff the high priest. Initially the false messiah, assisted by his 'ten generals,' will force all of humanity to accede to this religious system but this is only for a short time. When he considers the time is right the false messiah will remove Rome and take the head position declaring himself as god.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. (Rev.13:11-12).

Conclusion

Summarising Part 1, we have four beast descriptions which fall into two categories,

- Two being of human origin i.e. coming from the sea/waters (Daniel 7 & Rev.13:1-10).
- Two coming from the abyss and of a spiritual, demonic nature (Rev.13:11-13 & 17).

Of the first category only the little horn and the head that suffered the fatal wound are of specific importance to us. YHWH has provided unequivocal clues all of which identify the little horn as Papal Rome and the second category of beast visions expands on Rome's end time influence.

The second category comprises the beast having two horns like those of a lamb and the beast being ridden by the woman. Both of these beasts come from the abyss and are of a spiritual nature. The woman is riding the beast and it is the rider who is in control, her dress conforms to that of the Aharonic priesthood, hence we can deduce that the end time apostasy will be a form of a religious worship system initially led by a high priest i.e. the Roman Pontiff. The beast disguised as a lamb is the false messiah, the eighth king who is yet to come. Coming from the abyss the false messiah has to be one of the fallen messengers who will be released when YHWH instructs. Remember YHWH says He will send a great delusion for those refusing to believe the truth (2Thes.2:11). This counterfeit comes masquerading as the true Mashiach spoken of in the Scriptures, for the efficacy of this deceit he must represent the Scriptures but he is a counterfeit, he serves HaSatan so he has to endorse an alternative to YHWH's Scriptures. The only alternative that fits the bill is Christianity's Scriptures. This counterfeit must also fit the correct profile if his masquerade is to succeed, hence this demon will appear as a Jewish Mashiach and fulfil Jewish expectations. It is this counterfeit that will accept the temple which the orthodox Jews are determined to build, not the true Mashiach. We have shown in the separate article ¹ that YHWH has no need of a future temple.

Finally, a word about Christianity! Firstly, we need to peel back the Christian face from Papal Rome, the Vatican's messiah is not Christianity's Jesus; the Vatican's messiah is Lucifer.² That said, Christianity itself is something of an oxymoron, it purports to be founded on the Scriptures but does not accept the truth of the Scriptures. Instead the Church teaches a distortion of the Scriptures thereby leading two billion Christians down the wrong path. I am not saying that none of these Christians will achieve salvation, I am not saying that at all. Without doubt there are people within the Church with a true heart who are genuinely seeking a true relationship with YHWH and YHWH looks to the inner man, He does not judge as we judge (1Sam.16:7, Jer.17:10). These Christians are unwittingly being misled by the Church but because of their genuineness I believe they will find salvation albeit via a different route to Torah observant believers.

Part 2 examines the characteristics of the end time apostasy namely the image, name and number of the beast.

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¹ Refer 'Does YHWH Require a Future Temple Building Parts 1-4 at www.undertorah.com in End Times articles.

² The reader can Google Luciferian images at the Vatican