

The Revelation

(24) The beast out of the sea

The antichrist, the last demonic world ruler...Rev.13:1-4

What is represented by the beast coming up out of the sea? 13:1; see 11:7; 17:8

This beast, the antichrist, is said to arise from the abyss. The sea must represent the abyss.

What do we know about the "inmates" in the abyss at this time? 9:1-11; Lu.8:31

There are multitudes of demons held there. From this "sea" will arise one, the antichrist.

Combining IIThess.2:3-4 with 13:1, what do we now understand of this beast?

The beast, the antichrist, is a demon possessed man. Man of lawlessness from the abyss...

And what is signified by the 7 heads, 10 horns, and blasphemous names? 12:3; 17:7-13

The beast is inseparably linked to the 7 world kingdoms and the last 10 world rulers.

What other characteristics does the beast have? 13:2 Dan.7:3-7

The leopard, bear, and lion symbolize Alexander the great, Medio-Persia, Babylon.

And while the beast is a demon possessed man, what is also true? vs.2

He is given power and a throne and great authority by the dragon, Satan himself.

Why will the beast have such incredible power, so quickly? IIThess.2:7-10

God's restraint will be removed. Perhaps the Holy Spirit "removed" at the rapture?

What astounding event occurs to catapult the beast to world acclaim? 13:3-4, 12-15; IIThess.2:9

The beast is apparently killed and comes back to life, publicly. May be a 'false wonder'.

What is the reaction of the Christ rejecting world? vs.3-4

They're amazed. See the beast as invincible since he 'overcomes' death. Anti-christ.

The rule of the beast...13:5-10

This 'invincible' beast does what and for what time? vs.5-6

Great orator, speaks arrogant, blasphemies for 42 mo. Blasphemes God, tabernacle, saints.

The beast also has authority to do what else? vs.7 6:9-11; 7:9-17; 11:7; 17:6; Dan.7:25

He makes war with the saints (believers in trib). And he wins, for a while (42 mo).

How extensive is his reign? vs.7 Comment?

It was given to him (by God, the ultimate authority) to rule the whole (unbelieving) world.

And does the beast get what he wants? vs.8

Almost. The lost worship him. The chosen, 144,000, Israel, get saved and worship Christ.

And what is the message to the tribulation saints (and us)? vs.9-10 Rom.13:1-2

Don't physically resist the beast. Those appointed to captivity, go. Perseverance and faith...

In summary, who/what is this beast from the sea?

This is the ultimate evil ruler. Deceitful, powerful, ruthless, and demanding worship.