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19. The two beasts



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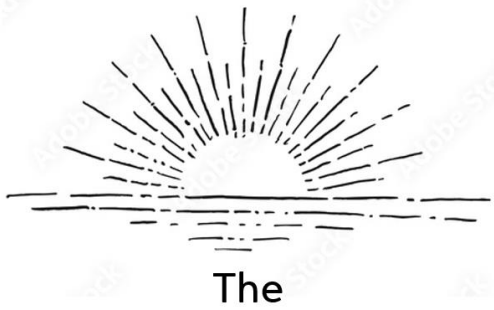
***I, Jesus,**
have sent My angel
to testify to you about these things
for the churches.*

(Revelation 22:16)

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Part 1		
Section 1	Section 2	Section 3
Chapters 1 to 3	Chapters 4 to 7	Chapters 8 to 11
Prologue, the vision of Christ among the lampstands, the letters to the seven churches.	The vision of God's throne, the scroll in His right hand, the Lion and the Lamb. The seven seals are opened.	The prayers of the saints, the seven trumpets are sounded, the great angel, the little book, the two witnesses.

Part 2			
Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7
Chapters 12 to 14	Chapters 15 to 16	Chapters 17 to 19	Chapters 20 to 22
The woman gives birth to a child, the dragon cast out, the two beasts, the Lamb on Mt Zion, three angels, two harvests.	The song of victors over the beast. Seven bowls of the wrath of God are poured out on the earth.	The woman riding on the beast, the destruction of Babylon, Christ on a white horse, the damnation of two beasts.	Satan is bound, the saints reign with Christ for a thousand years, the final judgement, a new creation, the new Jerusalem.



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In Chapter 12...

- We saw the dragon seeking to destroy Christ, the child of the woman.
- We saw the victory of Christ and the saints over the dragon's accusations.
- We saw the fury of the dragon as it sought to destroy the woman and her offspring.

Chapter 13:1-18 – John’s vision of two beasts

thērion = a wild or dangerous animal

Who or what are these beasts?

- Any government or system opposed to God’s people?
- Two specific individuals who appear at the end of the age?
- Both of the above?

The antichrist (the lawless one)...

The man of sin,
the son of perdition

And then **the lawless one** will be revealed, whom the **Lord Jesus** will kill with the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of His coming.

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all **wicked deception** for those who are perishing, because **they refused** to love the truth **and so be saved**.

(2 Thessalonians 2:8-10)

The spirit of antichrist...

...as you have heard that
the Antichrist is coming,
even now
many antichrists have come.
(1 John 2:18)

Every spirit that does not confess that
Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.

And **this is the spirit of the Antichrist,**
which you have heard was coming,
and **is now already in the world.**
(1 John 4:3)

Many deceivers have gone out into the world,
those who do not confess the coming
of Jesus Christ in the flesh.

Such a one is **the deceiver** and **the antichrist.**

(2 John 1:7-8)

*Such a person is doing
the work of the antichrist.*

The first beast

“...four great
beasts came up
from the sea...”
(Daniel 7:3)

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea...

...the beast ... was like a leopard,
his feet were like the feet of a bear,
and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.

And to it the dragon gave his **power**
and his **throne** and great **authority**.

(Revelation 13:1-2)

The first beast

An act of reverence, to a man or God.

One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and **the whole earth marveled** as they followed the beast.

And **they worshiped the dragon**, for he had given his authority to the beast, and **they worshiped the beast**, saying,

Or “him”

“Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

(Revelation 13:3-4)

The first beast

And the beast was given a mouth uttering **proud and blasphemous words**, and it was allowed to exercise authority for 42 months.

3½ years

It opened its mouth to utter **blasphemies** against God, blaspheming His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

Also **it was given to it** to make **war on the saints** and **to conquer them**.

Revelation 12:17

(Revelation 13:5-7)

The 5th seal...
Revelation 6:9-11

The first beast

And authority was given it over
every tribe and people and language and nation,
and **all who dwell on earth will worship it,**
everyone whose name has not been written
before the foundation of the world
in the Book of Life **of the Lamb who was slain.**

(Revelation 13:7-8)

And the dwellers on earth will marvel whose names
have not been written in the Book of Life
from the foundation of the world...

(Revelation 17:8)

The first beast

If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

If anyone is to be taken captive,
to captivity he goes;

if anyone is to be slain with the sword,
with the sword must he be slain.

**Here is the patience
and the faith of the saints.**

(Revelation 13:9-10)

The second beast

Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth.

It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.

It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

(Revelation 13:11-12)

The second beast

It performs great signs,
even making fire come down from heaven
to earth in front of people, and **by the signs** that
it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast
it deceives those who dwell on earth,
telling them to make an image for the beast
that was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

And it was allowed to give breath
to the image of the beast...

(Revelation 13:13-15)



The second beast

*If anyone worships the beast and his image,
and **receives his mark** on his forehead or
on his hand, he himself shall also drink
of **the wine of the wrath of God...***

(Revelation 14:9-10)

Also it causes all, both small and great,
both rich and poor, both free and slave,
to be **marked** on the right hand or the forehead,
so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark,
that is, **the name of the beast** or **the number of its name.**

(Revelation 13:16-17)

Here is wisdom.

Let him who has understanding
calculate the number of the beast,
for it is **the number of a man**
and his number is **666**.

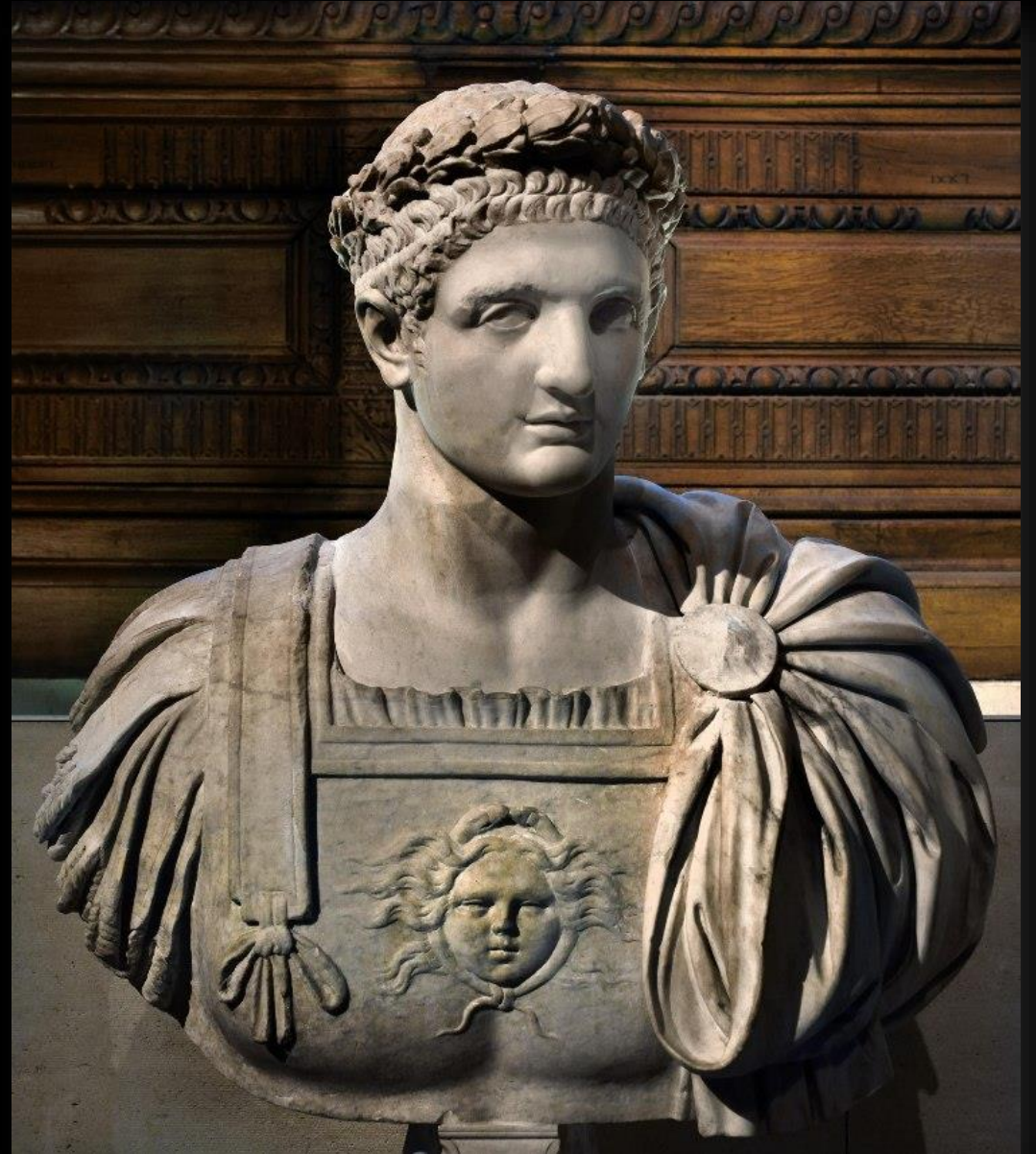
(Revelation 13:18)

Or “man’s number”

IN ANCIENT ROME...

Domitian was Roman emperor for 15 years, from 81 to 96 AD.

He insisted on being addressed as “**Lord and God**” (*Dominus et Deus*).



IN MODERN GERMANY...





He deceives those who dwell on earth.



Reflections

- Our focus must be **to be ready** for the last days and the Lord's coming. (Matthew 24:42)
- It is hard to be part of a **despised minority** and remain a faithful witness. (Revelation 3:8)
- What commitments and habits are needed **now** if we are going to be ready? (2 Peter 1:5-7)



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Blessed is he who **reads** and those who **hear**
the words of this prophecy,
and **keep** those things which are **written** in it;
for the time is near.

(Revelation 1:3)