



Revelation 13

The Dragon and Two Beasts:

The Beast from the Sea

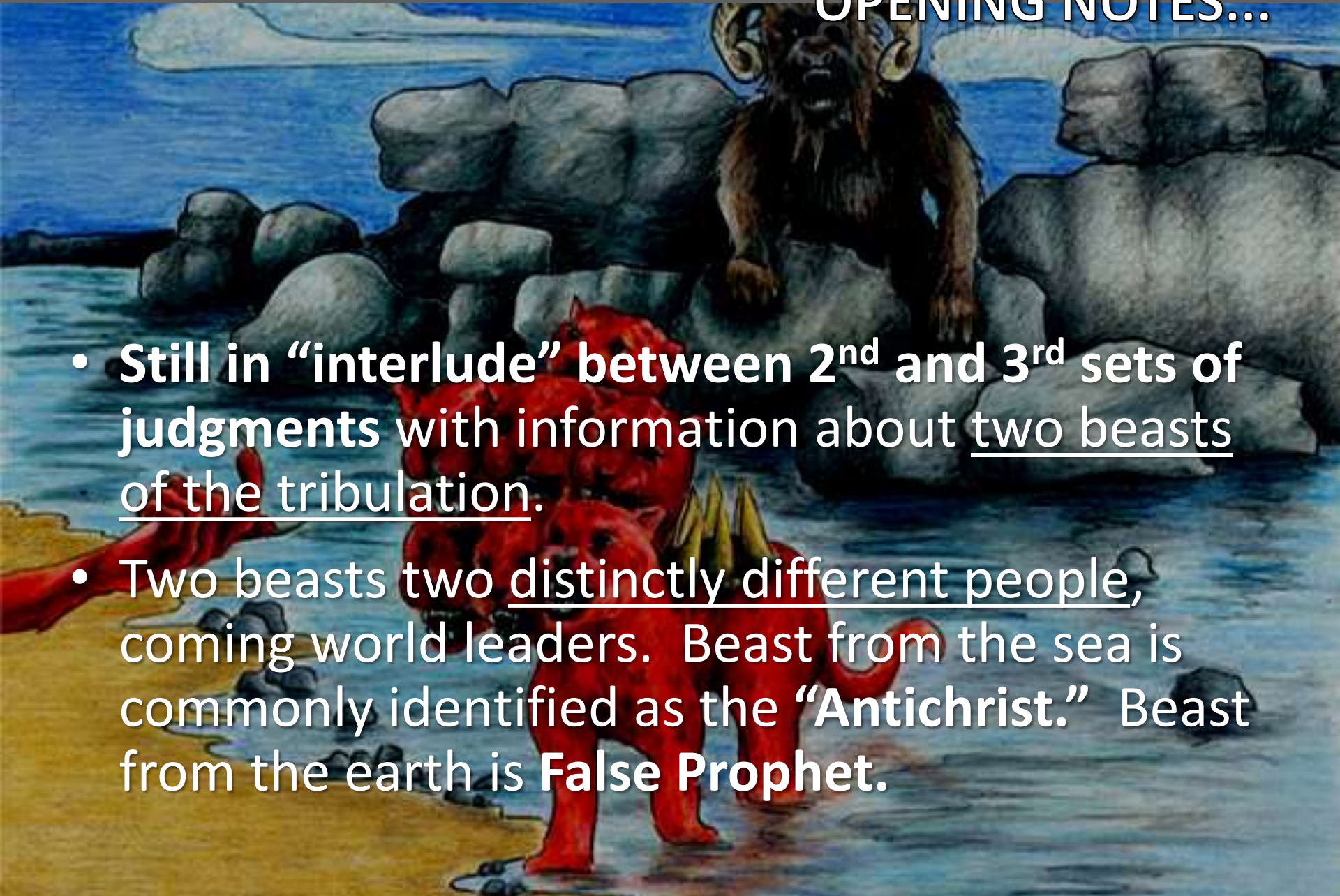
The Beast from the Earth

UNHOLY TRINITY

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OPENING NOTES...

- Still in “interlude” between 2nd and 3rd sets of judgments with information about two beasts of the tribulation.
- Two beasts two distinctly different people, coming world leaders. Beast from the sea is commonly identified as the “Antichrist.” Beast from the earth is **False Prophet**.



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OPENING NOTES...

- Lots of ***negative connotation*** with label “Antichrist,” often misleads people into thinking he will be a monster. He will be, but initially will be seen as only one with answers in a troubling time. Will be charismatic, will deceive masses who will follow him blindly.
- “Anti” in Greek means “opposite,” or “against” or “instead of.” Literally means “*against the anointed One*” or in place of the anointed One = instead of Christ. Interesting to note that the Latin equivalent is “vicar.”

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OPENING NOTES...

- Title Antichrist never used for this final world leader in the book of Revelation. A title we have given, name we can associated with the first beast out of the sea. Final world ruler has many titles in both old and new testaments, the word “antichristos” only used in John’s epistles:



ANTICHRIST

The word "ANTICHRIST" is rendered in a large, ornate, red serif font with a metallic, glowing texture. The letters are set against a dark, textured background that resembles a dense forest of thin, dark trees or a similar natural setting. The overall aesthetic is dramatic and ominous.

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“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour...Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. (1 John 2:18, 22-23)

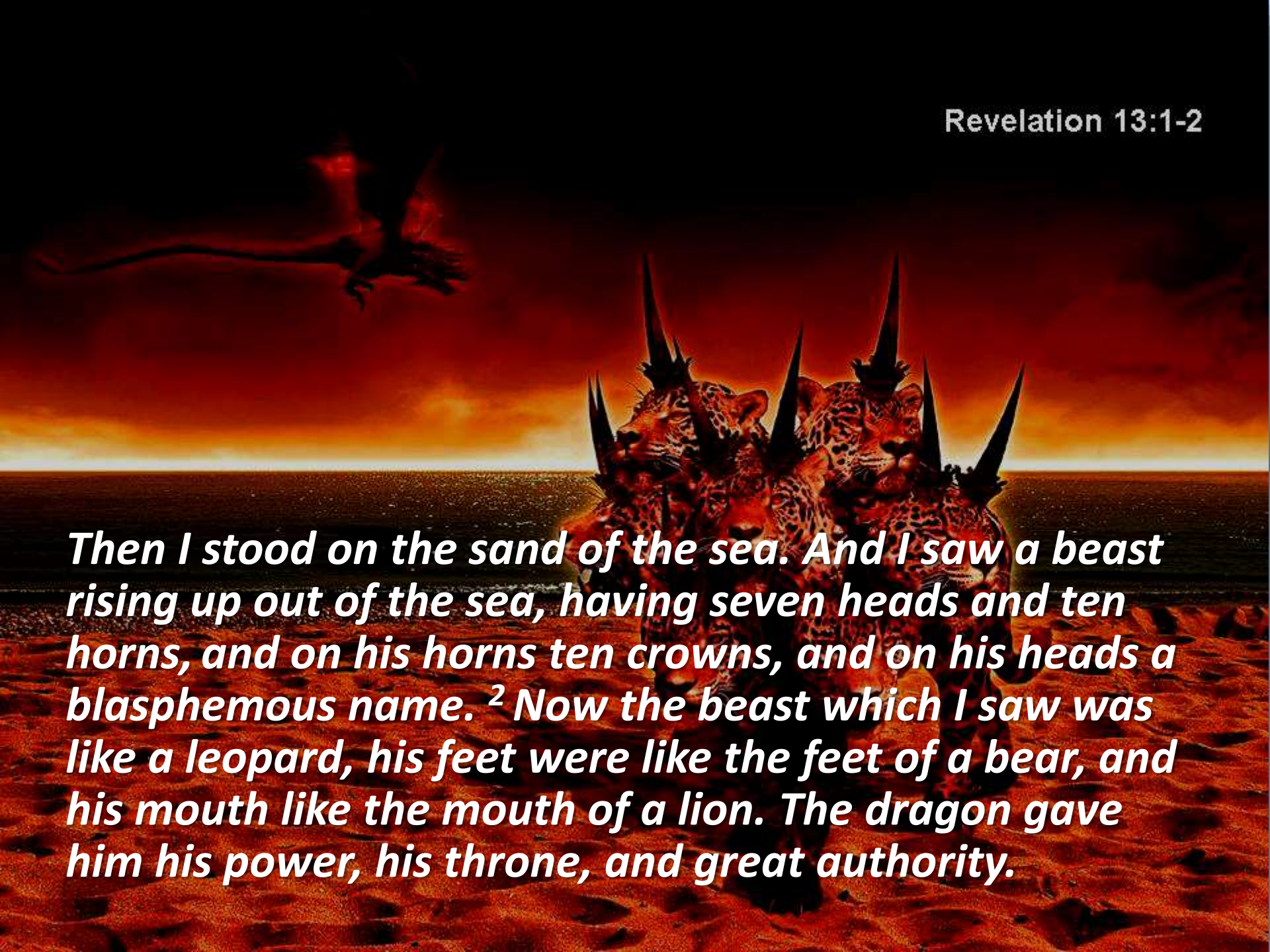
“...and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.” (1 John 4:3)

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OPENING NOTES...

“For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.” (2 John 1:7)


- Perhaps one of most difficult chapters to interpret.
- Many spent lifetimes trying to determine who beast from the sea and beast from the land is. To discuss all the commentary on this one subject alone would take years. We are trying to **limit our discussion to what we know**, not what could be.



Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

Beast from the Sea

NOTES...

A photograph of a spiral-bound notebook with a pencil resting on it. The notebook is open to a blank, lined page. The pencil is positioned diagonally across the top right of the page. The spiral binding is visible on the left side of the notebook. The background is a solid light green color.

It might be time to start making a LONG list of the characteristics of this beast...


DESCRIPTION (so far):

- ✓ Beast
- ✓ Out of the sea
- ✓ 7 heads
- ✓ 10 horns
- ✓ 10 crowns on horns
- ✓ Blasphemous name on head
- ✓ *Like* a leopard
- ✓ Feet *like* a bear
- ✓ Mouth *like* a lion
- ✓ Power, throne and great authority from dragon (enemy)



Beast from the Sea

NOTES...

A photograph of a spiral-bound notebook with a pencil resting on it. The notebook is open to a blank page with horizontal lines. The pencil is a standard wooden pencil, sharpened at the tip. The spiral binding is on the left side of the page. The background is a solid light green color.

Make your own list,
and keep adding to it
as we go...

*(some make a “list”
through artwork...)*







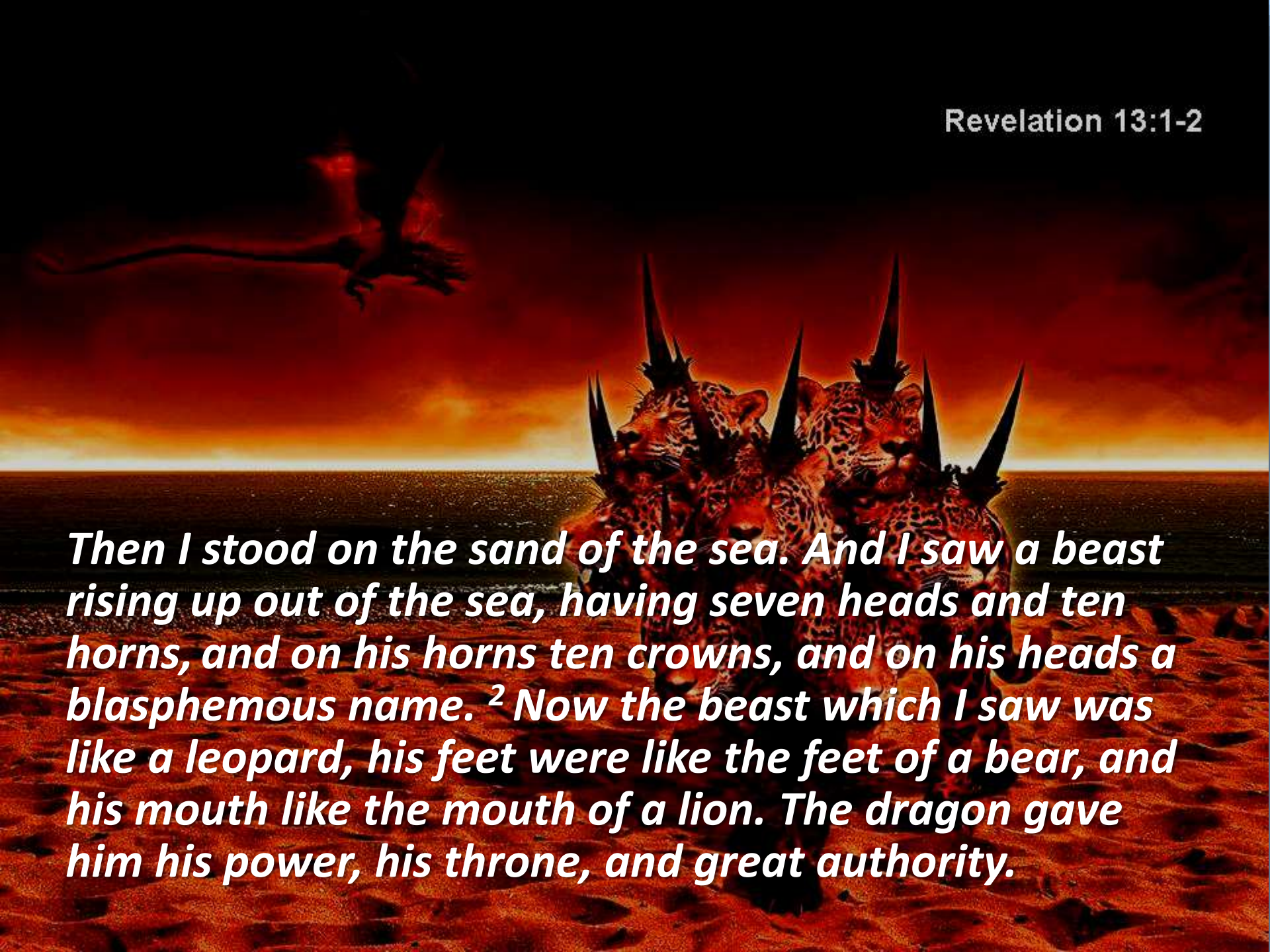






Here you go.

Cool, thanks.



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- “**beast**” –*therion* in Greek, specifically a wild, dangerous beast or beast of prey. (*not same word used for the living creatures*).
- Know this beast is final world ruler, will call him “antichrist” even though title not used in book of Revelation.
- Many believe reference to “**sea**” is reference to **Mediterranean**, but more symbolically to “sea of people” or humanity in general.
- Others say this references specifically Gentile nations, and therefore beast is a Gentile.

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- Others have different ideas, say this beast is a Jew, and sea represents ALL peoples, not just Gentiles. There are scriptural references that can be used to defend both positions – one reason why this is such a difficult identity to interpret.
- ***“...having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”*** Interpreting this difficult passage requires understanding of the Old Testament, in particular, the book of Daniel (*especially Daniel chapters 2 and 7*).

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“...having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”

- Likely interpretation, seven heads represent 7 world kingdoms (empires) throughout history: **Sumeria, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome.**



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- Exact determination of world powers also debated. Some leave out Sumeria, and add Medes and Persians as separate kingdoms. Some add so-called “Islamic Empire.” However they are labeled, they are **most likely world kingdoms (Gentile)**.



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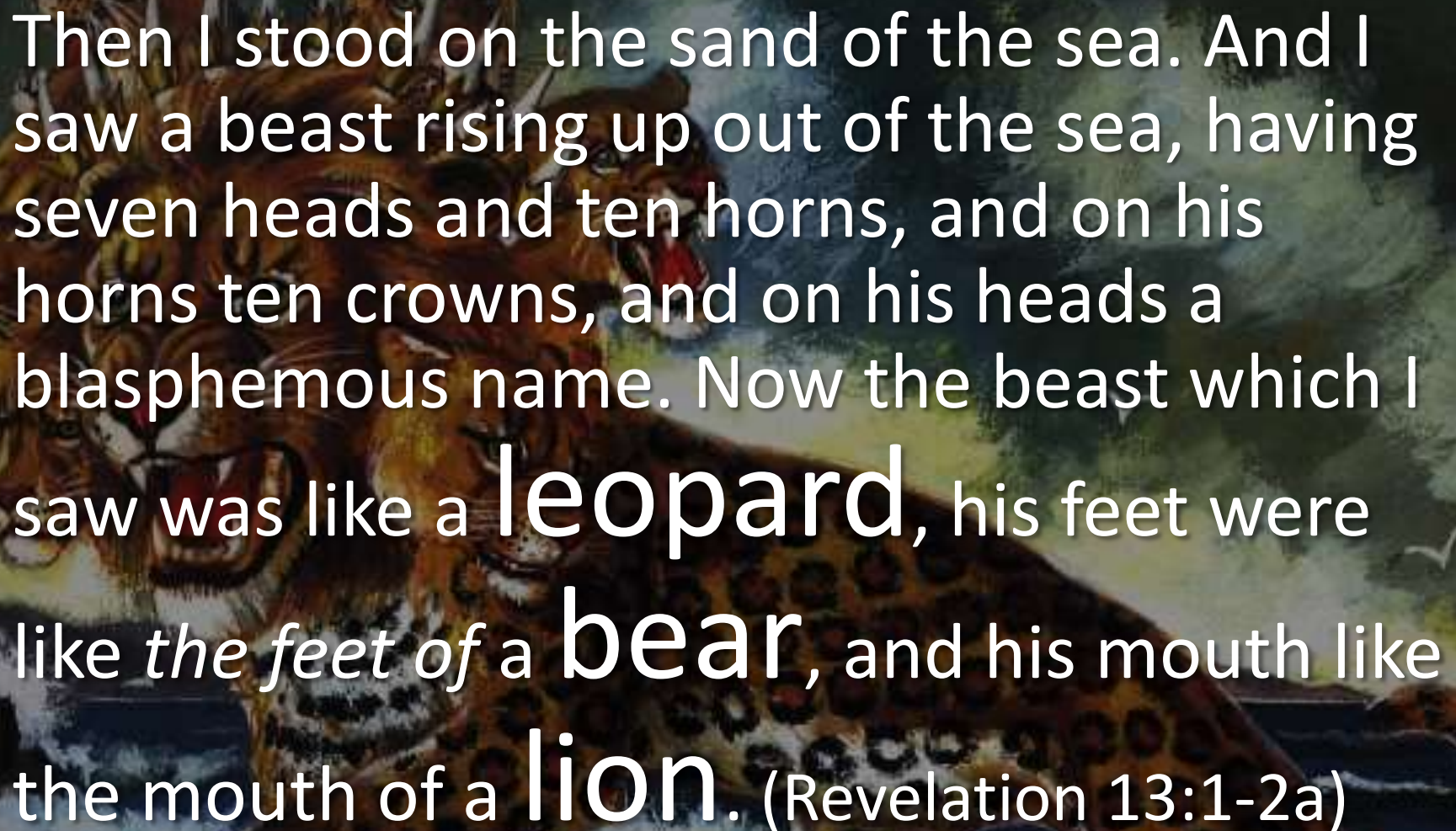
- **Rome not two different empires.** It is one, *(though may be different divisions)* not conquered like others, will rise again in some form. *(There is currently a lot of discussion and speculation about this, more later...)*
- *Remember from Daniel the dreams make it clear there are only 4 parts to the statue, and 4 beasts seen by Daniel (not 5).*
- **Gap in time** between two phases of one empire (legs of iron, transitioning to 10 toes of iron and clay.) *Speculation* = final world empire will consist of 10 regions. *There is much speculation we will discuss later.*

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² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.



**Leopard
Bear
Lion
Dragon**



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THIS BEAST IS A TERRIFYING COMBINATION OF ALL THE EVIL OF HUMAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE GONE BEFORE IT....

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- Each horn has a **crown**, *possibly* indicating 10 regional kings. From Daniel we know the “little horn” (antichrist) will supplant 3 other horns, rising to power, and will eventually receive all power. *(We will take up the “Little Horn” later.)*
- Little horn blasphemes God and His people, hence blasphemous name.



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- To understand this vision of John's, **it is important to understand several portions of the book of Daniel.** *(Which we covered last week.)*
- For review purposes, we need to revisit Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel chapter 2, and Daniel's dream in Daniel chapter 7.
- The dream of Nebuchadnezzar represents **world empires** from that moment until the end of time. These are GENTILE kingdoms.

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- **Head of gold** = Babylon
- **Shoulders and arms of silver** = Medes and Persians (*Persian Empire eventually*)
- **Belly and thighs of bronze** = Greece (*Greek Empire*)
- **Legs of iron** = Roman Empire, *later divided*
- **Feet and toes partly of clay and partly of iron** = both brutal strength and mortal weakness in last days empire. (*Clay + iron don't mix, will crumble*)
- **Stone that crushes statue** = Messiah (Jesus), His Kingdom will fill earth. *No human governments arise after this point.* Statue is how man sees world empires—dazzling, brilliant, awesome, powerful. God has different idea in Chapter 7.



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Daniel Chapter 7: The 4 Beasts in a Vision:

- Lion, a bear, a leopard and a “terrible” beast
- 4 beasts correlate to statue in chapter 2.
- Winged lion = Babylon,
Bear with 3 ribs in mouth = Persia, Winged leopard = Alexander the Great and the subsequent Greek Empire, “terrible” beast is the Roman Empire.
- This is how *God sees man’s government*:
blood thirsty, violent, “beastly!”



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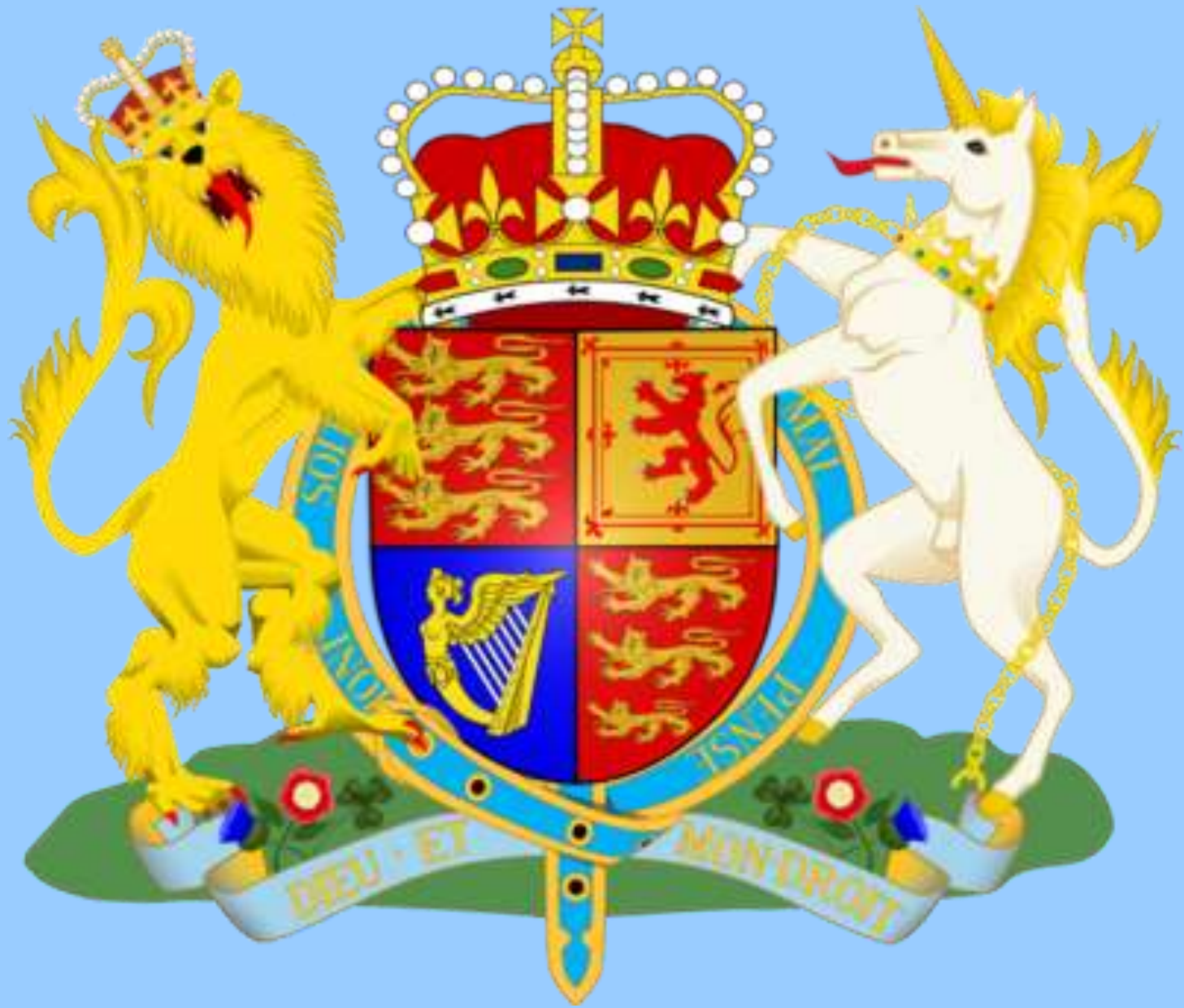
- World history shows how accurately prophecies in Daniel have been fulfilled.
- **Terrible beast (Roman Empire) was never conquered.** Will be “revived” in the end times in some sort of coalition of power with 10 “heads.”
- Beast in Daniel has 10 horns, and beast from the sea in Revelation 13 has 10 horns on 7 heads. *(10 toes in statue above)*
- It is common speculation then that the 7 heads are world empires, leading up to the final world power. ***The worst of man’s evil heart.***

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- Some speculate beasts in Daniel 7 may have DUAL identities, may represent both ancient empires, AND more current empires on the geo-political stage at end of time.

For example?

- **Lion** = British Empire, (maybe even US), as well as ancient Babylon.
- **Bear** = Russia, as well as ancient Persia
- **Leopard** = Russian-Arab States alliance against Israel, as well as ancient Greece.

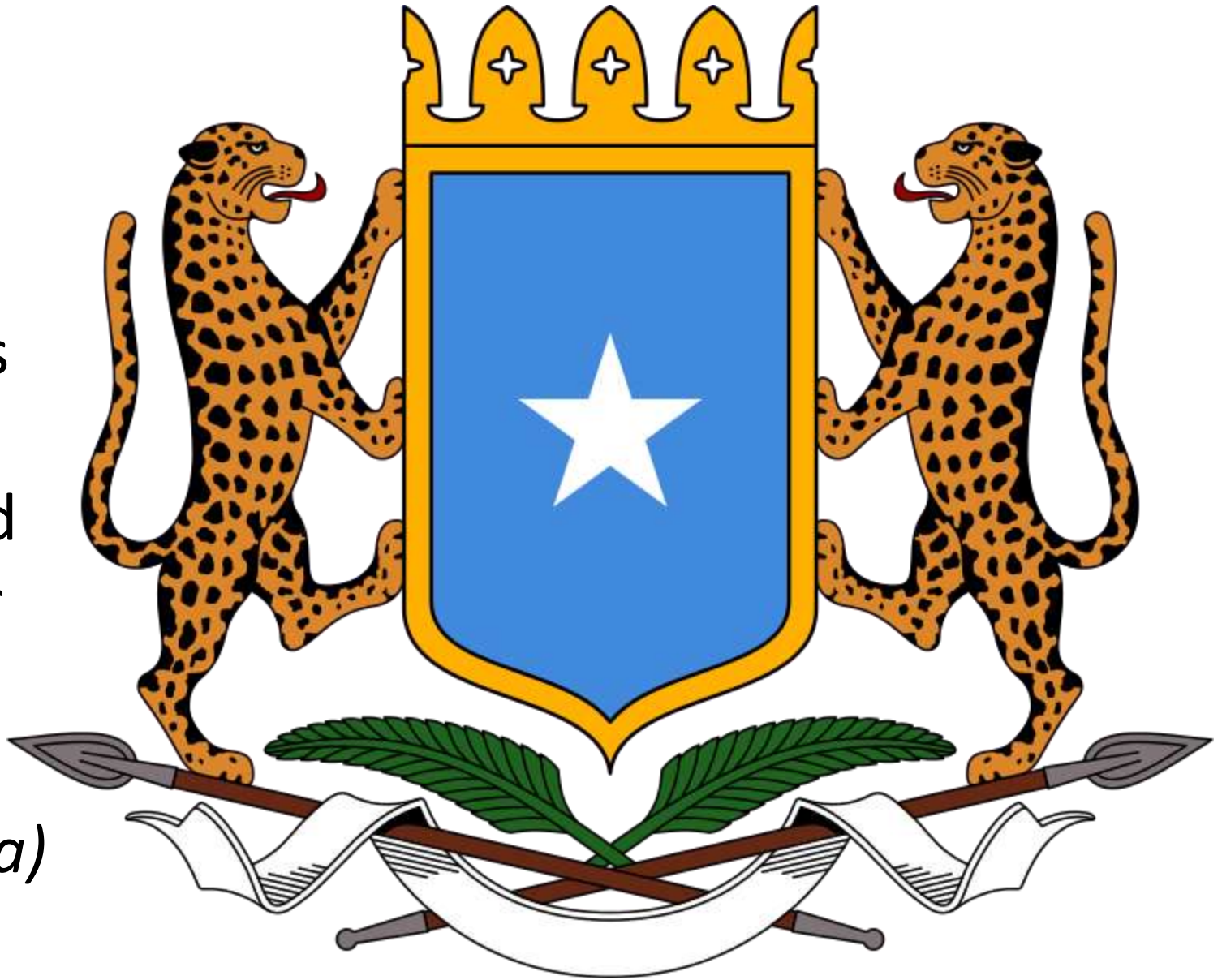


British Monarchy Coat of Arms



The Russian Bear???

Most
African
nations
have a
leopard
in their
seals...
*(this is
Somalia)*



But then, so do many Russian states...



Bishkek



Astana, Kazakhstan



Shushensky,
Krasnoyarsk Krai



Almaty, Kazakhstan



Tatarstan



Samarkand



Soyot Community,
Buryatia



We just don't know what this looks like yet..



Just for the sake
of information,
consider the seal
developed for
Prince Charles.

Prince Charles Philip Arthur George

Born November 14, 1948

Father: Duke of Edinburgh Philip Mountbatten

Mother: Queen Elizabeth

Your Adversary, the Devil
as a roaring Lion walketh
about seeking whom he
may devour.

-1 Peter 5:8

Judah is a Lion's whelp; who shall
rouse him up? - Genesis 49:9

"The Little Horn"

"The Eyes of a Man"

Mouth of a Lion

Scottish - Stuart
Merovingian Crown

"Hon Y Soit Qui Mal
Y Pense"

Body of a Leopard

"Curse him who
thinks this is Evil"

Harp of King David

Feet of a Bear

And I saw an Angel
having a great chain
in his hand; And laid
hold on the dragon,
Satan - Rev. 20:1-2

The Great Red Dragon

"Three Kingdoms Plucked
up by the Roots"

SATAN

"Ichi Dien" - I Serve



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- All is ***speculation***, but not unusual for prophecies to have dual fulfillment, a *near and a far fulfillment* in history.
- Also, we see in the beast from the sea in Revelation 13 that all the beasts of Daniel 7 are seen by John in ONE beast that represents the final world power.
- Whatever form it takes, it will come from all previous powers, exhibit many of the same traits, perhaps have roots in former empires, and will display the worst of the evil of mankind's black heart.

Daniel 2



Babylon
605-539 BC

Medo-
Persia
539-331 BC

Grecia
331-168 BC

Rome
168 BC-476 AD

Daniel 7



*Then...*and end time powers? **Now?** No one knows, yet. This beast from the sea will have the lion, bear, leopard and terrible beast all rolled into one. These beasts will be further explained later in Revelation.

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- Interesting to note in Daniel, both ch 2 and 7, order of world empires is as they have been through history: Babylon – Rome (*Sumeria, Egypt and Assyria were in power before Daniel's vision*).
- In Revelation, John speaks of them **in the reverse order**, from Greece backwards (leopard, bear, lion). **Daniel was looking forward. John is looking backward.** At the time of this writing, Rome was in power. (*"...like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion."* Revelation 13)

DANIEL



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Need to look at a few other places in Daniel for more information about this final world ruler:

Daniel Chapter 8:23-25 *“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without human means.”*

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This speaks of **Antiochus Epiphanes**, a despotic ruler of the Seleucid Dynasty, an offshoot of the Greek Empire. He is a **TYPE** for the coming end times final ruler – **THE Antichrist**. These verses will have end time fulfillment as well.



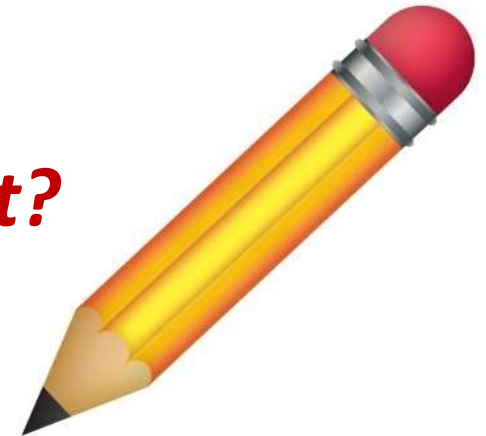
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Daniel 9:26-27 *“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”*

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Daniel 11:36 *“Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.”* (through end of chapter)

Are you keeping your list current?



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NOTES...

- King will rise end of time (When sins reach fullness)
- Fierce features
- Understands sinister schemes
- Mighty power (but not his own)
- Will destroy fearfully
- Will prosper and thrive
- Will destroy the mighty
- Will also destroy "holy people"
- Cunning, deceit will prosper
- Will exalt himself
- Will destroy many including powerful
- Will rise against Prince of princes
- Will be broken without human means

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- By peace will destroy many
- Will be broken without human means
- Will confirm a covenant with many for one week (7 years)
- Will break it in middle (3 ½ years)
- Will bring an end to sacrifice and offering (temple worship)
- Will cause abomination of desolation until end
- Will do whatever he wants
- Will exalt and magnify himself above every god
- Will speak blasphemies against Elohim
- Will prosper until wrath accomplished

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CAUTION: As we seek to identify this beast and his final world power, we cannot always be sure of what we are looking to in the future. In today's world, geopolitical boundaries are changing so frequently we should not jump to conclusions. Our ideas of a "revived Roman Empire" may look nothing like we think they will. There are many issues and conditions at play today, including the rise of Islam, that may alter our "speculations." Wherever we can, we should stick to God's Word and not wander off into un-based speculation of the future.

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As the European Union was forming, and keeps changing, many have speculated about its role in end times and leapt to erroneous conclusions. Just keep watching, and knowing what the Word says about these times (*keep checking your list!*).

It is **likely that we cannot know these identities yet**. The people who need this book the most will be those who live through these times, so they can look at their current events and see prophecy fulfilled.

SPECULATION CAN BE DANGEROUS!!

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“The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.” (last part of 13:2)

There is no difficulty interpreting this statement. We know the identity of the dragon. It is the enemy, HaSatan. We therefore know that antichrist receives all that he has from The Accuser.