

Revelation 13:1-10 (HCSB)

The Beast from the Sea

¹ And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea. He had 10 horns and seven heads. On his horns were 10 diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. ² The beast I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like a bear's, and his mouth was like a lion's mouth. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ³ One of his heads appeared to be fatally wounded, but his fatal wound was healed. The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. ⁴ They worshiped the dragon because he gave authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to wage war against him?"

⁵ A mouth was given to him to speak boasts and blasphemies. He was also given authority to act for 42 months. ⁶ He began to speak blasphemies against God: to blaspheme His name and His dwelling—those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ And he was permitted to wage war against the saints and to conquer them. He was also given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation. ⁸ All those who live on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name was not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered.

⁹ If anyone has an ear, he should listen:

¹⁰ If anyone is destined for captivity, into captivity he goes. If anyone is to be killed with a sword, with a sword he will be killed.

This demands the perseverance and faith of the saints.

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A. How He Originates, v. 1a

B. How He Operates, vv. 1b-2a

1. Seven _____ --

- The significance of Revelation 17 --

2. Ten _____ --

3. Ten _____ --

4. _____ Names --

- The significance of Daniel 7 --

5. Body like a _____ --

6. Feet like a _____ --

7. Mouth like a _____ --

8. Called a _____ --

C. How He Officiates, v. 2b

1. His _____ --

2. His _____ --

3. Great _____ --

II. THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BEAST, vv. 3-4

A. He Receives the World’s _____, v. 3

B. He Receives the World’s _____, v. 4

III. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BEAST, vv. 5-8

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C. He _____ the _____, v. 8

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