

The Beast from the Land: Revelation 13

Because of the chronology and symbols confirmed in the Bible, it is very easy to identify the second beast of Revelation 13. It is a political power (a.11: *beast*) that rose in a largely unpopulated area (a.11: *land*) around 1798 (a. 3: *month round of Papacy*) with a government based on the two powerful (a.11: *two horns*) concepts of freewill (a.11: *lamb*), religious and political freedom, that will end up taking all freedom away (a.11: *speaks like a dragon*). It will be a global superpower (a.12: *power of first beast*) who will work miracles for the whole world (a.13: *great wonders*) and will then lead the world to enforce a day of worship (a.14: *image of first beast*). It will give power back to the Papacy (a.15: *Beast from the Sea*) so that it may speak, ultimately ostracizing those who disobey (a.16: *Mark of the Beast*) and condemning all them to death (a.15: *death decree*) that keep the true Sabbath and follow the truth Jesus.

The Papacy (Beast from the Sea), USA (Beast from the Earth), and spiritualism will be the three-fold attack on the remnant of God.

The Two Witnesses: Revelation 11

Throughout the Bible, the Word of God is often portrayed with a dual image. The Ten Commandments were written on two tables of stone and the Word is called a sword with two edges. To show this image, two prominent individuals are living symbols of the Word of God: Moses (law) and Elijah (prophets).

- Mark 9:4 – these two are who visited Jesus during the _____
- Matthew 5:17 – Jesus says “I am not come to destroy the law or the prophets”

As a symbol of _____, Jesus stands glorified, flanked on the right and left by the two greatest heroes of ancient Israel: Moses and Elijah. These are the two witnesses personified—it is the Word of God: the law and the prophets.

The Beast from the Abyss: Revelation 11

The Word of God (a.3: *two witnesses*) testified secretly during the time of the Middle Ages (a.3: *clothed in sackcloth for 1,260 days*). Right after this, there spread around the modern world the ideals of the French Revolution (a.7: *Beast from the Abyss*) that cast down the Bible and made atheism the societal norm (a.7: *killed the witnesses*), uplifting reason, human wisdom, as the true god, demonstrating two spirits: the **Sodom**: _____ and **Egypt**: who is _____!

- Lamark _____
- Comte _____
- Voltaire _____
- Rousseau _____
- Marquis de Sade _____
- Paganism _____

In the Louisiana Purchase 1803, New Orleans was the capital for the new African, syncretic religion of “Voodoo” used for unity among the slaves. The drum is one of the main characteristics of this religion and was a holy instrument that brought syncretism, connecting the spirits of the gods to the bodies of the practitioners; the spirits would ride the bodies of the practitioners. In order to fool their slave masters, they began to put Christian words over their evil music.

Music has been used through compromise to bring the principles of Sodom and Egypt into our homes, our popular culture, and even into our church.

- Ragtime → Rhythm&Blues → Jazz → Rock&Roll → Reggae → Rap → Popular

Big Picture Bible Study

No. 08: The Beginning of the Time of the End

By developing a pattern of events from the past, we can understand the future.

The Three Angels' Messages: Revelation 14

At the end of the 2,300 days prophecy, William Miller and his companions went through a purification process. From biblical discovery to evangelism, great disappointment to greater understanding, the Millerite experience developed a purified church. They sought to spread the Three Angels' Messages (3AM):

- 1AM (Rev. 14:6-7): Fear God, give Him glory, worship Him alone for the hour of His judgment has come. **There is a _____**
- 2AM (Rev. 14:8): Babylon, the great city of the unfaithful church, is fallen because she has broken her commitment. **There is a _____**
- 3AM (Rev. 14:9-12): If anyone worships the beast or receives his mark, he will receive the undiluted wrath of God. The patient righteous will be they who follow the 10C and have the faith of Jesus. **Choose _____**

The 3AM is the final call to enter the ark before the destruction of the world, just like Noah, except ours is the Ark of the Covenant with the _____

The Seven Thunders: Revelation 10

At the end of time, when the measure of mankind's iniquity is full, the probation time that God given for us to accept His grace will come to a close. At this point, every person's decision to accept or reject God's grace and law will be final. This will happen just before the Second Coming of Jesus and marks the end of the investigative judgment in Heaven. This is our first reference point for building a timeline for the chronology end time events.

- Daniel 12:1 – what Jesus Christ _____ at the close of probation (COP)
- Revelation 22:11 – what Jesus Christ _____ at the close of probation

The verse directly preceding the COP indicates that the message of Revelation is to be sealed no longer—there is only one thing in Revelation that is sealed...

- Revelation 10:1-4 – The Seven Thunders were _____ and not recorded

We can see from the chronology that the 7th message comes between the sixth and seventh trumpets. EGW gives us further insight: the 7th were a delineation of _____ during the Millerite movement. The purification process of the Millerite experience is a pattern that will be repeated by the final church during the last days. The 2,300 days was unsealed for the Millerites and they ate the bittersweet book (Rev. 10:8-10); the 7th are unsealed just before the Close of Probation and end time church will be purified in similar fashion.

- The _____ experience is a parallel of the experience of the _____

By understanding their experience of disappointment and testing, we build faith and prepare to go through testing of our own.

The Millerite Experience – A Biblical Pattern

The same message of the Midnight Cry (1840-1844) that led the Millerites out of the other churches that still had residual paganism and papalism (1AM & 2AM) will be the same message of the Loud Cry (end times) that will call people out of Babylon (full 3AM). The 46 years between the end of the 1,260 days _____ and the end of the 2,300 days _____ was characterized by an explosion of understanding, and these messages of truth and prophecy will be repeated.

The 2,520 Days – The Forgotten Prophecy

During the Millerite experience, they were studying prophecy, especially Daniel. They found the answer to the 2,300 days (Dan. 8) in the 70 weeks (Dan. 9). But they also discovered something else: the curse poured out on literal Israel.

- **Daniel 9:11** – Daniel says the curse is written in the _____

In their study, the Millerites discovered that indeed there was a curse that God had warned Israel about, saying that if they broke the covenant to the point of filling up the measure of iniquity they would get _____ of punishment. This is an example of a conditional prophecy: an “if-then” prophecy (Ex. 19:5-6). The same prophetic nomenclature is used twice in the Bible for confirmation:

- _____ – punishment for Israel rejecting God and His covenant
- _____ – punishment over king Nebuchadnezzar ignoring God

The Kingdom of Israel

- **II Kn. 17:13** – God gives warning
- **II Kn. 17:14-16** – covenant is broken
- **II Kn. 17:6-8** – carried to Assyria

The Kingdom of Judah

- **II Chr. 33:10** – God gives warning
- **II Chr. 33:7-9** – covenant is broken
- **II Kn. 33:11** – carried to Babylon

The 2,520 began in 723 B.C.

The 2,520 began in 677 B.C.

Both kingdoms of God broke the covenant and filled up the measure of iniquity that was measured for them. How many years between the two dates: _____

- The Southern Kingdom of Judah—677 B.C. plus 2,520 years: _____
- The Northern Kingdom of Israel—723 B.C. plus 2,520 years: _____

This is incredible! The working of God’s hand in the scattering of literal Israel is still seen more than two and half millennia later in the gathering of Spiritual Israel. In the _____ efforts to spread the truth had but little effect; but in the _____ efforts to spread the truth will have great effect.

The Millerite experience perfectly illustrates the time when the 144,000 are developed—God’s church will have the same message.

The Great Controversy: Revelation 12

The climactic book of the Bible is Revelation; the climactic chapter is 12; the climactic verse is 17. Here we see Jesus in almost hand-to-hand combat with Satan. The object of this great controversy is the Church of God on earth, called the _____ of the seed of the woman. Matthew 24 is where Jesus describes this exact end time struggle. He compares it to two very interesting, understandable, and telling metaphors.

- **Matthew 24:8** – the end of times is like birth pains or _____
- **Matthew 24:32** – the end of times will also be like a _____ fig tree

Both are _____, and _____. They are increasing in frequency and intensity, pointing viewers forward to a great event.

Revelation 12:17 “Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”

The Two Beasts of Revelation 13

The dividing issue in the end of times is _____. The deception will be a betrayal from within the church not an opposition from outside. But Satan knows that no one would worship him, so he sets up the antichrist as a frontman; he gives his power, throne, and authority. When the antichrist is worshipped, who really is being worshipped: Satan. This is worship by representation.

- We worship God through Jesus
- The Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- God’s city: New Jerusalem
- God’s people: Chaste woman (Rev. 12)
- Satan worshipped through the beast
- Dragon, false prophet, the beast
- Satan’s city: Spiritual Babylon
- Satan’s people: Harlot woman (Rev. 17)

Satan has imitated Jesus in everything that he does. This is the concept behind the **Beast from the Sea** in Rev. 13—this is the antichrist or “replacement” Christ.

True Jesus Christ (Biblical Account) Beast from the Sea (Revelation 13)

- Began earthly ministry by rising from water in baptism (Mat. 3:16-17)
- Resembles the Father in His express image (Jn. 14:9; Heb. 1:1-3)
- Has horns and crowns (Rev. 19:12; Rev. 5:5) – kingly (crown) power (horn)
- Receives His authority from God the Father (Mat. 28:18)
- Was slain and resurrected and many worshipped Him after (Mat. 28:17)
- His ministry lasted for 3½ years
- Has universal authority (Mat. 28:18)
- 131 – rises from the water to begin mission to deceive and destroy
- 132 – resembles his father Satan: the dragon from Revelation _____
- 132 – seven heads, 10 horns, crowns on horns just like dragon (Rev. 12:3)
- 132 – the dragon gave the antichrist beast his power, throne, authority
- 133-4 – deadly wound is healed and world worships _____ by him
- 135 – power given for _____
- 137-8 – authority over all nations

The plan of Satan (through the antichrist) is to obscure the person and place of Jesus, and thus compromise or prevent altogether our relationship with Him.

- **John 17:3** – Eternal life is to _____ the only true God, and Jesus Christ

Salvation is based on a relationship of love and commitment between an individual and God. The essence of deception is that one doesn’t know that he or she is being deceived. So a person may actually believe that he has a relationship with God, when, in reality, he has been deceived by the antichrist. The Bible is the only cure for deception. Our relationship with God must be based on love and truth—Biblical truth!

The Beast from the Sea is the same RCS religio-political system.