

Revelation 13:1-10: The Leopard Like Beast (LLB)

Overview: The leopard like beast provides vital information not revealed by the non-descript beast of Daniel 7, thus Revelation is seen to be the complement of Daniel.

Prayer Thought: *Testimonies for Ministers*, p. 114

Text for Study: **Revelation 13:1-10** (see chart on next page)

What does the Non-Descript Beast (NDB) reveal?

- **Dan. 7:24**—in its first stage ten kings were to arise out of the breakup of the Roman Empire.
- **Dan. 7:24, 25**—In its second stage the Papacy arises and subdues 3 kings—persecutes the saints 1260 years.

What does the Non-Descript Beast *not* reveal?

- The fall of the papacy
- The Reformation
- The rise of Protestantism

What does the Leopard-Like Beast (LLB) actually reveal?

- The fall of the Roman monarchy
- The Reformation
- The wound to the Papacy
- The rise of Protestantism
- The captivity of the Pope

Comparative Facts

- **Rev. 13:1**—the LLB arises out of the sea like the beasts of Daniel 7. Created by the same conditions involving war and commotions between the nations (**GC 440**).
- The LLB continues the line of the NDB corresponding to the time of the ten toes of Daniel 2, *our present world in a divided state* (**1 T 361**).
- It has the same number of horns as the NDB but reveals the Roman Empire *after* the fall of the Papacy.
- Since the three horns of the NDB were plucked out by the roots, they were not reinstated as kings. The biblical number of *seven* horns signifies that the papacy was to have complete sway over the entire Christian world. Thus the horns on the LLB are not the old kings reinstated.
- The LLB is the fifth universal beast. The NDB, the LLB, and the SCB with their ten horns are all universal beasts, covering the entire NT era.
- He is a composite beast comprised of parts of all the previous beasts.

- Arriving after the fall of imperial Rome, he overlaps the second stage of the NDB (the time of the papacy), covering 3 periods: *Before, During, and After* the deadly wound.
- Daniel in vision saw what the LLB was to do. John saw it in its closing act (the time the deadly wound was healed)—what the beast had done.
- **Dan. 7:25, Rev. 13:5**—Both the LLB and the NDB (2nd stage) ruled during the same period, 1260 years. The first beast reveals her tyrannical authority, the second her downfall.

The LLB could not be the Papacy in its entirety because:

- The LLB has only one wounded head, there are six other unharmed heads represented other religious bodies—the Protestant churches.
- It has horns denoted civil powers. Ten shows universality.
- The horns are crowned which shows that the nations have their own authority apart from the papacy—shows the separation of church and state.
- The LLB beast is a composite and descendent of the previous beasts of Daniel 7, indicating a world power having the make up of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome. This does not describe the Papacy which *was not* and *is not* a universal power.

Symbols on the Beasts and their Significance:

- **Crowns**—kingly authority and rulership
- **Horns**—**Dan. 8:21-22**—Civil powers. The papacy lost its ecclesiastical power and no longer a church-state power after the 1260 years. At this time the horns of the LLB became crowned. The ten horns of the NDB now received their kingdoms, a process that began at the reformation.
- **Heads**—**Rev. 17:9**—represent the religious side of the world.
- **Blasphemy**—**Isa. 4:1, Rev. 2:9**—over the heads speaks of hypocrisy.
- **Seven**—represents completeness (**AA 585**)—includes the SDA church.
- The LLB represents our present world today, especially the western English speaking Protestant nations.
- **The wounded head**—Represents the papacy. The wound was inflicted (religious aspect) with the preaching of Martin Luther (**GC 142, 155, 162, 190, 1 T 373**). What was fulfilled in 1798 was the culmination of the wounding process (an outward physical sign) and **Rev. 13:10, GC 439**. The civil power of the Vatican was formally disposed in 1870 by the Italian government.
- **The healing of the deadly wound**—occurs in three stages.
 - i. Religious: 1890—the S. D. A. church fails to fully accept the message that wound have closed the gospel (**TM 91, 92**).
 - ii. Civil power healed: February 11th, 1929—signing of the Lateran treaty.
 - iii. Church and state reunite: yet future—the mark of the beast.
- **All the World Wondered after the Beast**—The world wondered after the beast, *not* the head that received the deadly wound. This shows that all of the churches, including Laodicea have partaken after the spirit of the beast, worldliness. The name “Blasphemy” over all the heads appropriately describes the hypocrisy of the

churches today. The keeping of various pagan customs (Christmas, Easter, Valentines, etc.) is further proof.

- **Who is able to make war with the beast?** — A challenge is made. Who can match the system (Western civilization) primarily composed of Catholicism, apostate Protestantism, and capitalism, and so-called democracy. The current nature of the United Nations is an example of this system and this challenge.

Summary:

- The LLB is seen *not* to be a representation of the Papacy, but of our present world today comprised of many churches and governments under their own authority.
- It descended from two phases of the Roman empire, Pagan and Papal.
- This beast shows the rise of Protestantism and the fall of the Papacy.

Further Reading: [Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2, pp. 85 - 106.](#)

