

Revelation 13

The Beast, the Lamb, and the
Perseverance of the Saints.

The Dragon's Counterfeit: Understanding the Beast of Revelation 13

To explain the symbolic nature of the Beast, its role as a satanic counterfeit, and how believers are called to persevere.



THE STRATEGY OF DECEPTION

THE COUNTERFEIT RESURRECTION:

Just as the Lamb was slain, one of the Beast's heads appears fatally wounded yet healed, creating a "fever dream" imitation to win the world's amazement and worship.



EMPOWERED BY THE DRAGON

A HYBRID OF WORLDLY POWER

Rising from the sea with seven heads and ten horns, the Beast combines the leopard, bear, and lion imagery from Daniel 7 to represent a fusion of earthly empires opposed to God.



THE COUNTERFEIT VS. THE REAL

 THE BEAST (THE COUNTERFEIT)	VS.	JESUS CHRIST (THE LAMB) 
SACRIFICE: Only appears to be slain	~	✓ Was truly slain for sin
RESURRECTION: A counterfeit, deceptive healing	✗ ~	✓ Truly rose from the dead
AUTHORITY: Borrowed and permitted by God	✗ ~	✓ Possesses all authority in heaven and earth
WORSHIP: Receives false worship via idolatry	✗ ~	✓ Alone is worthy of true worship
OUTCOME: Offers enslavement and destruction	✗ ~	✓ Offers true freedom and everlasting life



THE "SHRINKING" OF CHRISTIANITY

In the West, the Beast often works subtly by reducing faith to polite values and lip service while pushing Jesus to the margins of money, relationships, and priorities.



A RECURRING HISTORICAL PATTERN

From the stoning of Stephen in Acts to modern-day massacres in the Congo and Nigeria, the Beast represents the ongoing use of power to silence or kill the people of God.

THE HOPE OF THE SAINTS

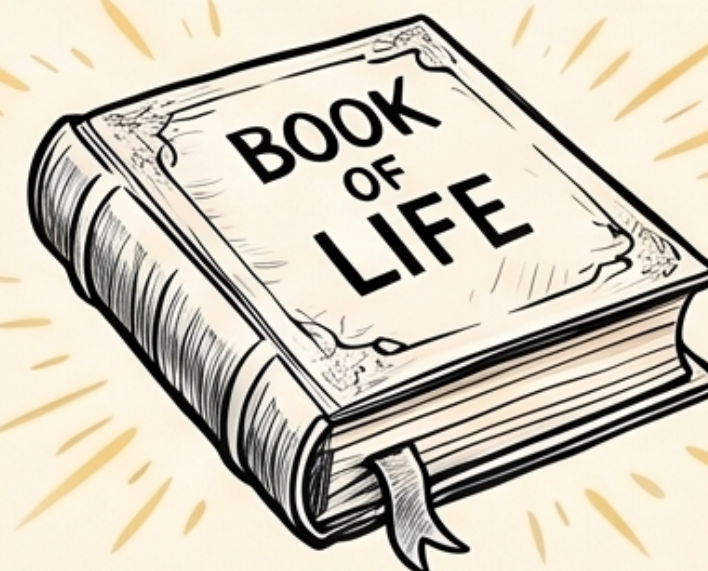
"WHO IS LIKE THE BEAST?"

The world's worship is captured by the illusion of the Beast's invincibility and its ability to offer fleeting security and temporary pleasure.



FORTY-TWO MONTHS

This symbolic number signifies that the Beast's reign is temporary and strictly limited by God's sovereign boundaries.



WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE

The names of the faithful were known and loved by God before the foundation of the world, making their future secure regardless of earthly trials.

SUPERNATURAL PERSEVERANCE

Faith is not "gritting one's teeth," but a grace-filled endurance that flows from the Spirit of God dwelling within the believer.



the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:10

The Cosmic Reality: The Battle is Already Won

Christ Enthroned

The Lamb reigns; the victory is secured.

The Accuser Silenced

The accusations against the brethren are defeated by the blood of the Lamb

Satan Cast Down

The dragon is hurled to the earth, filled with fury, knowing his time is short

1 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

Revelation 13:1-2

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BEAST OF REVELATION?

Alex McFarland Warns AI Could
Be the Beast of Revelation

THE SEAT OF THE ANTICHRIST



BIBLE PROPHECY AND
THE EUROPEAN UNION

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The Beast from the Sea



Daniel 7:13-14

**“I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a Son of Man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.
And to Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and men of every
language
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.**

Behind Earthly Powers



Behind it all is the rage of the dragon working through the kingdoms of this world.

The Church Under Pressure

From the Book of Acts, through centuries of church history, to present-day persecution.



Different
Countries.

Different
Ideologies.

Different
Centuries.

But the exact same suffering and persecution.

3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; 4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" 5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

**9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.
10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to
captivity he goes; if anyone kills with
the sword, with the sword he must be
killed. Here is the perseverance and the
faith of the saints.**

Revelation 13:3-10



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CAT BURGERS

SO GOOD, YOU'LL NEVER GUESS!



IT'S NOT
CHICKEN.
IT'S **CAT!**



100%
CAT.
0% CHICKEN.
ALL DELICIOUS.

★ MENU ★	
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	SPICY CAT BURGER \$9.99
	PURR-FECT CAT BURGER \$10.99
	MEOW MEAL (FRIES + DRINK) \$4.99

LOOKS LIKE CHICKEN.
TASTES LIKE CHICKEN.

**ISN'T
CHICKEN.**



The Counterfeit: The Battle for Worship

Satan wants what rightfully belongs to God.



The Beast does not possess true creative power; he merely imitates the Lamb.

He mimics death and resurrection, he mimics authority, and he demands the worship that only the Creator deserves.

**The beast only appears to be slain; Jesus
was truly slain.**

***The beast offers a counterfeit resurrection;
Jesus truly rose from the dead.**

**The beast receives borrowed authority;
Jesus possesses all authority in heaven and
on earth.**

**The beast claims worldwide dominion;
Jesus is the true ruler of the nations.
The beast receives false worship; Jesus
alone is worthy of our worship.**

The Beast

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The Lamb

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**Possesses all authority
in heaven and on earth**

Is the true ruler of the nations

Alone is worthy of worship

**We are half-hearted creatures,
fooling about with drink and
sex and ambition when
infinite joy is offered us.**

The Embodied Call to Persevere



“Christ became
more real than the
prison walls.”

Richard Wurmbrand,
imprisoned for 14 years
for his faith.

Christ does not promise escape from the pressure of the beast,
but He promises the grace to endure it.

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