The Beast out of the Sea

Rev 13: 1-5

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- Revelation 13 is a key of understanding as we look towards the future
  - In this chapter two men are described….
    - One out the “sea” (Vs 1)
    - One out of the ”earth” (Vs 11)
  - These two men will receive their power from Satan himself
    - The beast of the sea…..(Vs 4)
    - The beast of the earth…..(Vs 11)
      - “He spoke as a dragon”

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- Isa 14: 14…….gives us some us some insight into what is happening in Rev chapter 13……
  - Isa 14: 14….Satan said, “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High”
  - In this chapter we see this statement deceitfully being implemented…
    - Instead of Father, Son and Holy Spirit
    - We now see dragon (Satan), beast (Antichrist) and beast of the earth (false prophet)

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- There are various names given throughout Scripture for beast of the sea…..
  - Dan 9: 26….he is called ”prince that shall come”
  - Matt 24: 16….Jesus calls him “the abomination of desolation”
  - II Thess 2: 3….Paul calls him “the man of sin the son of perdition”
- Here are some things we must note…..
  - While the appearance of the dragon and the beast are similar (Compare Rev 12: 3 to Rev 13: 1)
  - They are not the same

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- The dragon is Satan himself (Rev 12: 9)
  - Satan is a powerful angel……
- The beast out of the sea is not an angel
  - Rather he is a man (Rev 13: 18)
- However the characteristics of both are similar….
  - This is because this beast has been given power by the dragon (Vs 2)

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- This passage in Rev 13 is also a fulfillment of prophecy
  - Isa 27: 1….. In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, With His fierce and great and mighty sword, Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; And He will kill the dragon who *lives* in the sea.
- Rev 13: 2….note the description of the composite beast…..
  - Seven heads and ten horns (Rev 17: 9-13 description)
    - Kings and coming kings……
  - Dan 7: 2-7….also speaks of coming beasts
    - Four beasts “up from the sea”….. Mediterranean sea
    - Dan 7: 17…..”from the earth”…..Middle East area

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- We must be careful here or we could error
  - (Dan 2) The four beasts as described in Nebuchnezzar's dream are described as 4 world kingdoms
  - However, the four beasts mentioned in Dan 7 and Rev 13, seem to be all occurring at the same time.
- This requires careful study on our part….
  - First….Dan 7: 2…. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, *the four winds* of the heaven *strove upon the great sea*.
  - How does this apply to us today?

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- The four winds…..north, south, east and west
  - Striving up the great sea????
    - Great sea represents the kingdoms of this world
  - Here is a possible scenario……
    - Dan 7: 4….looks like a lion with wings (west)
      - Could this be Great Britian with its ally….U.S.
    - Dan 7: 5….resembling a bear…..
      - What nation is considered the bear?……Russia (north)
    - Dan 7: 6….the leopard…..yellow with black spots
      - China……..(Rev 16: 12; Dan 11: 44) kings of the (east)

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- Dan 7: 7….the fourth beast….
  - "It devoured and crushed the remaining"
  - It will be partly lion, bear, leopard and dragon…..
  - This will be the last hurrah for the dragon…..
- We must note some differences in Rev 12: 3 and Rev 13: 2
  - Both entities have 7 heads and 10 horns
  - Rev 12: 3…..the 7 heads have crowns on them
  - Rev 13: 2….the 10 horns have 10 crowns

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- Rev 17: 9-10…… 7 kings???
  - The Bible records for us 7 world kingdoms…
    1. Sumeria… under Nimrod with Babel as its head
       - Gen 8: 8-10
    2. Egypt…..Pharoah's……Joseph, Moses…
    3. Assyria….with Tiglath-Pileser as king (II Kings 15: 29)
    4. Babylon…..Isa 14: 4-17….Satan is called "the king of Babyon" (Vs 4)
    5. Medo-Persia….described in Daniel and Esther
    6. Greece…..Alexander the Great…language of N.T.
    7. Rome……Time of Christ…..etc.

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- Which of the 7 kingdoms is to be revived????
  - We do not know…..
  - What is interesting……
  - Many of these “kingdoms” are in the news today
    - Egypt, Iran (Persia) Syria, Iraq (Babylon) Rome….
- But we do know that one of these “heads”
  - Will be “resurrected”
  - But is revival will be spectacular and not ordinary
  - We know that whatever it is, it will serve the purposes of the dragon who empowers the beast
    - It will serve as the capitol of his rule over the nations

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- They worshipped the dragon….
  - Why?
    - Rev 11: 7…..he destroyed those pesky witnesses
    - II Cor 4: 4…. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
    - II Thess 2: 9-12…*Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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- What are we to learn from this passage today?
  - First…..all of what we have discovered today is possible in the world in which we live in
  - Second…..one of the doctrines which stimulated the early church into action was the doctrine of the immanency of Christ's return…..
  - Rom 13: 11-12…. And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.