

Back to the Future: The First Beast from the Sea

What does the sea represent, 1b?

Often the sea represents nations (Matt 13:47; Jeremiah 46:7-8; 47:2), sometimes nations in turmoil (Luke 21:25-26)

What could terrorize nations?

The plagues of Rev 6-9

Nuclear terrorism

Biological terrorism

What does it mean “a beast coming out of the sea, 1b?”

A personality that comes from among the teeming nations

Rev 13:18, 2 Thess 2:3, 4; Dan 8:9, 23

What are ten horns and seven heads, 1c?

See “not so neat” chart

Seven heads

It would seem they are “international leaders” like these below. We are not saying the below are 3 of the seven horns, but the below are leaders of influence who are not elected and the seven horns will be leaders like these.

Osama Bin-Laden

The Pope

Bill Gates

Ten crowns

Nations, national leaders

What did the beast look like, 2a?

See inverse “not so neat” chart

Leopard

With the swiftness of a leopard, Alexander the great conquered the civilized world, Daniel 7:6. After Alexander's death, the kingdom was divided into four parts

Feet like a bear, Daniel 7:5

Powerful, ferocious, but less majestic, swift and glorious

Medo-persian Empire, Cyrus

Mouth like a lion, Daniel 7:1-4

Powerful, majestic, king of the jungle, swift

Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar

What does this mean?

The beast will have the strengths of all these former empires.

Where does this “beast” get his power, 2b?

What does it mean, “One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed,” 3a?

The beast is the fourth beast of Daniel 7:7-8

The Roman Empire

It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns, Daniel 7:7-8

It would appear that the beast is a leader who revives the a “ten nation coalition,” “seven leader” world dominating empire.

Why do men worship the beast?

They think he is “God”

They see the beast of the sea as the “Messiah”

They see the beast from the earth as a type of “Holy Spirit,” 13:11-18

What does the beast do?

Speak blasphemy, 13:5-6

Propaganda

The same thing Satan did in heaven, 12:10c

Make war against saints, 13:7

Kill and destroy many

They will likely be the scapegoat for all that has happened!

Gain the worship of the unsaved world, 13:8

This is a difficult but certain matter, 13:9-10

Which are the ten nations and seven leaders?

We don't know

But be alert to the European Union

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union

The founding nations signing the Treaty of *Rome* in 1957

In 2004, the constitutional treaty was signed *in Rome* by representatives of all EU member states.

The world will be in such a mess that it will easily believe only a “supernatural power” can deliver it

Believers are the problem

The Beast is the solution

So what?

This is closer than you imagine

This calls for 13:10c