

## The Last-days Beasts of Daniel, Isaiah, and John

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The prophecies of Daniel, Isaiah, and John the Revelator address the rising up of a great “beast” in the last-days, empowered by Satan. The beast makes war on the world, destroying “Babylon” (our modern commerce system). He overcomes all nations of the earth for 3.5 years, including the Lord’s people, until a “deliverer” is sent by God to finally defeat him. This occurs officially at Adam-ondi-Ahman, perhaps on Rosh Hashanah of 2017. The Lord allows the beast destroy many of the wicked, while humbling believers into repenting. All three prophets describe a similar last-days beast, but use different wording and symbols to do so. They include:

1. Daniel’s “Image” is a composite beast of last-days kingdoms making war on the world and the God’s people.

2. Isaiah’s “king of Assyria” is the leader of the “beast” whose great army makes war on the world and the Lord’s people.

3. John’s “beast” and “false prophet” may represent Islam initially, the whore riding the beast is Babylon (nations of the west drunk on her wine - wealth and materialism, coming from Arab oil). Later the beast is a combined state and church making war and asserting control, a resurrection of the old Holy Roman Empire (the European Union, coerced to make war on America by Russia, aided by China, etc.). Russian later turns on the nations of Europe, destroying London, capital of Babylon (world banking and commerce). The Lord allows the king of Assyria to destroy all Babylon (Rev. 18-19).

*Daniel* addresses four “beasts” in his book (7:17), empowered by Satan, “the dragon.” They are powerful kingdoms or governments, ruled by a “horn” or crown. The fourth and last beast of Daniel is a *latter-days composite beast*, made up of powerful kingdoms like England - the lion, Germany – the leopard, and Russia – the bear. Daniel also refers to this beast as the great “Image.” A stone (seer or prophet sent of the Lord - the Davidic Servant) destroys it in the last-days.

*Isaiah* doesn’t have a “beast” in his book. He instead utilizes the symbolism of a left “arm” of the Lord. He is the “king of Assyria,” a “mighty and strong one” using Satan’s power. He is directly opposed to the Lord’s right “arm,” the “Davidic Servant” or “king.” He is a righteous “mighty and strong one,” sent or “raised up” by the Lord (D&C 85:7).

*John the Revelator’s* beast is made up of “seven heads and ten horns” (Rev. 13:1-2). It rises up out of the sea. It is the last of eight earthly kingdoms. In order, the seven previous ones include, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and a short-lived seventh kingdom, the Middle Ages Holy Roman Empire (a combined state and church asserting much control). The eighth overall kingdom in the last-days is the “beast” of Daniel - his “fourth” kingdom. It is a composite of all other previous kingdoms, old and new, a mix of European nations of the EU and the old Warsaw Pact Nations (like the old Holy Roman Empire), led by Russia and Putin. After “Babylon” is destroyed (western commerce system), control is put in place via a new economy controlled by a combined state and church system, a king and a priest, a “beast” and “false prophet.”

In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, John’s “seven heads” may have been the former Warsaw Pact nations of World War II (Russia, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, and East Germany), whereas the “ten crowns” appear to have been ten nations of Europe. Today these seven nations may be the G7; the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, and Japan. The G7 are deeply involved in “Babylon,” the making and selling of things “made with hands,” leading to idolatry via materialism. They are also heavily dependent on Middle Eastern oil, and allow Islam to rise up in power because of it. They have sold themselves for money, and have become the *harlot* atop the Beast. She is Babylon that falls first with the collapse of the U.S. economy due to massive debt (17 billion dollars as of Aug. 2014), then invasion and world war. The Sabbatical Year ending in 2015 (“the year of release”) is the time of the collapse, leading to worldwide economic trouble. A stock market collapse or Isis taking out oil refineries in Saudi Arabia may cause it. Famine, civil war, and other troubles follow here, then elsewhere. Many believe Russia and China will then invade the U.S. easily, destroying our economic system. The destruction of Babylon is the message of Isaiah (1, 19 and 28), and that of Revelation (17-19).

The initial “beast” may be Islam (symbolized in the crescent moon at the feet of the woman in Rev. 12). Later it is the great army from the north (like Assyria of old invading Israel). A third and last “beast” is the rising up of a modern-day “Holy Roman Empire”; a powerful combined state and church, led by a *king* (civil leader), and a *priest* (the false prophet), who come to save the day with their system of control requiring the mark of the Beast. The beast is a strong and terrible kingdom according to Daniel 7:7. It is a composite of three

kingdoms addressed by John in Revelation 13:2. They are a leopard (Germany), a lion (the mouth, England), and a bear (Russia). They are the strongest nations east of America, along with China. In Daniel, the bear is on its side sleeping for a time, and has three *ribs* in its mouth. They appear to be the nations controlled or devoured by Russia at some point, perhaps Germany, England, and Italy [the Catholic Church]). They are coerced into uniting with the Russia and other nations for a time in making war and establishing a new economic system, symbolized by the number 666 (Rev. 13, see end of this paper), with a mark placed in the forehead or right hand (this may be symbolic only).

*Leader of the Beast* The beast is led by Daniel's "little horn" (Dan. 7:21, 8:9), Isaiah's "king of Assyria" (10:12, 19:4), and John's "anti-Christ." He and his kingdom are tied to the number 666 in Revelation 13, a number associated with great power comparable to the sun (a controlling *dictator*). Many believe he is the Russian leader Putin who will overcome the nations of Europe, and with the help of China and the EU, invade the U.S. after its economy collapses. Putin is a small man, the former head of the communist KGB. He leads the world's largest army and appears to be Daniel's "little horn."

*The False Prophet* In his day, Sir Isaac Newton believed John's rising empire emerging with the crowning of *king* Charlemagne by the *priest* Pope Leo III in 800 AD (it was dissolved by Napoleon in 1806). Today, Pope Francis has become the first *Jesuit* Pope (the Jesuit order is centered on stopping Protestantism). He is also the first Pope from the Americas (of Italian parents). He may be the last Pope, as addressed in the book *Petrus Romanus* (Horn & Putnam). John saw the *false prophet* as a lamb having *two horns* (Rev. 13:11). They may be *two kingdoms*, perhaps those of the Pope (Catholics) and Muhammed (Islam). Together, they make up a significant portion of the world's population. They may be good candidates for the "false prophet" rising up in the aftermath of war, as both are fully entrenched in Eastern and Western Europe, underlying the governments of most nations there. It should be noted that the last three Popes have made overtures to Islam. The last was on Pentecost of 2014, when during a Mass at the Vatican, Islamic prayers were offered and verses from the Koran were read for the first time ever (there were also prayers and words from Jewish and Catholic representatives). John Paul the II kissed the Koran in 1999. The stated goal of the Koran is elimination of infidels in the world via "Jihad" or "holy war." There are 109 different verses in this book *addressing death for infidels the world over*. The supreme leader of Iran has stated, "Jihad will continue until America is no more." This same leader said Islam's messiah is coming to kill all infidels. The desire to unite all faiths into one for *peace*, may lead to a one world religion headed up the Pope once again.

*Babylon Destroyed* Isaiah and John tell us that the beast will destroy Babylon, the commerce system of the west, now centered in New York City and London. In Isaiah, a *northern* power, Assyria, was the great military giant invading the Israel anciently. Many believe its latter-day "king" is the leader of Russia today, also from the *north*. He may be aided by China and coerced nations of the EU. He makes war on the entire world, starting with America, the world's policeman and military leader ([like Egypt of old, whom Israel sometimes turned to for aid]). Under Pres. Obama, America has lessened its support of Israel, thus coming under the curse of Gen. 12:3 and Isaiah 60:12. The beast humbles the idolatrous, materialistic people of the west in a great wave of destruction that begins with invasion of the weakened U.S. He eliminates Babylon here, the western commerce system. Isaiah infers that the invasion occurs after a drought and famine spreads across the land (Isa. 3:1; 9:20; 14:30; 19:2; 22:2; 51:19), apparently in association with the collapse of the economy. Internal civil war creates the perfect situation for invasion (Isa. 19-22). The Lord removes His protecting hedge (Isa. 5:5), because the people have turned from Him in their love of Babylon, their idolatry, injustice, and covenant breaking.

*Controlling Nature with Technology* Another great evil beyond "Babylon" seen in our day that must also be eliminated, is control over the elements - our nation's ability to make rain, cause earthquakes, and incite various mental states, via technology like the U.S. HARP system and USSR Woodpecker system. The elite of the New World Order may use them to coerce nations and peoples to conform. The "Watchers" of Noah's day are believed to be advanced "fallen angels" who used their knowledge (power) to exert similar power over others. Their elimination was one of the reasons for the great flood in Noah's day. Thus the following scripture may be applied to our corrupt, controlling nation today. "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Mat. 24:37-39).

*War on the Saints* John tells us that the leader of the beast makes war with the "Saints" and "prevails" or "overcomes" them (Dan. 7:21; Rev. 13:7). He speaks great words against "the Most High" (Rev. 13:6), and thus he is called the "anti-Christ." He and his armies (allied with those of China and others) "devour" the whole

earth, after first subduing America, the world's policeman. It is the center of modern-day "Babylon" (corporate materialism, idolatry, immorality, etc.). This appears to occur within the "tribulation" period, potentially marked by four blood-moons in 2014-15. They may mark the start of a seven-year countdown, divided in two timeframes; a "tribulation" period of 3.5 years, and a final 3.5-year "judgment" period (see the timeline p. 279).

*The Lord's Last-days Deliverer* The rising up, coming forth, or "birth" of the Davidic Servant appears to be given us in John's Revelation 12 sign (it also symbolizes the birth of the kingdom of God in last-days – in "a day," when the wise virgins are taken into the wilderness by the "eagles" miraculously to preserve them, Mat. 24; Luke 17; JST Luke 17). Both occur at the center of the 7-year period (Daniel's "mid-week"). The "birth" marker appears in the heavens on Rosh Hashanah of 2017 (the ascending and descending passageways of the Great Pyramid serve as a second witness for this heavenly marker). Rosh Hashanah of 2017 is 3.5 years from the Passover blood-moon of 2014. Cahn believes the last blood-moon, a super-moon - on Tabernacles of 2015, may mark the economic collapse of the U.S. It is seven years from the last one in 2008, another before that in 2001. Both were the largest in U.S. history at their respective points in time. All three of these dates (2001, 2008, and 2015) - at Rosh Hashanah - coincide with the very end (day and hour) of the *Sabbatical Year* or *Shemittah*, a time of judgment and "release" (oppression in debt and slavery). This may be the fall of Babylon in an "hour" (Rev. 19:10, 17, 19). A month before Rosh Hashanah of 2017 and the birth sign of the "man-child," the entire U.S. is enveloped in a *total solar eclipse*! This ominous sign occurs 40 days before *the Day of Atonement*.

The collapse of the world's economy follows that of the U.S. economy and perhaps loss of Arab oil. Other nations fall to the beast one by one in world war. A one-world order and economy is then put in place by the beast and false prophet. Because food is scarce, it is used for control. Those with "the mark of the beast" (spiritual, as in Ezekiel 9, or an actual marker) will be able to trade and sell in this one-world order. Those who do not will be imprisoned and/or beheaded (a clear sign of Islamic influence [Rev. 20:4]). The mark of the beast is an imitation of the Lord's mark on the foreheads of His followers, those who are redeemed and members of the church of the Firstborn (Rev. 3:12, 7:3, 14:1-4; Ezek. 9:4-6). They have the Lord's name written in their foreheads. This "church" is made up of "wise virgins" who were miraculously taken on the exodus (Mat. 24: 36-42; Luke 17:26-37; JST Luke. 17:36-40). Their journey and those that join them ends at Adam-ondi-Ahman. High priests are "sealed" there in their foreheads by the Lord's angels (D&C 77:8-9). They make up the 144,000 and serve with the Davidic Servant to gather the remaining followers of the Lord during the second 3.5-year period known as the "judgment" period. This is the greater period of natural disasters and other judgments described by John, where he and his "angels" reap the earth. It is being cleansed that it might become a terrestrial sphere in preparation for the Lord's return.

The Davidic Servant and the church of the Firstborn are the polar opposite of the beast and his kingdom. As the Lord's right arm - His servant, he is a warrior king like David of old, and a great seer and a prophet. He has the "seal of the living God" (D&C 77:9A). He is Daniel's "stone cut out of the mountain [nation of Israel, specifically Judah] without Hands." This means he is ordained, empowered, and sent by God, *not man*. At the end of the first 3.5-year period known as the "tribulation" (the last part of Daniel's 70 weeks), he re-builds the temple in old Jerusalem, establishing the temple covenants there with his converts to Christ (see endnote 169). He does so as "the Branch" (family – the royal bloodline of David). It is another of his 70 name-titles (endnote 6). The leader of the "beast," the "king of Assyria" stops the offerings being made at the temple. He enters it, defiling it. This is Daniels' "abomination of desolation" (Dan. 8:11, 9:27, 12:11). It is a re-creation of the defilement of the Jerusalem temple by another foreign civil leader earlier, Antiochus Epiphanes.

About this time the Davidic Servant takes Jewish converts with him to America. While here, he is officially commissioned to defeat the beast and false prophet by "the Ancient of Days" or father Adam/Michael at Adam-ondi-Ahman (Dan. 7:11, 22; Rev. 19:20; for "Ancient of Days" references, see Dan. 7:9-14, 26; 12:1; D&C 27:11; 78:16, 88:111-14; 107:53-57; 116; 138:38). He is also crowned king over Israel there (though not the King of kings, like Jesus, see Dan. 7:13-14, 12:1). The earth is cleansed by the John, the angels, and the 144,000, and more gathered to Zion. Their mission is to "save and destroy." John prepares the way for the Lord's return as His "Elias." He gathers Israel and restores all things (D&C 77:9&14). The empowerment of the Davidic Servant by the Ancient of Days at Adam-ondi-Ahman is an earthly fulfillment of the commission he received earlier in heaven, a mission he saw when he ascended to heaven in Revelation 4:1; 12:5; JST Rev. 12:3). He saw the Lord there, the only one worthy as "the Lamb" to perform the Atonement on our behalf.

All "deliverers" of Israel in scripture are types for Christ. Each has an impossible mission. It is presented in the ancient temple drama of Israel, Mesopotamia, and Egypt. In the ancient Egyptian temple drama, it was the

*grandfather* (Atum, setting sun) who commissioned the *grandson* (Horus, the Davidic Servant, the new rising sun) to defeat Set (Satan, *the* beast and his servants), on behalf of his *son* (Osiris, Christ, the noon-day sun). The Davidic Servant is thus the “man-child” of Revelation 12, sitting on the lap of Isis in ancient Egypt (Mary, wife of Osiris). His “impossible mission” is to battle and conquer the beast in the last-days. At some point in his “impossible mission” the Davidic Servant is taken prisoner and *marred* terribly by the beast. Daniel says “the prince of the covenant” is “broken” (Dan. 11:22). He is later healed by Christ. “But behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil” (3 Ne. 21:10). This is comparable to our Lord’s death at the hands of the wicked ones of His own day, after He rose in the Resurrection on “the third day,” defeating sin, death, and hell.

As a type for Christ and potentially His son, the Davidic Servant then smites the great “Image” or beast, breaking it into many pieces (Dan. 2:34, 44-45). The toes of the “Image” (iron and clay mixed) are the kingdoms of Europe, mixed with those of the old Warsaw Pact nations, led by Russia, with China’s help (the small people of Dan. 11:23, part of a great “flood” – numberless people). Others assist as well, including Islamic nations and those of the European Union for a time. The miraculous defeat of the great beast is a last-days re-creation of young David defeating the powerful giant Goliath. It takes place at the center of what was once America. Inspired by Satan, the beast set up his headquarters at the center of the land, that he might thwart the formation of Zion, where the New Jerusalem Temple will be built and where Zion from above will eventually descend to join with it and its people (JST Gen. 9). Daniel tells us, “And he [the king of Assyria] shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain [nation], yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him” (Dan. 11:45).

With the beast defeated, the Lord’s judgment then spreads throughout the rest of the earth, a depopulation of all who are wicked. It is a great last-days sacrifice made in preparation for the return of the Lord. This is the reason for His red robes (D&C 133:46-56; Isa. 63:1-4). Eventually peace, justice, and love spreads in the Millennium, when the Lord rules and reigns as the King of kings later on.

*Number of the Beast – 666 in Revelation*      The number 666 in John's book is tied to the *sun* (male) and its potential destructive light and power, as opposed to that of the gentle influence of the moon (female), its reflected light (the sun has life-giving qualities when properly balanced and controlled). This number is used by John in 13:18 to symbolically represent the *negative* aspects of the powerful *sun*, in association with controlling *men* – dictators, and *their governments*, like the “beast” of the last-days. It destroys without the balance of love and compassion, more often tied to women.

Michell states, “The reference of 666 is to *material* as opposed to *spiritual* activity. As an elemental force, 666 represents the sun and the influence of solar radiation, corresponding in society to the emperor, and in the individual, to the principle of the *intellect and will*. 666 is the generative power of the male, it is the electric shock that orients the molecular structure, the leader directing the masses, the word of command instinctively obeyed...The sun drives the planets and a similar order prevails within the atom...Where the proportions are correct [balanced by the opposing female lunar counterpart - the number 1080], the influence of the number 666 promotes fertility, gives life and color, but where it becomes excessively dominant, the consequences are apparent in *the tyranny of the self-willed governor*, and in the development of a society obsessed with fantasies of *violence, material wealth and power*.”

The rays of the sun are filtered through the protective atmosphere [the watery firmament above], and reach the seed through the medium of the earth [again female]. Were it not so, they would destroy all...Where the number 666 is not unified with the number 1080 [moon, female] to produce 1746, the mustard seed of fertility, then the two forces, male and female, represented by these numbers, develop symptoms, as of sexual frustration. The influence of 666 becomes directed towards violence and destruction [by fire], while the female, receptive spirit, 1080, withdraws into the earth, becomes stagnant and takes on the dark, malicious qualities of the elemental [the flood]. The chief function of the temple was to provide the marriage bed for the union between heaven and earth, in which the two elements were brought together and placed in their correct relationship...for the fruitful reconciliation of the opposites.”

According to Michell, the number 666 is typically associated with tyrants like the anti-Christ who conquers America and the world, and is symbolic of the darker side of all men and women, expressed in unwise use of authority and power, specifically *the tyranny of the self-willed governor*. The number 666 has been creatively applied through Gematria to point to men like Hitler, Nero, the Pope, Babylon, etc.

Michell states, "The elemental symbol of 666 is the *fiery flying dragon* [or serpent], the opposite of the earth-bound serpent. It is the spirit of procreation...The dragon is a symbol of the electrically charged, dynamic arousing fire that manifests itself in the thunderstorm." Quoting Wilhelm he adds, "Though its naked energy may be violently destructive it cannot be described as evil, for it is the beloved mate of nature and the cause of life and beauty on earth."

A second potential meaning tied to the number 666 in John's Revelation is the institutional corruption of Christianity; the taking of the message and gospel of Christ and using it in vain. Michell states that the Gematria of the final, key phrase of Revelation 13, "And his number is 666," results in the value 2368, representing Jesus Christ. "The esoteric meaning of the whole verse is therefore: 'Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man: 2368, Jesus Christ'." Though initially shocking, when considered in context, Michell states that it illustrates the Gnostics' dispute with the institutionalized Church – in the nature over Christ's divinity. "Most blasphemous, to the Gnostic's way of thinking, was the erection of an idol, the image of the wounded man on the cross, as an object of compulsory Christian worship. St. John therefore stigmatized that idol as the Beast 666, the number of unbridled solar power, using the same words to impart to those with understanding the number of its name, 2368."

He continues, "St. John's account of the corruption of Christianity is hidden behind the allegory of the beasts in Revelation 13. The prophet sees the first beast rising out of the sea. This is the great event which gave birth to Christianity: the dawn of a *new sun* and the rising up of a new god or archetype from the subconscious mind, symbolized by the sea which is also *mare* or Mary. The second beast then appears, coming out of the earth. 'He had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon'. He commands everyone on earth to worship the first beast 'which had the wound by the sword, and did live'. In the name of the first beast he makes war on the saints and overcomes them and establishes his authority throughout the world. He deceives people by means of wonders he can perform through the power of the first beast, persuading them to make an image of the wounded beast and to worship it. Those who will not do so are killed, and anyone who is not stamped with the mark, name or number of the beast is excluded from society and may not buy or sell in the market. St. John's meaning is plainly in accordance with the course of events as perceived by the Gnostics. The second beast come from the earth and is therefore a material creature, the body of the Church. It manipulates the power of the first beast, the spirit of the Redeemer, promotes its influence and identifies itself as its agent. Having gained power, it consolidates its hold by suppressing the gnostic saints and by claiming credit for all miracles performed in the name of Christ. Finally it sets up an idol, the wounded figure of Jesus Christ, cajoles people into worshipping it and excommunicates those who will not do so. In the last words of the chapter is spelt out the esoteric number of the first beast, 2368, the number of the man on the cross." Is Isaiah's vision of our idolatrous day a continuation of John the Revelator's vision?