

## The Book of Daniel – Chapter 9, Verse 27

### The Two Beasts of Revelation 13 and ‘the prince who is to come’

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- There are two players – it is not one man *Revelation 13*
  - A political leader and a religious leader who operate as a duet
  - Some call it a ‘satanic trinity’ – Satan’s object is to be worshiped and the 2 leaders are like the Son and the Spirit
  
- The First Beast (of 2) – *Revelation 13: 1-3*
  - Rising up from the sea (a gentile idiom)
  - Seven heads and ten horns – name of blasphemy
  - Description like a counterfeit of the living creatures *Revelation 4*
  - The Dragon (Satan – see *Revelation 12: 9*) gives the beast his power, his seat and his authority
  - On one of his heads was a deadly wound which had been healed – counterfeit of resurrection – and all the world was captivated by him
  - Physical description of him (idol shepherd) in *Zechariah 11: 17*
  
- The Second Beast (False Prophet) – *Revelation 13: 11-18*
  - Coming up from the earth (a Jewish idiom), not the sea
  - Two horns like a lamb
  - Exercises the same power as the first beast
  - Causes people to worship the first beast
  - Note ‘earth-dwellers’ a specific phrase in Revelation – those who dwell on the earth... who are tied to it
  - Deceives through miracles
  - Encourages the making of an idol of the first beast – to which he has the power to give life, so that it speaks
  - Causes those who would not worship the idol to be killed
  - Note – how many times there is an allusion to the head wound of the first beast – it is clearly significant
  - Causes all to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads – require in order to buy or sell
    - The mark seems to be either the name of the beast or his number
    - The number of the beast is also the number of a man – it is 666 (probably the most well known thing from the book of Revelation)
    - Greek Christos first and last letters, with a serpent symbol in the middle has a numerical value of 666 (Antichrist = Pseudo-christ)
  - Whose number?
    - Many point to bar-codes (uses ‘6’ as a separator digit, or insertable chips, etc – for technology controls
    - This overlooks that it is his number and name that is the crucial identity issue – taking on his identity as pledge of allegiance
  
- There will be an end-time World Leader
  - He is the First Beast of Revelation 12
  - All the nations will acknowledge him (even Israel...at least in the first 3½ years)

- He will be worshipped as a saviour
- He is often referred to as 'the antichrist' – although, biblically 'antichrist' is a spirit not a person
  - There are and have been many antichrists (1 John 2: 18)
  - The spirit of antichrist denies Yeshua's deity (1 John 2: 22)
  - The spirit of antichrist denies Yeshua's humanity (1 John 4: 3; 2 John 1: 7)