

Daniel Chapter 9, verse 27 - The Two Beasts of Revelation 13 and 'the prince who is to come'

The Two Beasts of Revelation 13

- There are two players *Revelation 13*
 - A political leader and a religious leader who operate as a duet
 - The 'power behind the throne' is Satan himself
 - 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 (The False Saviour) – *Revelation 13: 1-8*

- 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 (the idol shepherd) in *Zechariah 11: 17*
- There will be an end-time World Leader
 - He is 'the prince who is to come' of *Daniel 9: 27*
 - He is the First Beast of *Revelation 13*
 - 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*)

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'... those whose life and identity who are tied to the earth
- 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’ (the first beast’s) number and name that is the crucial identity issue – taking on his identity as pledge of allegiance