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The Beast and the Dragon (Ken Walston – Kenna Outreach Ministries)

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There are prophecies and events mentioned in the Bible that are specific to the Last Days of "The End-Times". [The Book of the Prophet Daniel Ch 2, 7, 8 and 9; The Book of the Prophet Ezekiel Ch 38, 39 and 40; The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah Ch 12 verse 14, Ch 15, Ch 31 verses 8-10 and Ch 33 verse 7; The Book of the Prophet Isaiah Ch 12]. But more specific are the words spoken and prophesied by Yeshua ADONAI in the 24th Chapter of the Book of Matthew, and by the Revelation of Yeshua ADONAI given to the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation.

These have profound imageries that project a message that can only be interpreted through the Spirit of God. Even the one being given the prophecy didn't understand what it meant at the time, only the reader in the future time it was directed towards could understand its meaning due to the fact that those events being foretold were then and now unfolding and even the technology used to manifest the prophecy wasn't in place yet.

There is so much symbolism and paradoxical phrasing used in the Bible that it sometimes seems to be shrouded in mystery and mystical conjecture, and in retrospective observation as a reader, you often wonder how to find the meaning or purpose in the content. They are many times written to reflect the current historical moment in which these events were lived in. Others are a reflection of prophecy and have meaning to events and time in the future. In the case of prophecy, the symbolic images are used as a standard axiom for the current historical event and may be shared in the Signs of the Times for a future event (having no less than the same meaning, just a different point in history).

In many instances the imagery that is being described is in a form that is familiar to something in our physical creation here on earth and we recognize, but has a counterpart in Heaven, before the Presence and Abode of God, which is Holy and cannot be shared here on earth because of the sin that exists, so it is hidden from us and something that has never been seen or spoken of before in our physical creation. These come through Visions, Dreams and actual Visitations in which God reveals to whomever He chooses. Some have been revealed through the Prophets and the Apostles and recorded in the Bible, and some are still being revealed today and throughout Church History through The Spirit of God to people He has given Revelation to for the purpose of inspiration and bringing Glory to His Holy Name.

There are many who say that prophetic inspiration ended with the first Apostles of ADONAI when they died off, but that is contrary to the teachings of the Bible in which the Lord God spoke through the Apostle Paul; "*It was He (ADONAI) who gave gifts to people; He appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the Body of Mashiach (ADONAI)*" (*Ephesians 4:11-13*). And again; "*He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the Church*" (*1Corinthians 14:4*). As well, the Apostle John claimed an inspiration from God about revealing the Truth throughout the Church Age for all Believers; "*But as for you, ADONAI has poured out His Spirit on you. As long as His Spirit remains in you, you do not need anyone to teach you. For His Spirit teaches you about*

everything, and what He teaches is true, not false. Obey the Spirit's teaching then and remain in union with ADONAI." (*1John 2:26*)

Out of all the End-Times Prophecy, there are two distinct imageries that stand out as mysterious and controversial, and those are the references to the Beasts in Daniel 7:2-8, and the Dragon and Beast in Chapters 12, 13, 16 and 20 in the Book of Revelation. In the Book of Daniel, the Image which Daniel saw was of Four Beasts that represented four different kingdoms or governments that would be prominent on the earth, starting with the First Beast as Babylon, the Second Beast as the Medo-Persian's, the Third Beast would be Greece, and the Fourth Beast would be the Roman Empire. From the Fourth Beast will also come the End-Times Prophecy of the "*Last Days*" which will coincide with the Apostle John's Revelation. Daniel saw coming out the Fourth Beast, Ten Horns, which represents Ten Kingdoms that at that time will make up all the ruling governments of the world. Then he saw a Little Horn emerge and was given the heart of a man and had a mouth the spewed-out blasphemies. The Little Horn smites three of the Ten Horns and pulls them up by their roots (destroying them).

In the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John describes a vision of two Beasts. The first one he saw was coming out of the sea (which represents the Gentile Nations). It had Seven Heads, and Ten Horns with Crowns on each Horn. This symbolizes great Power and Authority, and the Ten Horns represent some kind of Confederacy. This Beast (or Man) will be given all of the authority of Satan or in this representation the Great Dragon. This Man is known as the Antichrist. The Apostle Paul referred to him as "*The Man of Sin*" or "*The Son of Perdition*". He will be a boastful man, praising and honouring himself above all others, he will appear at first to be a religious man and a kind of world leader; but he will eventually become a blasphemer insulting the Holy Beings of Heaven and the Lord God (ADONAI) Himself. He will be Satan incarnate and have the Powers of Darkness at his disposal.

He will broker a Peace Treaty with Israel and the rest of the world, joining all nations into a One World Order and joining them into a united style of Global Exchange Monetary System.

This man will eventually commit the ultimate blasphemy by declaring himself God (*Abomination of Desolation*) Matthew 24:15, when after the Third Temple is built in Jerusalem halfway through the Tribulation Period (1260 days), he will sit in the Holy Place and claim to be Messiah and Lord. Both the Prophet Daniel and Yeshua (ADONAI) spoke of this, and the horrible outcome as a result of his blasphemy. There is no turning back at this point.

After he enters into the Temple in Jerusalem and sits in the Holy Place, a subsequent event (sometime before the pouring out of the Bowls of God's Wrath, Revelation 16:1-21) of supernatural proportions will take place. Supernatural is that which defies the Laws of Nature (Laws of Physics) and the Physical Creation by means of circumventing its natural order by the Creator (God). The Taking Away or "*Rapture*" of the Church from the earth is this main event. The Dead in Mashiach (ADONAI) are raised first, then we (the Church still alive) are taken in a moment, transfigured and transformed from physical flesh into spirit standing before ADONAI in Heaven, and given a new Eternal Body that is physical and will live forever.

So, the Church will go through the Minor portion and halfway through the Major portion of the Tribulation before the Taking Away occurs as mentioned by Yeshua in Matthew 24:15. This was not talking about, as most biblical scholars believed, the desecration of the 2nd Temple in Jerusalem by the Seleucid king Antiochus IV Epiphanes. This most certainly is referring to the End-Time event in the 3rd Temple when Yeshua is expounding on the Church of that time witnessing this event, prior to the Taking Away (*Rapture*), which had not occurred yet.

There is also a counterpart to the First Beast, a Second Beast, he is the Antichrist's surrogate, labeled the False Prophet; "*Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two*

horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the First Beast in his presence and causes the earth and those that dwell in it to worship the First Beast…" (*Revelation 13:11-12*). There is also an "Image of the Beast" that the False Prophet brings to life, and it kills anyone that will not worship it. This undoubtedly is some kind of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that can replicate human speech and movement and has supernatural powers given to it by the Dragon (Satan).

The last thing the Antichrist and the False Prophet impose before committing the Abomination of Desolation, is for all peoples of the earth (Small or Great, Rich or Poor, Free or Slave), to take a Mark of Allegiance to this Man and Image (on their forehead or right hand), referred to as "*The Mark of the Beast*", and no one may buy or sell anything without receiving the Mark. This is some kind of etching, tattoo, or micro-chip under the skin and cannot be removed. Once you take the Mark, you belong to the Dragon (Satan) and there are horrible repercussions for taking the Mark. So, there can be no counterfeit Mark as some believe you may be able to manufacture, for any replication of the Mark would be seen as Blasphemy by the Lord God (ADONAI), and a sincere heartfelt way to avoid persecution, which would be against the Will of God. **DO NOT TAKE THE MARK OF THE BEAST under any circumstances.**

So, the precedent of the Two Beasts in Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation, is in the event that is described in Chapter 12, where the Dragon (Satan) is finally and permanently cast out of Heaven (known as the 2nd Heaven or the void of the universe and the upper atmosphere); "*And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him*" (*Revelation 12:7-9*). We must remember that Satan is a Liar (Father of all Lies), a Deceiver (Comes in the appearance of an Angel of Light), a Thief (he comes to Rob and Pillage), and a Destroyer and Murderer. In the form of the Beast, he attempts to overthrow the Lord God's Power, Sovereignty and Purpose. He tries once again to pretend that he can be like the Most High and turn what God has created as His Highest Order of Creation (Mankind) against Him and move it towards his evil preponderance.

There is no situation in which Evil will prevail over Good, that Unrighteousness will stand against Righteousness and win. It may appear that it does at times, especially with all of the wickedness and lawlessness upheaval all around us; but behind the scenes where the Spirit of God Reigns and all flesh is held accountable to, the Final Justice prevails and Good perseveres and eventually destroys Evil.

When God says that "My Ways are not your ways", He is saying in undeniable terms that we can never understand Him or completely see into His Mystery and Majesty, not even through an Eternity of being in His Presence. He is the Creator of all things and the Master and Majesty that Commands all things into being. There is no situation that He does not have Control or Dominion over. He is the Lord God, Yeshua ADONAI, YAHWEH ELOHIM; and nothing in all of Heaven nor on the Earth can stand or prevail against His Will, **NOTHING!**