

THE DICTATOR OF THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

We are currently Daniel's 70 Weeks and eschatology doctrines related to it. This will be our 11th study in this series.

There are two important dictators in the Tribulation listed in Rev.13. These two dictators will form an alliance with the Devil to fight against the Plan of God, Jesus Christ, and saints of God in angelic conflict (A/C).

This lesson will study <u>seven aspects</u> of one of the Dictator of Revived Roman Empire (DRRE)
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1. Seven titles are given to describe the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire (DRRE) (Rev.13:1-10)

- Little horn (Dan.7:7-9)
- Fourth beast (Dan.7:7-9, 23)
- Beast from sea (Dan.7:3; Rev.13:1-10; 17:5)
- Enemy on white horse (Rev.6:1-2) [1st seal]
- Man of lawlessness (2 Thess.2:3-8)
- Son of Perdition (2Thess.2:3)
- Antichrist (2Thess.2:4, 8) [Abomination of Desolation] (1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3)

2. The Beast of the sea will be a Gentile ruler with world-wide influence (Rev.13:1-2; Dan.7:23).

- His empire is described by Daniel as the feet of the image of statue (Dan.2:31-35).
- He will be the DRRE of (Dan.2:40-45).
- He is the Little Horn from the fourth beast of (Dan.7:7-9).

(Rev.13:1) describes the DRRE as part of 10 horns (Roman Empire);

- 7 heads (nations that administered cycles of divine discipline to Israel);
- 10 crowns (independent nations which fell to Rome); and blasphemous names (titles of deification) [emperor worship]. Like Dominus et Deus Noster (**our Lord and God**) a title Emperor Domitian chose for himself.

Our Lord and God was a title given to Jesus by the church.

(Rev.4:11) "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

- Doubting Thomas (John 20:24-29)

3. Satan (dragon) (Rev.12:3-12; 13:1-4, 11; 16:13-14; 20:2) endows the DRRE with power, throne, and authority as earthly ruler (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 1 John 5:19).

The DRRE will accept Satan's crown of rulership (ho archon) which Jesus rejected in (Matt.4:9-10).

During the Tribulation, Satan, the DRRE, and the Dictator of Palestine (the false prophet of Rev.13:11-18)

[beast of land] will form an unholy trinity alliance.

4. Apollyon, king of fallen angels held in bondage in Tartarus of the Abyss (2 Pet.2:4), will be released to work as an ally with the unholy trinity at the middle of Tribulation (Rev.13:2; Gen.6-9; Luke 8:31; 1 Pet.3:18-20).

(Rev.9:11-12) “They have a king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek, he has the name Apollyon. The **first woe is past**; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.”

He will begin by attacking and killing the Two Witness of Tribulation (Rev.11:1-14).

(Rev.11:7) “When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.”

“The **second woe is past**; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.” (Rev.11:14)

5. The DRRE will become an ecumenical leader of world federation of religions (Rev.13:7-10).

- The false prophet of Palestine (beast of the land) will help enforce the worship of the DRRE (Rev.13:11-18).
- Worship of the DREE is actually worship of Satan (Gen.3:5; Matt.4:9-10; 2 Cor.4:4).
- It is described as the Abomination of Desolation (Matt.24:15-28; 2 Thess.2:3-12; Rev.13:4, 15).

(Rev.13:12) “He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.”

6. The DRRE will be miraculously healed from a fatal wound.

The False Prophet will help sell it to the public as a resurrection from the dead and proclaim it to be a reason to worship the DRRE (Rev.13:3, 12-15).

(Rev.13:14) “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and had come to life.”

The Greek word for slain in (Rev.13, verses 3 and 8) is **sphazo**. It is the same word used with Jesus’ death in (Rev.5:6, 9, 12). It was also the sacrificial knife used by Cain to slay Abel (1 John 3:12).

7. The DRRE (antichrist) and the DP (false prophet) will be thrown into the Lake of fire with the victory of Armageddon at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ (Rev.19:17-21; 2 Thess.2:3, 8; Dan.7:22-28).