

THE DICTATOR OF PALESTINE (DP)

We are currently studying the two beasts of Revelation 13:

- Beast out of the sea (Rev.13:1-10) **Gentile**
- Beast out of the land (Rev.13:11-18) **Jew**

Students of eschatology believe the Dictator of Palestine, called the false prophet, will come from the Tribe of Dan (Gen.49:16-18). The Tribe of Dan (Samson) (Judg.13:1-7, 24) is not listed among the 12 tribes of the 144,000 (Rev.7:4-8). It is also known as the tribe of idolatry (Judges 18) and Jeroboam. (King 12:25-30/ 29).

Title of dictator comes from the prophesy of Dan.11:36-39 where he is identified as “king (melek).”

The Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire (DRRE) and the Dictator of Palestine (DP) form an ungodly alliance with Satan called the Dragon (Dan.9:27; 20:2).

(Rev.16:13-14; 20:2) “And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the **mouth of the false prophet**, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.” (Rev.20:2)

This lesson will study eight characteristics of the Dictator of the Palestine called the False Prophet.

These eight characteristics come from the Greek grammar of our lesson text. They are formed by the consecutive kai (and) [conjunction] used for a series of doctrinal concepts.

1. **(Rev.13:11a) Beast coming up out of the land or earth (Jewish) rather than sea (Gentile).**
2. **(Rev.13:11b) Wolf disguised as a lamb (Matt.7:15; 24:11; 2 Pet.2:1; 2 Cor.11:13-15); evil disguised as divine good (Rev.16:13-14; 19:20).**
3. **(Rev.13:12a) Empowered (exousia) with satanic authority like the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire (DRRE) (16:13-14).**
4. **(Rev.13:12b) Empowered with satanic power over worship to one healed from fatal wound (Rev.13:14) [sword] (tes machaira) (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 1 John 5:19; Matt.4:9-10).**
5. **(Rev.13:13) Empowered with satanic authority to perform miraculous signs [fire from heaven] (1 Kings 18:30-39; Ex.7:11-13, 22; 8:7, 18-19; Rev.19:20).**
6. **(Rev.13:14) Empowered with satanic authority to deceive (planao/ p. active ind.) [active – to deceived by leading into error, to seduce] his people to make a statue of image of Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire (DRRE) (healed from fatal wound) (Gen.3:13; 1 Tim.2:14; 2Thess.2:10-11).**

7. (Rev.13:15) Empowered with authority to make the statue to speak prophetically to kill those who do not worship the statue – Abomination of Desolation (Matt.24:15-22; 2 Thess.2:4) (Nebuchadnezzar) (Dan.3:1, 7, 11, 16-18).

8. (Rev.13:16-18) Empowered with authority to institute a gov't mark (charagma) [impress, stamp, graven] to control every aspect of everyday life: health care, education, commerce, housing, transportation, and worship/ loss of human freedom (Rev.14:9-12; 15:1-2; 16:1-2; 19:20-21; 20:4-6).

At what point was the Dictator of Palestine was empowered for his work against the Plan of God?

Who empowered Dictator of Palestine (DP) as well as the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire (DRRE)?

There is another Greek grammatical feature important to the DP. It is the use of poieo for the work of the DP.

(Rev.13:12)	(2x)	[exercise, makes]
(Rev.13:13)	(2x)	[performs, makes]
(Rev.13:14)	(2x)	[perform, makes]
(Rev.13:15)	(1x)	[to cause]
(Rev.13:16)	(1x)	[to cause] and understood in
(Rev.13:17)	(1x)	[to cause or provide]

God's final judgment upon the DRRE and DP.

(Rev.19:20-21) “And the beast (DRRE) was seized, and with him the false prophet (DP) who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”