

The Reign of Terror – Part 2
The Antichrist and his spirit
Revelation 13:11 –18

1. WHAT IS THE “BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH”?

1. He is a specific demonic being (antichrist):
 - 1 of 3 spirit beings cast “alive” into Lake of Fire. 19:20, 20:10:
 1. 1st beast. 13:1-10, false deity. Allah.
 2. 2nd beast. 13:11-18, false prophet
 3. Dragon (satan). 12:9.

1. WHAT IS THE “BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH” (CONT)?

2. He is a “lesser demonic being” compared to the 1st beast, the false deity:

A. Makes earth-dwellers worship 1st beast, the false deity. 13:12b

B. He has “delegated” authority in the presence of the 1st beast. 13:12a

1. WHAT IS THE “BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH” (CONT)?

3. His works through humans:

A. Referred to as the “false prophet,” “antichrist.”

- Rev 19:20, 1 John 2:22-23

B. Not just one. 1 John 2:18, 4:1, 3, Matt 24:24

C. Deceiver - two horns like lamb; 13:11

- Promises peace, better life. 13:11

- Deceives as dragon. 13:11b, Gen 3:4-5

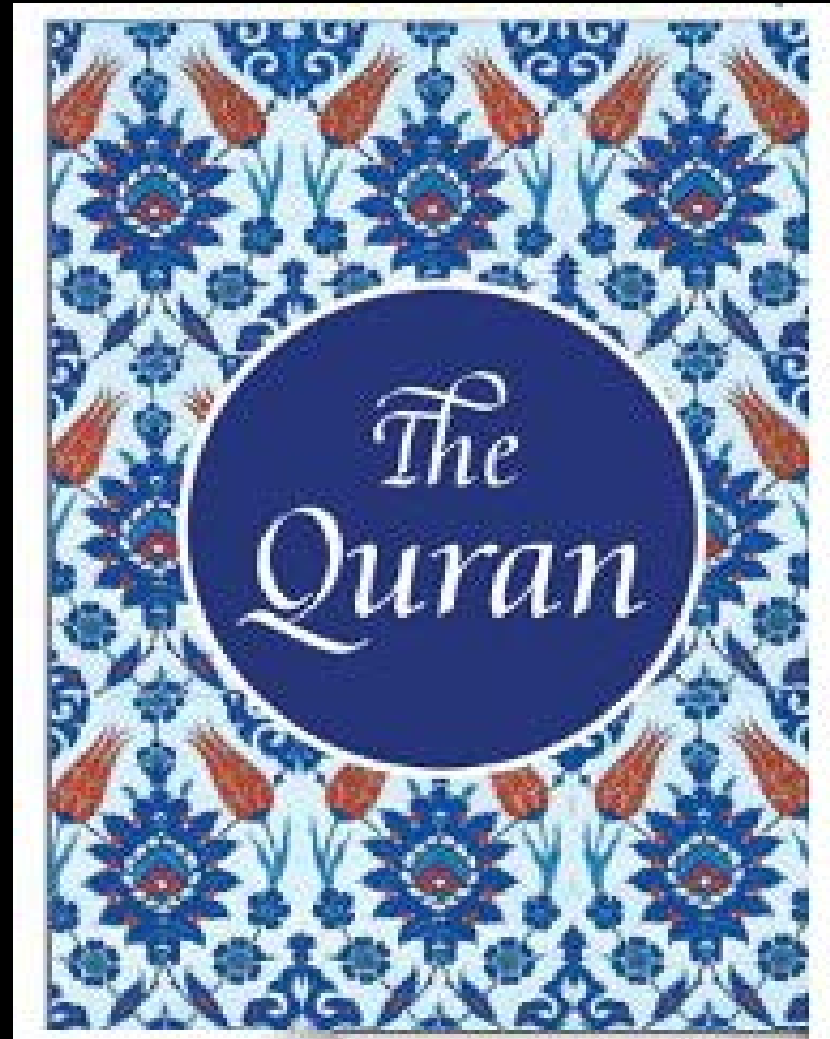
2. WHAT DOES HE DO?

1. Perform great signs, miracles to deceive.
 - 13:13, Matt 24:24, 2 Thess 2:9-12
2. He gives “breath” to the “image” of the 1st beast, the false deity. 13:15
3. Causes people to be killed who do not worship the image of the 1st beast, the false deity.

WHAT IS THE “IMAGE”?

Greek word, “eikon”:

1. Likeness; representation of; as a statue. Luke 20:24
 2. The “image” of Christ that believers are transformed into by renewal of minds. Col 3:10
Rom 8:29
- The “image” is what the 1st beast looks like; or the belief system that forms who his followers are to be, as Christians are in Christ.



BRIEFLY ON THE QUR'AN

1. Qur'an literally means "he recites."
2. Allah recites to "Gabriel" – in Arabic, 610AD.
3. "Gabriel" recites to Muhammad, in Arabic.
4. Muhammad recites to "companions" over the next 23 years, as he recalls parts of the recitation, until he dies, 632AD.
5. Caliph Abu Bakr compiled recitations into Quran.

HOW IS THE IMAGE GIVEN BREATH?

1. It breathes – when it is followed by those of the false deity. 13:15
 - A. Speaks thru its teachings.
 - B. Orders to kill those who do not worship what it says to worship:
 - Muhammad (Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten)
 - The Qur'an. (Afghanistan, burning, 30 killed.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

1. Take up the Great Commission. Acts 1:8
 - Pray for Muslims in the authority in Christ.
2. Prioritize my relationship with God. 13:8
 - Regular, weekly fast.
3. Prepare our children and youth with the essentials that distinguishes Christianity.

“IMAGE” REFERS TO WHAT ONE IS LIKE:

- Rom 8:29 conformed to the “image” of Christ
- 2 Cor 3:18, transformed into same image
- 2 Cor 4:4, Christ who is the image of God
- Col 1:15, the image of the invisible God
- Col 3:10, being renewed...to the image of the One who created Him--

7 HEADS, 7 OPPRESSORS OF ISRAEL (POPULAR INTERPRETATION).

1. Egypt, 1600BC
 2. Assyria, 721BC
 3. Babylon, 586BC
 4. Media-Persia, 539BC
 5. Greece, 331BC
 6. Rome, 147BC
 7. Islam, 636AD (or the last empire to oppress Israel)
- 10 Horns are 10 kings of the last oppressor empire. Rev 17:12.

- **Rev 13:15 (NASB)** ¹⁵ And it was given to him to give **breath** to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.
- **Rev 13:15 (KJV)** And he had power to give **life** unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

- **Rev 13:14 (NASB & KJV)** ... telling those who dwell on the earth **to make an image to the beast**
- **Revelation 13:14 (NIV)** ... It ordered them to **set up an image in honor of the beast**
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