

THE LEOPARD-LIKE BEAST

INTRODUCTION: The Leopard-like Beast gives vital information not revealed by the Non-descript Beast. Revelation is seen to complement Daniel.

WHAT THE NON-DESCRIPT BEAST REVEALS

1. In its first stage that the ten kings were to arise out of Rome (**Dan. 7:24**)
2. In its second stage that the Papacy was to arise and subdue three kings, and persecute the saints 1260 days

WHAT THE NON-DESCRIPT BEAST DOES NOT REVEAL

1. The fall of the Papacy
2. The Reformation
3. The rise of Protestantism

WHAT THE LEOPARD-LIKE BEAST ACTUALLY REVEALS

1. The fall of the Roman monarchy
2. The reformation
3. The wound of the Papacy
4. The rise of Protestantism
5. The captivity of the Pope

COMPARATIVE FACTS

1. The Leopard-like beast arises out of the sea like the beasts of Daniel 7. (**Rev. 13:1**) Created by the same conditions.
2. The LLB continues the line of the Non-descript Beast (NDB) corresponding to the feet and toes of Daniel 2
3. It has the same number of horns as the NDB, but reveals the Roman Empire after the fall of the Papacy (the wounded head) *OUR PRESENT WORLD in its divided state.*
4. Since the three horns of the NDB were plucked by the roots, they were reinstated as kings. The biblical number seven to which they were reduced, signified that the papacy was to have complete sway over the entire Christian world. Thus the horns on the LLB are not the old kings reinstated.
5. Thus the LLB is the 5th universal beast. The NDB, the LLB and the Scarlet-Colored Beast (SCB), with their 10 horns are all universal beasts, covering the entire New Testament era.
6. He has parts belonging to all the former beasts of Daniel 7. He is a composite beast. Thus he is a descendent of them all. The 5th universal beast.
7. Arriving on the scene after the fall of imperial Rome, he overlaps the 2nd stage of the NDB (the time of the papacy), covering three periods: *BEFORE*, *DURING* and *AFTER* the deadly wound.
8. Daniel in vision saw what the beast *WAS TO DO*. John saw the closing act (his deadly wound healed)—what the beast *HAD DONE*.
9. Both the LLB and NOB (2nd stage) ruled for the same period, 1260 years. (**Daniel**

7:25; Rev. 13:5) The first beast reveals her tyrannical authority, the 2nd her downfall.

THE LLB COULD NOT BE THE PAPACY IN ITS ENTIRETY BECAUSE

1. The LLB has only one wounded head, there are six other unharmed heads revealing other religious bodies besides the Papacy.
2. It has horns—denoting civil powers. Ten shows universality.
3. The horns are crowned indicating that the nations have their own authority apart from the Papacy. They are no longer controlled by the popes. Thus the LLB shows a separation of church and state.
4. The LLB is a composite and descendent of the previous beasts of Daniel 7, indicating a world power having the make-up of Babylon (the mouth of a lion), Medo-Persia (the feet of the bear), Grecia (the body of the leopard), and Rome (the ten horns). This does not describe the papacy. It was not and is not a universal power.

SYMBOLS ON THE BEASTS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

1. **Crowns** - Kingly authority and rulership
2. **Horns** - Civil powers **Daniel 8:21, 22** With the imprisonment of Pope Pious VI and his death on August 19, 1799, the NDB ceased his tyrannical career and the LLB with its common wounded head alone continued the representation. The horn head was removed. The papacy lost its ecclesiastical power and was no longer a combination of church and state after the 1260 years. This event crowned the horns of the LLB. The civil authorities were now independent of the church. The crowns on the horns signify that the Roman monarchy had fallen. The ten kings that were represented by the uncrowned horns of the NDB now received their kingdoms, a process which had begun with the reformation. The horns and heads all present at the same time indicated that they all existed contemporaneously.
3. **Heads** - while the horns represent the civil side, the heads represent the religious side of today's world. **Rev. 17:9**
4. **Blasphemy** - over the heads reminds us of **Isaiah 4:1; Rev. 2:9**
5. **Seven** - completeness **AA 585**—this would include the SDA church.
6. Therefore, the LLB must represent our PRESENT WORLD, particularly Western Society which is comprised of Catholicism, Protestantism, and so-called democratic nations all having their own authority, no longer under the Pope.
7. **The wounded head** - Only the wounded head represents the Papacy. The Papacy was wounded by the Protestant Reformation started by Martin Luther (**GC 142, 155, 162, 190; 1T 373**) What was fulfilled in 1798 was the culmination of the wounding process. See **Rev. 13:10; GC 439**
8. **The healing of the wound** - Since Protestantism (through God) inflicted and kept the wound open, the healing of the wound signified the fall or apostasy of Protestantism. In 1798 the captivity of the Pope was a sign that the deadly wound was already afflicted, so in the year 1929 on the 11th of February, the Italian government led by Benito Mussolini, restored its temporal power and returned the Pope to the Vatican City, it was a sign that the SDA's had "turned back from following Christ her leader" and "was steadily returning toward Egypt." **5T 217** The

church then rejected truth in 1930

ALL THE WORLD WONDERED AFTER THE BEAST

1. It is very significant that the Bible points out that “all the world wondered after the beast” and not after the head. Since the beast represents the world, it shows that all the churches including Laodicea has largely partaken of the spirit of the beast, worldliness. The name “Blasphemy” over all the heads confirms the hypocrisy of the churches. Their celebrating Valentine, Halloween, Christmas keeping, etc. is additional evidence.

SUMMARY: The LLB is not a representation of the papacy but of our world of many churches, numerous governments with their own authority, descendent from the Roman Empire both Pagan and Papal. This beast primarily reveals the fall of the Papacy and the rise of Protestantism. The LLB could be termed, the Protestant beast, Christianized Rome, Western Civilization, the Assyrian beast, or what is generally thought to be the United Nations. This is the system that today is most influential in the world.