

THE LEOPARD-LIKE BEAST

REVELATION 13:1-10

(Outline # 21)

Meditation: *TM* 114 or 118

INTRODUCTION: In our study of the leopard-like Beast we will endeavor to show analytically, the true identity of the Leopard-like Beast, its relationship with the Non-descript Beast of Daniel 7 in its first and second stages. In short, we will trace the historic and prophetic scriptural lessons of the Leopard-like Beast, especially in its relation to Rome, the Papacy, and Protestantism are concerned - with special emphasis on what scenes are shortly to unfold in the great drama of the religious and political world of today.

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

1. **What The Non-descript Beast Reveals:**
 - a. In its first stage that ten kings were to arise out of Rome (Dan. 7:24).
 - b. In its second stage the Papacy was to arise subdue three kings, and persecute the saints 1260 days.
2. **What The Non-descript Beast *does Not* Reveal:**
 - a. The fall of the Papacy
 - b. The Reformation
 - c. The rise of Protestantism
3. **What The Leopard-like Beast Actually Reveals:**
 - a. The fall of the Roman monarchy
 - b. The reformation
 - c. The wound/decline of the Papacy
 - d. The rise of Protestantism
 - e. The captivity of the Pope
4. **COMPARATIVE FACTS: The Non-descript and Leopard-like Beasts**
 - a. The Leopard-like arises out of the sea like the beasts of Dan. 7. (See Rev. 13:1)—created by the same conditions.
 - b. The LLB continues the line of the Non-descript Beast (NDB) corresponding to the feet and toes of Dan. 2.
 - c. 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*.
 - d. Since the three horns of the NDB were plucked by the roots, they were never to be 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.
- e. 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.
 - f. 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.
 - g. 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.
 - h. Daniel in vision saw what the beast WAS TO DO (Dan. 7:25). While John saw the closing act ("his deadly wound was healed")—what the beast HAD DONE. (Rev. 13:5-7).
 - i. Both LLB and NDB. Both LLB and NDB (2nd stage) ruled for the same period-1260 years. (Dan. 7:25; Rev. 13:5). The first beast reveals her tyrannical authority, the 2nd her downfall.

5. **The Leopard-like Beast could Not Be The Papacy In Its Entirety Because:**

- a. The LLB has only one wounded head - there are six other unharmed heads revealing other religious bodies besides the papacy.
- b. It has horns—denoting civil powers. Ten shows universality.
- c. The horns are crowned indicating that the nations have their own authority apart from the Papacy, thus, they are no longer controlled by the popes. Therefore, the LLB shows a separation of church and state.
- d. The LLB is a composite and descendent of the previous beasts of Dan. 7, indicating a world power having the make-up of Babylon (the mouth of the 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 and is not a universal power.

6. **Symbols On The Beasts And Their Significance:**

- a. Crowns and Horns:

While crowns represent kingly authority and rulership. Horns represent civil authorities (Dan. 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 only its common wounded head continued the representation since the Horn (civil) aspect was removed. Thus the Papacy was no longer a combination of church and state after the 1260 years.

This event gave authority/rulership (crowns) to the horns of the LLB. The civil authorities were now independent of the church. 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 are all present at the same time

indicating that they all exist contemporaneously. (Rev. 13:5-8—the 42 months or 1260 days/years).

b. **Seven Heads:**

While the horns represent the civil side and the heads the religious side of today's world. Since the beast is universal, and the heads number seven (completeness—AA 585), which would include the SDA church. **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 Popes.

c. **Blasphemy Over The Heads**

This denotes Hypocrisy. Professing one things but doing another. "...resistance of known truth, expression of defiant impiety and irreverence towards God, or things held sacred -mocking God's personality and authority. (See also Rev. 2:9; Isa. 4:1).

7. **The Wounded Head**

Only the wounded head represents the Papacy. The Papacy was wounded by the Protestant Reformation started by Martin Luther (See GC 142, 155, 162, 190: 17373). What was fulfilled in 1798 was the culmination of the wounding process and 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 signifies the fall or apostasy of Protestantism,

In 1844 when the nominal churches rejected Miller's message of present truth, the second angel announced that Babylon had fallen (Rev. 14:8). The deadly wound would have been healed at that time, but God providentially called forth the SDA Church. With obedience to the truth and true religion, Adventists were to keep the wound on the head and eventually bring about its demise. But the Church conformed to the world, lowered its standards, and in 1888-1890 SDAs rejected the righteousness by faith message beginning the process of healing.

As 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 SDAs had "turned back from following Christ her leader and "was" steadily returning toward Egypt." (57217), the church then rejected present truth in 1930.

9. **All The World Wondered After The Beast**

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 this hypocrisy of the churches. Their celebrating Valentine, Halloween, Christmas keeping, etc. is additional evidence.

10. **Who Is Able To Make War With The Beast?**

This phrase indicates a challenge! Who can challenge this system (Western civilization) that now leads the world? The system (Western civilization), is primarily comprised of fallen Catholicism, Apostate Protestantism, Capitalism, and democracy (so-called). The United Nations is a prime example of this system and of this challenge.

Conclusion: The LLB is not a representation of the Papacy but of our present 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 beast 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.

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