

The Earthly Actors in Revelation 12-14

Rev 13:1-10

Revelation 12: The Woman, her Seed, the Dragon, Michael

Revelation 13: The Dragon and the Two Beasts

Lev 26, Ezek 14: God's Four Judgments

- Sword
- Hunger
- Death/Pestilence
- **Wild Beasts**

Job 40-41:

- Behemoth, earth (40)
- Leviathan, sea (41)

Dan 7:

- Four beasts
- Ten horns
- World dominion

Revelation 14: God and his Human Creatures

	1-10, Beast from the Sea	11-18, Beast from the Earth
Relation to the Dragon	1 ... a beast ... having seven heads and ten horns , ...	11 And I beheld another beast ... and he spake as a dragon .
Worship, Wound	3 ... his deadly wound was healed : ... 4 ... and they worshipped the beast, ...	12 he ... causeth the earth ... to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed .
Divine Permission ("was given")	5 And <u>there was given</u> unto him a mouth ... and power ἐξουσία was given unto him ... 7 And <u>it was given</u> unto him ... and power ἐξουσία was given him ...	14 ... those miracles which <u>he had power</u> [it was given to him] to do ;... 15 And <u>he had power</u> [it was given to him] to give life unto the image of the beast,
Distinctive Sign	whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb	16 And he causeth all ... to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ...
Call to attention	9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. ...	18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast:

● What did the dragon give the Beast in this verse?

Revelation 13: 1-2

13 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.



Daniel 7, The Four Beasts

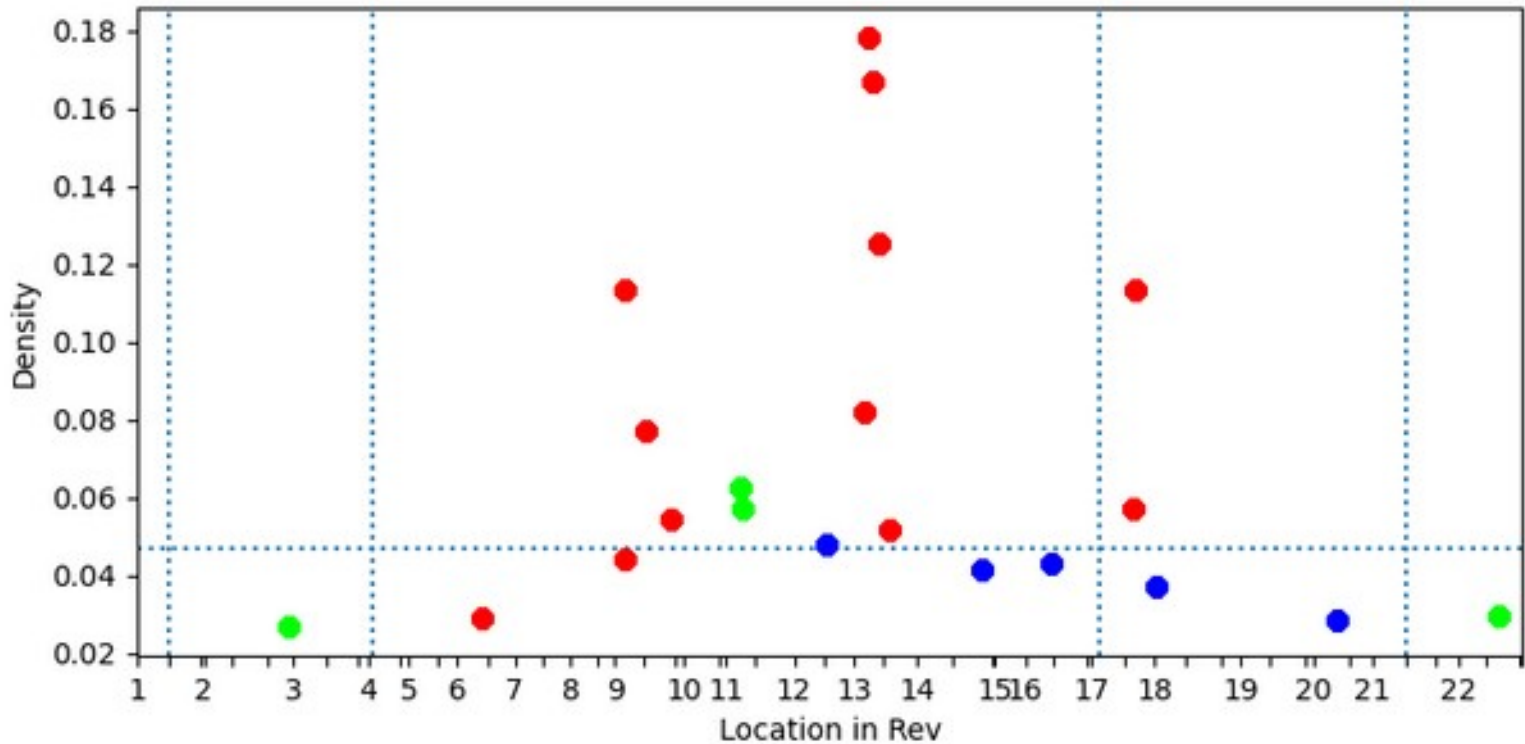
Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. 4 The first was like a **lion**, and had **eagle's wings**: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a **bear**, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a **leopard**, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also **four heads**; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a **fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had **ten horns**. 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a **mouth speaking great things**. ... 21 I beheld, and the same horn **made war** with the saints, and **prevailed** against them; ... 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are **ten kings** that shall arise:

ἐξουσία G1849 (power, authority)

Who has Authority?

- **Red**: evil agents
- **Green**: God's people
- **Blue**: the Lord or his angels



Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this **power** will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All **power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Ex. 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Psa. 89:8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Mic. 7:18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage?

The Man of Sin and the Beast from the Sea

Revelation 12-13	2 Thessalonians 2
12:7-9, Michael occupies the dragon in heavenly combat	6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, ...
12:9, dragon descends as Michael stands back (Dan 12:1)	... until he be taken out of the way.
13:3, a deadly wound healed	9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
13:4, worship offered to the beast	3 ... that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
13:8, universal allegiance by those not in the Lamb's book of life	10 ... they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1 Ki 19:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

13:5, summary

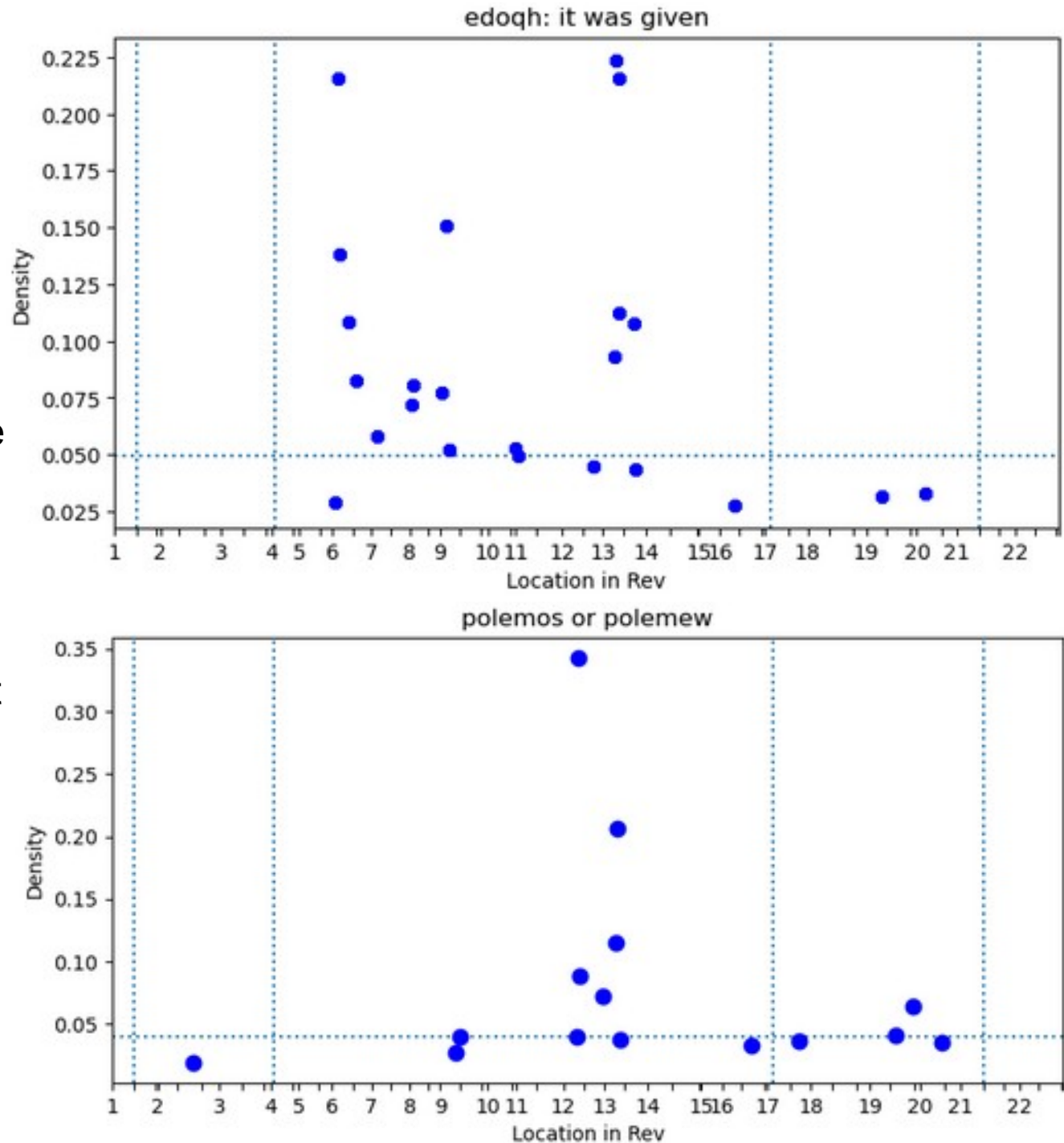
- to blaspheme
- to make war

13:6-7a, detail

- 13:6, blaspheme
- 13:7a, make war

13:7b, his scope

The Beast Gets Permission ...



Specific Permissions

**6 ... to blaspheme his name
and his tabernacle σκηνή
G4633, them that dwell
σκηνώω G4637 in heaven**

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the **tabernacle σκηνή of God** is with men, and he will **dwell σκηνώω** with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

**7 ... make war with the saints,
and overcome them**

Rev. 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall **make war** against them, and shall **overcome** them, and **kill** them.

Dan. 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn **made war with the saints, and prevailed** against them;

Descriptions of “Everybody”

	Theme	λαός G2992 People	ἔθνος G1484 Nation	γλῶσσα G1100 Tongue	βασιλεύς G935 King	φυλή G5443 Tribe	ὄχλος G3793 Multitude
5:9	Who is redeemed?	3	4	2		1	
7:9	Who is able to stand?	3	1	4		2	
10:11	Against whom does John prophesy?	1	2	3	4		
11:9	Who opposes God’s prophets?	1	4	3		2	
13:7	Over whom does the beast have power?	2	4	3		1	
14:6	To whom is the everlasting gospel preached?	4	1	3		2	
17:15	Over whom does the Whore rule?	1	3	4			2