

# The Earthly Actors in Revelation 12-14

Rev 13:5-18

## 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

Job 40-41:  
 • Behemoth  
 • Leviathan

Dan 7:  
 • Four beasts  
 • Ten horns  
 • World rule

2 Thes 2:  
 • Man of Sin  
 • Wonders  
 • Worship

Deut 13:  
 • False prophet  
 • Miracles

### 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 <b>seven heads and ten horns</b> , ...	11 And I beheld another beast ... and he <b>spake as a dragon</b> .
Worship, Wound	3 ... <b>his deadly wound was healed</b> : ... 4 ... and they <b>worshipped</b> the beast, ...	12 he ... causeth the earth ... to <b>worship</b> the first beast, whose <b>deadly wound was healed</b> .
Divine Permission ("was given")	5 And <u>there was given</u> unto him a mouth ... and <b>power ἐξουσία</b> was given unto him ... 7 And <u>it was given</u> unto him ... and <b>power ἐξουσία</b> 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 <b>names are not written</b> in the book of life of the Lamb	16 And he causeth all ... to <b>receive a mark</b> in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ...
Call to attention	9 If any man have an ear, <b>let him hear</b> . ...	18 Here is wisdom. <b>Let him that hath understanding count</b> the number of the beast:

# The Beast Gets Permission ...

1 Ki 19:20 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**.

2 Cor 12:7 there **was given to me** a thorn in the flesh, the **messenger of Satan** to buffet me ...

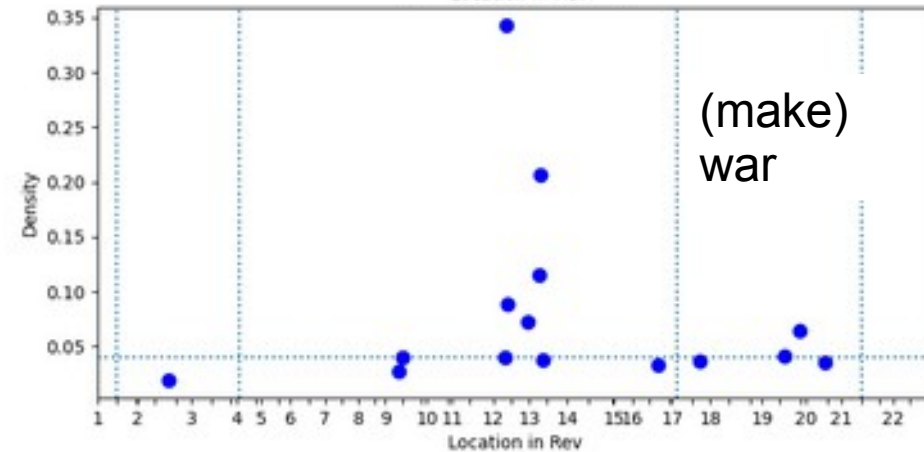
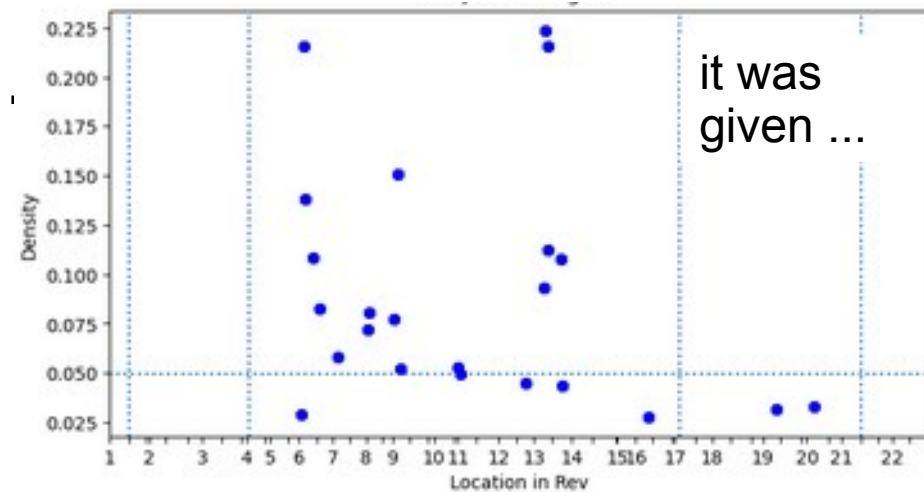
## 5 a mouth speaking great things

Dan 7:8 behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

## 6 ... to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle

**σκηνή, them that dwell σκηνώω 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
<b>5:9</b>	Who is redeemed?	3	4	2		1	
<b>7:9</b>	Who is able to stand?	3	1	4		2	
<b>10:11</b>	Against whom does John prophesy?	1	2	3	4		
<b>11:9</b>	Who opposes God’s prophets?	1	4	3		2	
<b>13:7</b>	Over whom does the beast have power?	2	4	3		1	
<b>14:6</b>	To whom is the everlasting gospel preached?	4	1	3		2	
<b>17:15</b>	Over whom does the Whore rule?	1	3	4			2

# 13:8 Distinctive Sign: Book of Life

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the **book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the **book of life** from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

	Accomplished Facts (Past)	Decreed Purposes (Future)
People's Actions	1. Record Book (OT, NT)	2. Book of Decrees (OT, NT)
People's States	3. Book of the Living (OT)	4. Book of Life (NT, maybe OT)

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Heb. 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

## 13:9-10 Call to Attention

Matt 26:52 Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

# 13:11-18, The Beast out of the Earth

**sea ... earth ... :**

Dan 7:3 And four great beasts **came up from the sea**, diverse one from another.

Dan 7:16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. 17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall **arise out of the earth**.

**two horns like a lamb:**

Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb** as it had been slain, **having seven horns** and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

**spake as a dragon ... false prophet:**

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.

Rev 19:20 And the **beast** was taken, and with him the **false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 20:10 And the **devil** that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the **beast** and the **false prophet** are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Mar 13:22 For **false Christs** and **false prophets** shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

Revelation 13:11

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

- Describe the second beast that came out of the earth in verse eleven of the book of Revelations?



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# 13:13-14, The Beast's Miracles

## 13 doeth great wonders

Deu 13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 **And the sign or the wonder come to pass**, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, **Let us go after other gods**, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for **the LORD your God proveth you**, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

## fire from heaven

1Ki 18:36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, ... 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. 38 Then **the fire of the LORD fell**, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

2Ki 1:9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. 10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And **there came down fire from heaven**, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. 12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And **the fire of God came down from heaven**, and consumed him and his fifty.

# Miracles and Marks

## **14 deceiveth ... by the means of those miracles**

2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with **all power and signs and lying wonders**, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because 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:

### **make an image to the beast**

Mat 22:18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? 19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. 20 And he saith unto them, **Whose is this image and superscription?** 21 They say unto him, Caesar's.

## **16 a mark ... in their foreheads**

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh ... I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:... 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.