Revelation Commentary – Lesson 10
The Beast with Seven Heads and Ten Horns (Revelation 13)

- All scriptures given in King James Version unless noted otherwise.

Review Lesson 9
- The woman with 12 stars about her head
  - The woman Israel travails to bring forth a child
- The red dragon with seven heads and ten horns
  - The dragon seeks to kill the child as soon as He is born
  - Herod the Great attempts to kill Jesus
  - The dragon fails in his plan to destroy the child
  - The child was caught up to God and to His throne
- 2,000 years between Revelation 12:5 and Revelation 12:6
- The war in heaven
  - Satan banished from heaven and confined to the earth
  - Satan’s main job is to be the accuser of God’s people
    - Saints’ defensive weapon against Satan is the blood of Jesus
    - Saints’ offensive weapon against Satan is the word of their testimony
- The Great Tribulation is the wrath of Satan
  - Satan will try to destroy Israel during the Great Tribulation
- Two wings of a great eagle, the United States, will protect Israel
- The Great Tribulation will last for three and one-half years
  - Satan will make war against Jews and true Christians not protected in Israel

The beast with seven heads and ten horns
- Revelation 13:1 – “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.”
  - The red dragon had seven heads and ten horns
  - This beast has seven heads and ten horns
    - This beast bears the image of the dragon
    - This beast represents a nation or kingdom
  - This beast comes out of the sea of humanity (Revelation 17:15)

This beast is a union of the beasts of Daniel 7
- Revelation 13:2 – “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.”
  - It is impossible to understand this beast without understanding the four beasts of Daniel 7

Daniel’s vision of end time nations
- Daniel 7:1-3 – “In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the
matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.”
  o Daniel received this vision around 549 BC
  o These four beasts came up from the sea of humanity
  o There are four beasts in Daniel 7 but one beast in Revelation 13

The beasts of Daniel 7
• Daniel 7:4-8 – “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. 5And 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. 6After 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. 7After 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. 8I 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.”
  o Lion with eagle’s wings
  o Bear with three ribs
  o Leopard with four heads
  o Ten-horned beast

What do these beasts symbolize?
• Daniel 7:17 – “These great beasts, which are four, [are] four kings, [which] shall arise out of the earth.”
• Daniel 7:23 – “Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.”
  o Each beast symbolizes a kingdom or nation along with the ruler of that kingdom or nation

When will these nations exist?
• Daniel 7:9-12 – “I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld [even] till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the
burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

- **Revelation 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.”
  - These nations will exist on the earth at the time the Antichrist and the False Prophet are slain and thrown into the lake of fire
  - Jesus will return to the earth during the time of these nations in Daniel 7

### The ram and the he goat

- **Daniel 8:20-21** – “The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that [is] between his eyes [is] the first king.”
  - There are popular teachings that claim the bear is Media-Persia and the leopard is Greece
    - The Bible says that the ram is Media-Persia and the he goat is Greece
  - The kingdoms in Daniel 7 must be present at the Second Coming

### Identity of the lion

- **Daniel 7:4** – “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.”
  - Symbol of Great Britain = Lion
  - God says there’s a nation, the lion, which will be on the earth at the time of His Second Coming

### Identity of the bear

- **Daniel 7:5** – “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.”
  - Symbol of Russia = Bear
  - God wants us to understand the prophecies

### Identity of the eagle

- **Daniel 7:4** – “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.”
  - The symbol of the United States = Eagle and Uncle Sam
  - We are still having tensions with the Middle East

### Identity of the leopard

- **Daniel 7:6** – “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.”
  - The symbol of Germany = leopard
The wings of a fowl refer to the Franco-German alliance
  - The symbol of France = rooster

**Identity of the ten-horned beast**
- Daniel 7:7 – “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.”
- Daniel 7:12 – “As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.”
- Daniel 7:24 – “And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings”
  - The beast here is the Antichrist and his one world government

**Where does the ten-horned kingdom come from?**
- The Antichrist comes out of a ten nation union as shown in Daniel 7:24
- Daniel 2:32-45 – “This image’s head [was] of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet [that were] of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. This [is] the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, [art] a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou [art] this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all [things]: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And [as] the toes of the feet [were] part of iron, and part of clay, [so] the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it break in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream [is] certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.”
Head of gold = Babylon Empire
Arms and breast of silver = Media-Persia Empire
Belly and thighs of brass = Grecian Empire
Legs of iron = Roman Empire
Feet of iron mingled with clay = Holy Roman Empire
A stone smites the feet
  - This represents Jesus coming back and replacing human government
  - The ten toes are the same as the ten horns in Daniel 7
    - This tells us that the ten toes/ten horns represent the Holy Roman Empire
    - The European Union is the reborn Holy Roman Empire
      - The Antichrist will come out of Europe

**Conclusion**
- The Antichrist will come from the reborn Holy Roman Empire
  - The Antichrist and his world government will devour the whole earth
- The kingdom of God will prevail
  - The whole heaven shall be given to the people and the saints of the most high
- It is impossible to understand the beast in Revelation 13 without understanding Daniel 7