

Revelation Chapter 13

Verse-by-Verse Study Notes

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“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy.” —
Revelation 1:3

STUDY NOTES — verse by verse. [Brackets] mark English helper words. Hebrew quoted word-for-word from the Tanakh, never invented. "Lord" = kurios (title), never the Name. Greek in pinned comment; apparatus free below.

Rev 13:1 — α A P47.

Lit: "And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and upon the horns of it ten diadems, and upon the heads of it names of blasphemy."

Heb, Dan 7:3 (four great beasts coming up from the sea — ARAMAIC):
וְאַרְבַּע חַיּוֹת בְּרִבְּבוֹן סֻלְקוֹן מִן יָמָא שְׁנִין דָּא מִן דָּא — "and four great beasts came up from the sea, different one from another"

Heb, Dan 7:7 (the fourth beast, dreadful, with ten horns — ARAMAIC):
וְאַרְו חַיּוֹת רַבִּיעָא דְחִילָה וְאַיִמְתָּנִי וְתַקִּיפָא וְתִירָא וְשִׁנֵּין דִּי פְרָזֵל לֵה בְרִבְּבוֹן אֲכָלָה וּמַדְקָה
— "and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and exceedingly strong, and it had great teeth of iron; it ate and crushed, and trampled the rest with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts before it, and it had ten horns"

Rev 13:2 — α A P47.

Lit: "And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and the feet of it as of a bear, and the mouth of it as a mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave to it the power of him and the throne of him and great authority."

Heb, Dan 7:6 (the third beast like a leopard — ARAMAIC):
בְּאַתֵּר דְּנִה חַיּוֹת
הָיִית וְאַרְו אֲחֵרִי כְנִמֵּר וְלֵה גִפִּין אֲרַבַּע דִּי עוֹף עַל גִּבָּה וְאַרְבַּעָה רַאשֵׁין לְחַיּוֹתָא וְשִׁלְטָן
— "after this I looked, and behold, another like a leopard, and it had four wings of a bird upon its back; and the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it"

Heb, Dan 7:5 (the second beast like a bear — ARAMAIC): וְאַרְו חִיָּה אֶחָדִי — "and behold, another beast, a second, like a bear"

Heb, Dan 7:4 (the first like a lion — ARAMAIC): קִדְמֵיָא כְּאַרְיֵה — "the first was like a lion"

Rev 13:3 — א A P47.

Lit: "And [I saw] one of the heads of it as having been slain unto death, and the wound of the death of it was healed. And the whole earth marveled after the beast."

Heb: none — the slain-and-healed head has no direct Tanakh parallel; the ἔσφαγμένον language echoes the ἄρνιον ἔσφαγμένον of Rev 5:6.

Rev 13:4 — א A P47.

Lit: "And they worshiped the dragon, because he gave the authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying: Who [is] like the beast, and who is able to make war with him?"

Heb: none direct — the "who is like" acclamation inverts the incomparability formula, e.g. Exod 15:11 מִי כְמוֹכָה בְּאֱלִים יְהוָה "who is like You among the gods, YudHeyVavHey"

Rev 13:5 — א A P47.

Lit: "And there was given to it a mouth speaking great [things] and blasphemies, and there was given to it authority to act forty-two months."

Heb, Dan 7:8 (a mouth speaking great things — ARAMAIC): וְאַלּו עֵינִין — "and behold, eyes like the eyes of a man were in this horn, and a mouth speaking great things"

Heb, Dan 7:25 (words against the Most High; time, times, and half a time — ARAMAIC): וּמְלִין לְצַד עֲלָא וּמְלִין לְקַדְיִשִּׁי עֲלִיוֹנִין וְבִלָּא וְיִסְבֵּר לְהַשְׁבִּיחַ זְמַנִּין — "and he shall speak words against

the Most High, and shall wear out the holy ones of the Most High, and shall think to change times and law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time"

Heb, Dan 12:7 (time, times, and a half): כִּי לְמוֹעֵד מוֹעֲדִים וְחֶצִי — "for a time, times, and a half"

Rev 13:6 — α A P47.

Lit: "And it opened the mouth of it unto blasphemies toward Elohim, to blaspheme the name of Him and the tabernacle of Him — the [ones] in the heaven tabernacling."

Rev 13:7 — α A P47.

Lit: "And there was given to it to make war with the holy [ones] and to conquer them, and there was given to it authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation."

Heb, Dan 7:21 (the horn made war with the holy ones — ARAMAIC): חִזָּה הָיִית וְקַרְנָא דִּכְן עֲבָדָה קִרְבָּ עִם קַדִּישִׁין וְיִכְלָה לְהוֹן — "I looked, and that horn made war with the holy ones and prevailed over them"

Rev 13:8 — α A P47.

Lit: "And all the [ones] dwelling upon the earth shall worship him — of whom the name of him has not been written in the book of the life of the Lamb, of the [One] having been slain from [the] foundation of [the] world."

Heb, Exod 32:32 (blot me out of Your book): וְעַתָּה אִם תִּשָּׂא חֲטָאתָם וְאִם — "and now, if You will forgive their sin — and if not, blot me out, please, from Your book which You have written"

Heb, Exod 32:33 (whoever sinned, I blot out): וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל מֹשֶׁה מִי אֲשֶׁר — "and YudHeyVavHey said to Moses: whoever has sinned against Me, I shall blot him out of My book"

Heb, Dan 12:1 (everyone found written in the book delivered): וְכָל הַנִּמְצָא כְּתוּב בַּסֵּפֶר — "and at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone found written in the book"

Rev 13:9 — א A P47.

Lit: "If anyone has an ear, let him hear."

Heb: none.

Rev 13:10 — א A P47.

Lit: "If anyone [is destined] into captivity, into captivity he goes; if anyone [is destined] by [the] sword to be killed, him by [the] sword to be killed. Here is the endurance and the faith of the holy [ones]."

Heb, Jer 15:2 (to death, to the sword, to famine, to captivity): וְהָיָה כִּי יֹאמְרוּ אֵלֶיךָ אָנָּה נֵצֵא וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר לַמָּוֶת לַמָּוֶת וְאֲשֶׁר לַחֶרֶב לַחֶרֶב יֹאמְרוּ אֵלֶיךָ אָנָּה נֵצֵא וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר לַמָּוֶת לַמָּוֶת וְאֲשֶׁר לַחֶרֶב לַחֶרֶב יֹאמְרוּ אֵלֶיךָ אָנָּה נֵצֵא וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר לַמָּוֶת לַמָּוֶת וְאֲשֶׁר לַחֶרֶב לַחֶרֶב — "and it shall be, when they say to you, 'Where shall we go out?' — then you shall say to them: Thus says YuhYehVavYeh: Those for death — to death; and those for the sword — to the sword; and those for famine — to famine; and those for captivity — to captivity"

Rev 13:11 — א A P47.

Lit: "And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke as a dragon."

Heb, Dan 8:3 (a ram with two horns): וְאִשָּׁא עֵינַי וְאַרְאָה וְהָיָה אֵיל אֶחָד עֹמֵד — "and I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, one ram standing before the canal, and it had two horns"

Rev 13:12 — א A P47.

Lit: "And the authority of the first beast — all of it — he exercises before him. And he causes the earth and the [ones] in it dwelling that

they shall worship the first beast, of which the wound of the death of it was healed."

Heb: none direct.

Rev 13:13 — א A P47.

Lit: "And he does great signs, so that even fire he makes to come down out of the heaven into the earth before men."

Heb, 1 Kgs 18:38 (the fire of YudHeyVavHey fell): וַתִּפֹּל אֵשׁ יְהוָה וַתֹּאכַל — "and the fire of YudHeyVavHey fell, and it consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench"

Heb, 2 Kgs 1:10 (let fire come down from heaven): וְאִם אִישׁ אֱלֹהִים אָנִי — "and if I am a man of Elohim, let fire come down from heaven"

Rev 13:14 — א A P47.

Lit: "And he deceives the [ones] dwelling upon the earth through the signs which were given to him to do before the beast, saying to the [ones] dwelling upon the earth to make an image to the beast — which has the wound of the sword and lived."

Heb, Dan 3:1 (Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold — ARAMAIC): נְבוּכַדְנֶצַּר מֶלֶכָא עֲבַד צֶלֶם דִּי דְהַב — "Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold"

Rev 13:15 — א A P47.

Lit: "And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that even the image of the beast might speak, and he might cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

Heb, Gen 2:7 (He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life): וַיִּפַּח
בְּאַפָּיו נְשֵׁמַת חַיִּים — "and He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life"

Rev 13:16 — x A P47.

Lit: "And he causes all — the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves — that they should give to themselves a mark upon the right hand of them or upon the forehead of them."

Heb, Deut 6:8 (bind them as a sign on your hand, frontlets between your eyes): וַיִּקְשְׁרֵם לְאוֹת עַל יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ — "and you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes"

Heb, Ezek 9:4 (set a mark on the foreheads): וְהִתִּיַּתְתָּ תָּו עַל מִצְחֹת הָאֲנָשִׁים — "and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men"

Rev 13:17 — x A P47.

Lit: "And [he causes] that no one should be able to buy or to sell except the [one] having the mark: the name of the beast or the number of the name of it."

Heb: none direct.

Rev 13:18 — x A P47.

Lit: "Here wisdom is: the [one] having a mind, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is a number of a man; and the number of it [is] six hundred sixty-six."

Heb: none direct — the number has no Tanakh parallel; cf. the gematria note in Palmer fn 285: Neron Caesar in Hebrew letters = 666, Nero Caesar = 616.