



# Revelation 13 | Cheat Sheet

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## Overview

In this document, we will go over the prophetic language of the Bible. We will deal, specifically, with the symbolic and prophetic language found in Revelation 13. As you dive into the book of Revelation, you will notice that it is full of symbols that many do not understand. Before we can interpret Bible prophecy, we must first acquire the keys needed to fully understand what God has in store for us pertaining prophecy. Once you know the keys, read Revelation 13 and apply the keys.

## Keys

1. Beast
2. Sea | Waters
3. Horn
4. Blasphemy
5. 1 Prophetic Day
6. Saint
7. Dragon
8. Sword
9. Image
10. Worship

## Bible Interpretation

### 1. Beast

[Daniel 7:17](#) | Talking about prophetic beasts, says:

“These great **beasts**, which are four, are four **kings**, which shall arise out of the earth.”

- The words “king” and “kingdom” are used synonymously in Bible prophecy because you cannot have a king without a kingdom nor can you have a kingdom without a king.

[Daniel 7:23](#) | Again talking about prophetic beasts, says:

“The fourth **beast** shall be the fourth **kingdom** upon earth.”

**Beast = King | Political Power | Kingdom | Nation | Super Power**

## 2. Sea | Waters

Revelation 13:1 | John was standing...

"...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.**"

Revelation 17:3 | John sees the same exact beast that rises out of the sea, this time with a woman sitting on top of it.

"...and **I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast**, full of **names of blasphemy**, having **seven heads and ten horns.**"

Revelation 17:15 | The angel says...

"The **waters** which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, **are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.**"

**Sea = People | Densely Populated Area**

## 3. Horn

Daniel 7:24

"And the ten **horns** out of this kingdom are ten **kings** that shall arise:"

- A horn in Bible prophecy is a symbol for a king or a kingdom.

Habakkuk 3:4 | Talking about God, says that...

"...he had **horns** coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his **power.**"

- Horns are also symbolic for power.

**Horn = King | Kingdom | Power**

## 4. Blasphemy

John 10:30-33 | Jesus, explaining who He truly is, says:

"I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for **blasphemy**; and because that thou, **being a man, makest thyself God.**"

- Blasphemy Definition #1 - When a man claims to be God (this was ok for Jesus because Jesus is God).

Mark 2:5-7 | Jesus meets a man who was sick with the palsy and Jesus says to that man in verse 5, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. In verses 6 and 7:

"...there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, **Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?**"

- Blasphemy Definition #2 - When a man claims to have the power to forgive sin (this was ok for Jesus because He is God).

Mark 14:60-64 | Jesus was taken in for questioning and the Pharisees asked Him if He was the Christ and in verses 62 to 64...

"And Jesus said, **I am**: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, **What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.**"

- Blasphemy Definition #3 - When a man claims to be the Christ (this was ok for Jesus because He is Christ).

**Blasphemy = When a man claims: to be God | to be the Christ | to have the power to forgive sin**

## 5. 1 Prophetic Day

In Numbers 14, after God took Israel out of Egypt, He declares a prophecy saying that Israel will search the land for 40 days. The only thing is, they actually searched

the land for 40 literal years because God says about the prophecy that each day was symbolic of a literal year.

Numbers 14:34

“After the number of the **days** in which ye searched the land, even **forty days, each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, **even forty years**, and ye shall know my breach of promise.”

In Ezekiel 4, God declares a prophecy about the house of Israel and the house of Judah. He tells Ezekiel to sleep on his left side for 390 days and on the right side 40 days and according to the number of those days, God said, He has laid upon him the years of their iniquity and that He has appointed him each day for a year.

Ezekiel 4:4-6

“Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: **according to the number of the days** that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. For **I have laid upon thee the years** of their iniquity, **according to the number of the days**, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah **forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.**”

**1 Prophetic Day = 1 Literal Year**

## 6. Saint

Hebrew - H6918 (Strong)

שׂדִּיִּשׁ שׂדִּיִּשׁ

qâdôsh qâdôsh

kaw-doshe', kaw-doshe'

From H6942; **sacred (ceremonially or morally)**; (as noun) God (by eminence), an angel, a saint, a sanctuary: - **holy** (One), saint.

Greek - G40 (Strong)

ἅγιος

hagios

hag'-ee-os

From ἅγιος hagos (an awful thing) compare G53, [H2282]; sacred (physically pure, **morally blameless** or religious, ceremonially consecrated): - (most) **holy** (one, thing), saint.

**Saint = God's people who are morally blameless**

## 7. Dragon

Revelation 12:9

"And the great **dragon** was cast out, **that old serpent**, called **the Devil**, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

- So, in the primary sense, the dragon is the devil. But there is a secondary application.

Revelation 12:4-5 | Talking about the dragon, it says:

"his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the **dragon** stood **before the woman** which was **ready to be delivered**, for **to devour her child as soon as it was born**. And **she brought forth a man child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and **her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.**"

- First of all, what is a dragon? It is a beast. And remember, a beast is a symbol for a kingdom or a political power. Now, who was the man child who is now caught up unto God and to his throne? That would be Jesus Christ. Only Jesus Christ is worthy to ascend into heaven to His Father and unto His throne.
- Verse 4 says that this dragon, meaning this beast, or this kingdom, wanted to devour the man child, which was Jesus Christ, as soon as He was born. Who was the king from which kingdom that tried to kill Jesus as soon as He was born? In Matthew 2, it was king Herod of Pagan Rome that ordered to kill all of the sons of Bethlehem under 2 years old in hopes that Jesus would one of those that were killed. He felt threatened by Jesus because he had heard the

prophecy that one day this child would take hold of rulership. So in a secondary sense, the dragon is also pagan Rome.

### **Dragon = Satan | Pagan Rome**

## 8. Sword

Ephesians 6:17

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword** of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**.”

- In the primary sense, the sword is the word of God.

Romans 13:1-4

“Let every soul be subject unto the **higher powers**. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth **the power**, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For **rulers** are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of **the power**? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the **sword** in vain: for he is the minister of God, a **revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil**.”

- In the secondary sense, the sword is the civil power.

### **Sword = The Bible | Civil Power**

## 9. Image

Genesis 1:26

“And God said, Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**...”

Genesis 5:3

“And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own **likeness**, after his **image**; and called his name Seth.”

Exodus 20:4

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven **image**, or any **likeness** of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:”

**Image = Likeness | Replica**

## 10. Worship

Psalms 95:6

“O come, let us **worship** and **bow down**: let us **kneel** before the LORD our maker.”

Hebrew - H7812 (Strong)

חָשָׁה

shâchâh

shaw-khaw'

A primitive root; **to depress**, that is, **prostrate** (especially reflexively **in homage to royalty or God**): - **bow (self) down**, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, **do reverence**, **make to stoop**, worship.

Greek - G4352 (Strong)

προσκυνέω

proskuneō

pros-koo-neh'-o

From G4314 and probably a derivative of G2965 (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); **to fawn or crouch to**, that is, (literally or figuratively) **prostrate oneself in homage** (do reverence to, adore): - worship.

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