#219 The Ten Horns of Revelation 13:1 – The Beast that is like a Leopard, a Bear, a Lion

The Leopard – Bear – Lion comparison. We are continuing on with the *similarities* between (1) the Fourth Beast of Daniel 7:7 and (2) the Beast out of the Sea of Revelation 13:1. Our initial comparison was that each was a beast *that came up from the sea*. This Unsealings comparison can be called the *Leopard – Bear – Lion comparison*.

(1) Lion, Bear, Leopard in Daniel 7. In Daniel 7:4-6, we see *Beasts* like a Lion (Babylon), like a <u>Bear</u> (Media-Persia), and like a <u>Leopard</u> (Alexander the Great's Greece), *preceding* the Fourth Beast Roman Empire in Daniel 7:7.



Daniel 7:3-7 (KJV) And <u>FOUR GREAT BEASTS CAME UP FROM THE SEA</u>, diverse one from another.

4 <u>THE FIRST WAS LIKE A LION</u> [Babylon], 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.

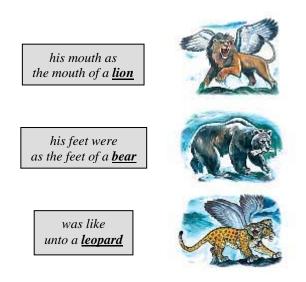
5 And behold <u>ANOTHER BEAST, A SECOND</u> [Media-Persia], <u>LIKE TO A BEAR</u>, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo <u>ANOTHER, LIKE A LEOPARD</u> [Alexander the Great's Greece], 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 <u>BEHOLD A FOURTH BEAST</u> [the Roman Empire, which came up from the sea; see verse 3 above], 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 <u>IT HAD TEN HORNS</u>.

(2) Leopard, Bear, Lion in Revelation 13:2. Then we see that the <u>Beast out of the Sea</u> in Revelation 13:1 is like a <u>Leopard</u>, and with feet as the feet of a <u>Bear</u>, and a mouth as the mouth of a <u>Lion</u>.

Revelation 13:1-2 (KJV) And I stood upon the sand of the sea[shore], and saw <u>A</u> <u>BEAST RISE UP OUT OF THE SEA,</u> <u>HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN</u> <u>HORNS</u>, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And THE <u>BEAST</u> [out of the Sea] WHICH I SAW WAS LIKE UNTO A <u>LEOPARD</u>, and HIS FEET WERE AS THE FEET OF A <u>BEAR</u>, and HIS MOUTH AS THE MOUTH OF A <u>LION</u>: and the dragon [Satan] gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.



Key Understanding: *The return of the lion, the bear, and the leopard*. Obviously, Daniel 7:4-6 is the background to Revelation 13:2, and because of this we are to understand that the Beast out of the Sea in Revelation 13:1 has in it the likeness of (a) Greece of Alexander the Great, represented by a Leopard, (b) Media-Persia, represented by a <u>Bear</u>, and (c) Babylon, represented by a <u>Lion</u>.

For this reason, the chosen depiction of the lion (*above right*) is as one having eagle's wings (from Daniel 7:4); the depiction of the bear is as one having three ribs in its mouth (from Daniel 7:5); the depiction of the leopard is as one having four wings of a fowl on its back (from Daniel 7:6).

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