

# Revelation

Chapter 13

Lesson 14

# Revelation 13:1-2

- ◆ <sup>1</sup> And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads and upon his horns were ten diadem crowns and upon its heads a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup> And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and its feet were like a bear's and its mouth was like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

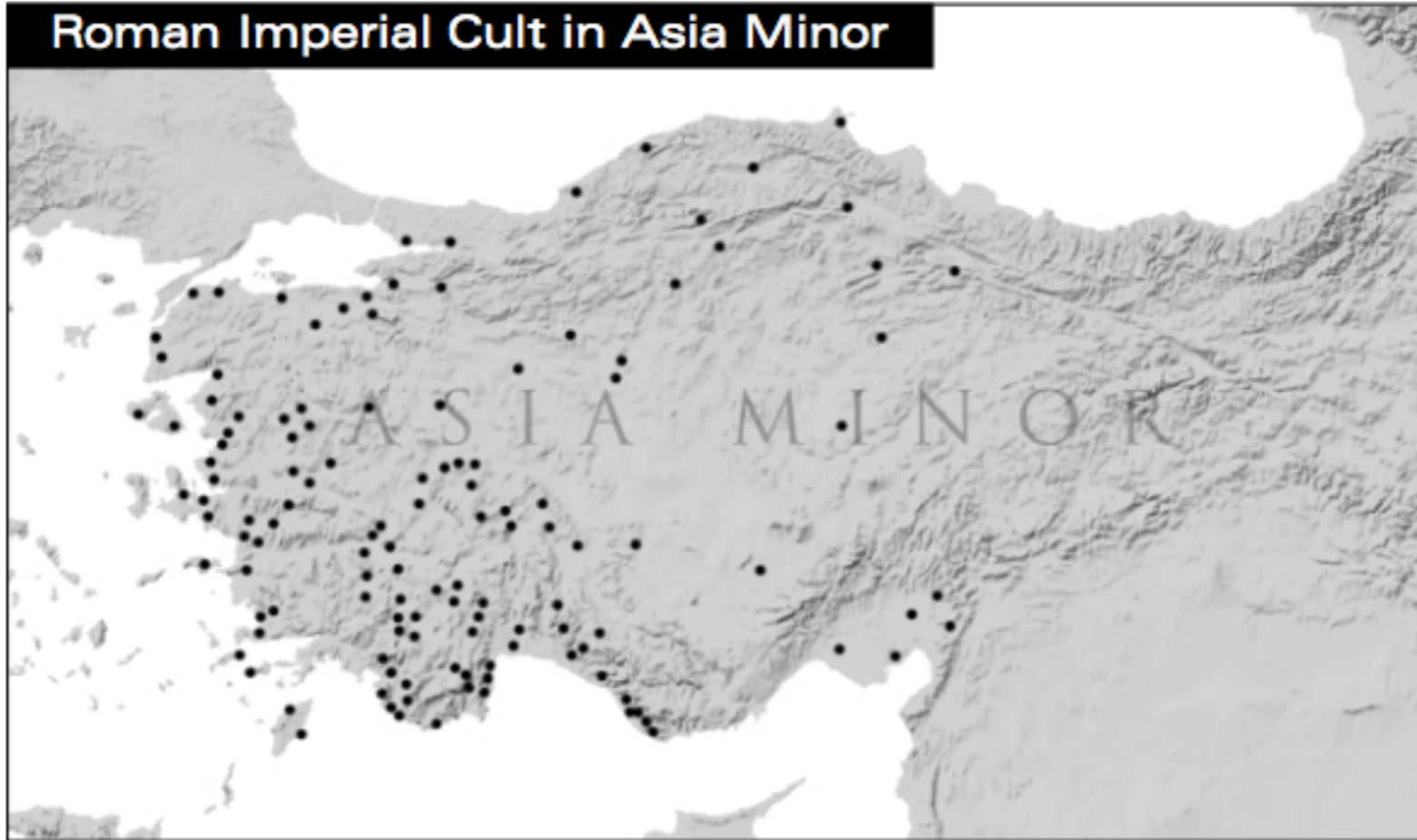
# Revelation 13:3-4

- ◆ <sup>3</sup> And one of its heads appeared to have been slain unto death, and the wound (πληγή) of his death was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast <sup>4</sup> and worshipped the dragon, because he gave the authority to the beast, and they worshipped the beast saying, "Who is like the beast and who is able to wage war with him."

# Imperial Cult in the Seven Cities of Asia Minor

	Imperial Temple	Imperial Altar	Imperial Priest
Ephesus	X	X	X
Laodicea	X		
Pergamum	X	X	X
Philadelphia	X		
Sardis	X	X	X
Smyrna	X	X	X
Thyatira	X	X	X

## Roman Imperial Cult in Asia Minor



Map of Asia Minor indicating cities that contained one or more imperial altars, temples, and/or priests during the 1st–4th centuries AD.

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# Revelation 13:5-6

- ◆ <sup>5</sup> And a mouth was given to him speaking proud and blasphemous things and it was given to him to exercise authority for forty two months. <sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth to utter blasphemies to God, his name and his tabernacle, and to the ones dwelling in the heaven.

# Revelation 13:7-8

- ◆ <sup>7</sup> It was given to him the ability to make war upon the holy ones and to conquer them, he was given authority over every tribe and people, and language and nation. <sup>8</sup> And all the ones dwelling upon the earth will fall down and worship him, whoever's name has not been written in the scroll of life, of the lamb, the one who was slaughtered from the foundation of the world.

# 1 Peter 1:18-20

- <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.



# Revelation 9-10

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# Jeremiah 15:2

- ◆ And when they say to you, “Where shall we go?” you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD: Those destined for pestilence, to pestilence, and those destined for the sword, to the sword; those destined for famine, to famine, and those destined for captivity, to captivity.

# Jeremiah 43:11

- ◆ He shall come and ravage the land of Egypt, giving those who are destined for pestilence, to pestilence, and those who are destined for captivity, to captivity, and those who are destined for the sword, to the sword.

# 1 Peter 2:13-25

- ♦ For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. <sup>16</sup> As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor. Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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# Endurance

- ◆ “The early church began [the transformation of society and persons] from the pole of steadfastness in prayer and the refusal of idolatry, manifesting that *hypomonē* which the Book of Revelation regards as the highest Christian virtue. It is usually somewhat limply rendered ‘patient endurance,’ but it is in fact closer to ‘absolute intransigence,’ ‘unbending determination,’ ‘an iron will,’ ‘the capacity to endure persecution, torture, and death without yielding one’s faith.’ It is one of the fundamental attributes of nonviolent resistance.”

# Revelation 13:11-12

- ◆ <sup>11</sup> And I saw another beast come up out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb and he speaks like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> And he exercises all the authority of the first beast on behalf of it, and he made the earth and the ones dwelling upon it to worship the first beast, who was healed of his deadly wound.

# Leviathan and Behemoth

- ◆ “Then you kept in existence two living creatures: the one you called Behemoth and the name of the other Leviathan. And you separated one from the other, for the seventh part where the water had been gathered together could not hold them both. And you gave Behemoth one of the parts that had been dried up on the third day, to live in it, where there are a thousand mountains; but to Leviathan you gave the seventh part, the watery part; and you have kept them to be eaten by whom you wish, and when you wish.” (2 Esdras 6:49-52)



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- ◆ “On that day, two monsters will be parted—one monster, a female named Leviathan, in order to dwell in the abyss of the ocean over the fountains of water; and (the other), a male called Behemoth, which holds his chest in an invisible desert whose name is Dundayin, east of the garden of Eden, wherein the elect and the righteous ones dwell. . . . Then I asked the second angel in order that he may show me (how) strong these monsters are, how they were separated on this day and were cast, the one into the abysses of the ocean, and the other into the dry desert. . . . And the angel of peace who was with me said to me, ‘These two monsters are prepared for the great day of the Lord (when) they shall turn into food.’ “ (1 Enoch 60:7-9, 24)

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- ◆ “And it will happen that when all that which should come to pass in these parts has been accomplished, the Anointed One will begin to be revealed. And Behemoth will reveal itself from its place, and Leviathan will come from the sea, the two great monsters which I created on the fifth day of creation and which I shall have kept until that time. And they will be nourishment for all who are left.” (2 Baruch 29:3-4)

# Revelation 13:13-14

- ◆ <sup>13</sup> And made great signs, so that even fire was made to come down unto the earth before human beings. <sup>14</sup> And he deceives those dwelling upon the earth through the signs which it performed on behalf of the beast, saying to those dwelling upon the earth, "make an image of the beast, which had the wound by the sword and lived."

# Revelation 13:15-16

- ◆ <sup>15</sup> And it was given the ability to give life to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast could speak and cause the ones who might not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> And it makes all the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to be given to them a mark upon their right hand and upon their forehead;

# Revelation 13:17-18

- ◆ <sup>17</sup> so that no one will be able to buy or sell if they do not have the mark, the name of the beast or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom. The one having a mind, let him figure out the number of the beast, for it is a number of a human being, and his number (is) six hundred sixty six.

