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*Revelation Outline:*

**I. Introduction**

Rev. 1 - Commissioning of John & Vision of Christ

Rev. 2-3 - Letters of Preparation to the Churches (*seven churches!*)

**II. The Prophetic Message**

Rev. 4-5 - The Vision of The Throne & The Coronation of Christ.

Rev. 6-8 - The Seven Seals (*1st seven*)

Rev. 8-11 - The Seven Trumpets (*2nd seven*)

Rev. 12-14 - Interregnum - The Cosmic Battle ← **You are here!**

Rev. 15-16 - The Seven Censers (*3rd seven*)

Rev. 17-22 - The End & The New Creation

**III. Epilogue**

Rev. 22 - The conclusion following the prophecy.

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**Chapter 13 - The Dragon Makes War!**

Setting: Rev 12:9, 17-18

**The Unholy Trinity =**

1. The Dragon (Rev 12)
  - 7 heads, 10 horns, crowns on heads.
2. The Beast from the Sea (Rev. 13:1-10)
  - Political Powers beginning with Rome.
  - Daniel 7:2-23 - included earlier political rulers prior to the appearance of the Son of Man
  - 7 heads, 10 horns, crowns on horns, blasphemy on heads
  - The Sea - *Gen. 1:2, Jer. 4:23, Gen. 6*
  - Multiplicity of Authority and Influence, coming from the Dragon
  - 42 months = 3 ½ years - Probably the time from the ascension to the end (c.f Rev. 11:2,3)
3. The Beast from the Earth (Rev. 13:11-18)
  - False Religion
  - Aid to the first beast.
  - Inspires worship of the first beast.

*“While a personage like Hitler or Stalin might, for a time and in a particular region, epitomize what the beast represents, that personage also would not exhaust such representation. Other human forces and people too would be at work under, beside, or apart from such typical fulfillments of what the beast symbolizes. And what the beast signifies will be worldwide at all times, and not present only where an epitomized human individual or organization exists at the moment.” (Brighton, 353)*

Where and how do we see Political Powers supplanting the rule of God and exercising the rule of the Dragon?

Where and how do we see false religion supplanting the rule of God and supporting the Dragon?

**The Mark/Name and Number**

See also Rev. 14:1.

How are God's people marked?