

the beast kingdom here, conversely, stands for the beast king—the Antichrist. The description of the kingdom beast is intended to set forth in final analysis the king himself.

3. This man is slain to death and rises again, thus imitating Christ as the risen man—as king of kings and lord of lords. v:3.

4. The world is filled with wonder concerning him.

They give him hero worship. In doing this they are worshipping—without knowing it—the dragon (the Devil himself.)

5. He is the incarnation of the Devil.

“Whose coming is after the working [the energy-power] of Satan.”—II. Thessalonians, 2:9.

6. He wages war and becomes a universal conqueror.—v:4.

7. He is a great orator, a blasphemer, an infidel.—v:5.

8. He runs his blasphemous course for forty-two months.

These are prophetic months. Prophetic months are lunar months—months of thirty days. There are three hundred and sixty days in a prophetic year. These forty-two months are twelve hundred and sixty days—three years and a half.

9. He speaks in blasphemy against God. v:6.

10. He blasphemes the tabernacle of God. v:6.