



The Beast Coming Out Of the Sea

Let me start by reading the verses that revealed the location of the beast:

¹³ And I stood 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.² And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. *Revelation 13:1-2*

Water Symbolism: It is clear that the beast came up out of the sea. But, as the Book of Revelation is an apocalyptic book, we can conclude that the sea has a mysterious meaning; so - it is imperative to comprehend the symbolism of it. The Oxford Dictionaries defined sea as an "expanse of salt water that covers most of the earth's surface and surrounds its land masses." Therefore, the sea is a mass of salt water.

In Scripture, the word "water" is applied in many different allegorical forms. Sometimes water could symbolize difficult times in everyday life of a person (Lamentations 3:54; Psalms 69:1-2; 69:14-15). In some other perspectives, water could be seen as enemies (2 Samuel 22:17-18; Psalms 18:16-17, 124:4-5; Jeremiah 47:2; Isaiah 8:7). Water could also represent salvation and eternal life (Revelation 21:6, 22:1-2, 22:17; Isaiah 12:3, 55:1). Water could symbolize God's supports and sentences (Isaiah 28:17, 8:6-8); water could also project man's **commitments** and man's **words** etc. (Proverbs 18:4, 20:5).

These last two, "**commitments** and **words**" of man, are where this study will take a stand. You'll probably ask me why? Well, the answer is simple: when a man is **committed** to something or someone, he is dearly ready to defend it. And the first tools or weapons that we humans normally use for defenses, are "**words**". For instance, people who are committed to their thoughts, will invest some time to bring them into reality simply by using the power of words. Their commitments passionately move them to speak on behalf of their beliefs; and their convincing words - create emotions, touch and inspire others all around them.

Remember, in the world we're living in, "words" can be divided into two categories: The word of truth, and the word of lie. In the very beginning the word was the word. The word had nothing in between. No separation whatsoever. The word was only known as - the **word**. In fact, it was not until the Devil twisted the truth of God, and gave birth to the lie, that a division took place. Up until that time, another "word" known as knowledge of good and evil came into existence. Hence, we can equally refer to this knowledge as knowledge of truth and lie. This was exactly the knowledge that God warned Adam and Eve not to eat, otherwise they would surely die. There is no way, for no one, to fuse light and darkness together and be able to clearly see the ditch ahead. I don't know how someone could mix up certain clean water with a bit of poisoned water and drink it, and get out alive.

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit of knowledge of good and evil, they disobeyed God, and sin made his way into their heart, and as you all know, the salary of sin is death. Yes, they had to face the consequences. But keep in mind that God never intended death. Death is a mess created and introduced by the Devil. In 1st Corinthians 15:26, the apostle Paul declared that death is the last enemy that shall be destroyed, and yes Satan is that enemy, the one who brought lies into existence, the creator of all the troubles we are in today. The Lord God, to retribute truth and completely destroy death came up with a plan of salvation: "killing the lies to the roots." In order to do so, all the lies of Satan need to be seen and understood by the Church of Christ. It won't be an easy task, Satan planted his lies in the heart of man. It's a virus, a bug, a parasite that override the truth; therefore, the heart is the location where God needs to start His cleansing operation.

Understand this, a lie is by far a twisted or crooked truth. A crooked truth - a lie - is subtly the combining of some truth with what is not straight. This action has the power to change the direction of the truth, and curve it to the road of perdition. That is why Satan was symbolized by a crooked animal, a "serpent" that can never go upright.

From that time on, the LORD started executing His debugging deliverance plan. God's plan is to clean His name, and in pursuance of, He will start by sanctifying His Church, He will wash our sins with clean water and do away with death; and everyone will know and testify that the Lord is the God of the Saints; hear this:

²² Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.



- ²³ And I will **sanctify my great name**, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when **I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.**
- ²⁴ For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.
- ²⁵ Then **will I sprinkle clean water upon you**, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.
- ²⁶ **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:** and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.
- ²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.
- ³² Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God ... Ezekiel 36:22-27/36:32a

You see! God will sanctify His name through His Church. He will start washing us with clean water, give us a new heart and pour out His Spirit on us... Wait a minute! What will God do...? In case you did not hear me, let me repeat for you: **1st God will wash us with clean water. 2nd God will change our heart. 3rd God will gift us with the Holy Spirit. This sound like a good plan...**

The plan started with the washing of His people with **clean water**. Clean water is what the Lord said He's going to use to clean up the Church. Well, we all know that no church can get washed by some literal water, it definitely speaks on behalf of a spiritual cleansing that will come with the acceptance of God's word. (Ephesians 5:26; Hebrews 10:22). In fact, the "water" that will operate the cleansing of the church precisely symbolized Jesus-Christ, the Word of God. Let us read:

- ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- ²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of **water by the word**,
- ²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-26

I don't know about you - but for me, it is extremely clear that the word of God is the clean water He will use to wash the robe of the bride. Normally, the word is a Spirit and no one is supposed to see a spirit. At this point, to reach out the children of promise with His word, God, had to introduce the word in a visible and touchable form. John 1:14 revealed that the word became flesh, implying that the word turned into a man like us, with supernatural power of giving birth, to a new generation of man and woman transformed by the renewing of their mind (the Church), and believed in the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Listen, this man Jesus is the **river of living water**.

God will let the rivers of living water flow in your heart, transform your life and pour out His Spirit in you for eternal life. While Satan, deceitfully will encourage you to drink from the river of contaminated waters, and poison your life with his evil spirit for eternal damnation. But God will not abandon us - as He splitted the Red Sea into two halves, and caused His people to pass in the midst of it; the word of truth, Jesus-Christ, splitted the river of lies of the Devil into two halves, and the Church only has to flee.

Proverbs 21:1 said, the heart of man is like a river of water in the hand of God. Recognize this, if your heart contains a river of living water, God will use it for His glory. On the other hand, if your heart contains a river of contaminated water, God could use it for His glory as well. For instance, in EXODUS 9:12/9:16 the LORD said: I hardened the heart of pharaoh so my name can be known by all the earth. Let's read:

- ¹² And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.
- ¹⁶ And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. Exodus 9:12/9:16.

When we know the story of Moses and Pharaoh of Egypt, it is obvious that the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh for His glory. But the LORD also used the heart of the wise for His own glory.

Let's take for example the meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. She could not understand, and refused to believe that such a request for water had come from a real Jew.

- ⁹ Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, how is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
- ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. John 4:9-10.
- She was still confused, thinking that the LORD literally was talking about Poland Spring water that is coming from a natural mountain spring.

- ¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- ¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well



of water springing up into everlasting life. ^{John 4:13-14}

We need to realize that the river of living water the LORD was offering, represented the truth of GOD, and if she, the woman of Samaria, knew that Him Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, she would have received Him as a river of living water, meaning she would have received the truth and the truth shall have been unto her "**a well of water springing up into everlasting life**".

Listen to this, if the truth of GOD is a living water; the lies of Satan is a contaminated water. And this is clearly explained in the book of Genesis.

Remember, in the beginning all the waters were together, and **darkness was upon the waters**. And the LORD had to do something to correct this unacceptable movement.

He ^{1st} created light and **separated the light from the darkness**:

³ And God said, let there be light: and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. ^{Genesis 1:3-4}

N.B. Darkness upon the waters, represents the confusions created by Satan in the beginning.

^{2nd} God created a firmament and separated the **waters above** from the **waters below**:

⁶ And God said, let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

⁷ And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. ^{Genesis 1:6-7}

N.B. A firmament is the establishment of a firm decision of GOD to sign and seal the **separation of light and darkness**, meaning sign and seal the **separation of good and evil**, sign and seal the **separation of truth and lies**.

⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven...⁹ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: ^{Genesis 1:8-10}

^{1st}) GOD created light and dispelled darkness.

^{2nd}) GOD separated the two knowledges: **knowledge of good** from **knowledge of good and evil** which respectively stood for the waters above and the waters below the firmament. Again, this was the fruit of mixing knowledge that Adam and Eve were not supposed to eat.

Remember, **waters above the firmament**, above the heaven, naturally come in the form of rain or snow. Rain, like snow, brings up moisture to the earth and creates mountain springs for the well-being of all the creation. These waters represent the living water of GOD. The truth that gives everlasting life. Anyone who drink of these waters will not be thirsty again; listen to this:

¹⁰ For as the **rain** cometh down, and the **snow** from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹ So shall my **word** be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. ^{Isaiah 55:10-11}

Whereas the **waters below the firmament**, the one under the heaven, literally represent the sea. The water of the sea – is a highly poison water, with all type of nuclear, toxic, radioactive, medical and hazardous wastes. According to the United Nation Environment Program (UNEP), up to 20 billion tons of waste are dumped into the ocean every year. Let us be clear, anyone who drink of these waters will surely die. These waters speak on behalf of Satan, the waters of destruction, the lies that kill forever. In conclusion, **if clean waters like rain and snow, coming from above the firmament symbolize the word coming out of the mouth of God, the word of truth**; it is without doubt that the **unclean waters, the sea below the firmament, picture the word coming out of the mouth Satan, the word of lies**. And we are well aware that every bit of Satan's word is a lie. If you will – appreciate this: 7/10 of sea waters, uncleaned, contaminated and polluted waters are all around the earth...

To those who have ears to hear, let me remind you, that this prophesy was to warn you and me on the powerful nature of the lies of the dragon: This is why the ^{1st} beast of Revelation of John is said **coming out of the sea**. The sea of destruction, the spirit of lies, the river of eternal death.

⁴¹ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. ^{Matthew 26:41}

Amen!