

# Book of Revelation

## Chapter 13: Beasts Out of the Sea & Earth

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### Revelation 13

*<sup>1</sup> The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup> The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"— Revelation 13:1-4 (NKJV)*

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- John is provided in this section, information about:
  - The Antichrist
  - The False Prophet
- These two agents of Satan are used by him to create the final phase of the final one-world kingdom
- John gives us this information so that the people living during this time will know who these men are then
- This continues the activity of Satan from Revelation 12

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- The beast out of the sea 13:1-10
  - The “sea” here likely represents all of humanity
  - This is Satan’s attempt to destroy the rest of the woman’s offspring
  - A literal sea is impossible since this beast represents a real person
  - Beast literally comes out of abyss (Rev 11:7; 17:8)
- John stressed three things about this beast:
  - his conspiracy with the dragon (vv. 3-4)
  - his success in deceiving the whole world (vv. 3-4, 8), and
  - his success in temporarily defeating God's saints (vv. 6-7a)
- This is the final empire of Daniel 7 and John clearly sees this ruler as the embodiment of that final empire
- Question: HOW does the Beast gain control over the world?

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- *5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. 6 It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. 7 It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. 8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. – Revelation 13:5-8 (NKJV)*

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- This beast – Antichrist - is given authority (by Satan)
- This beast possesses qualities of three animals:
  - Leopard's swiftness, agility, vigilance, craftiness, and fierce cruelty
  - Bear's brutality, and
  - Lion's strength and majesty
- In Daniel 7, these animals represented **THREE** kingdoms:
  - Greece (Leopard; brilliancy)
  - Medo-Persia (Bear; massive power)
  - Babylon (Lion; absolute autocratic rule)
- This final Antichrist will exercise traits of all three

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- The beast appears to die (v3) and rises again
- This will cause people worship him because they will wonder how anyone can stand against the beast
- It also mimics the resurrection of Jesus
- The Beast/Antichrist increases his power over global society
  - By using deception, and
  - Blasphemy
- Because he blasphemes God and nothing happens to him, he will be highly exalted and seen as invincible

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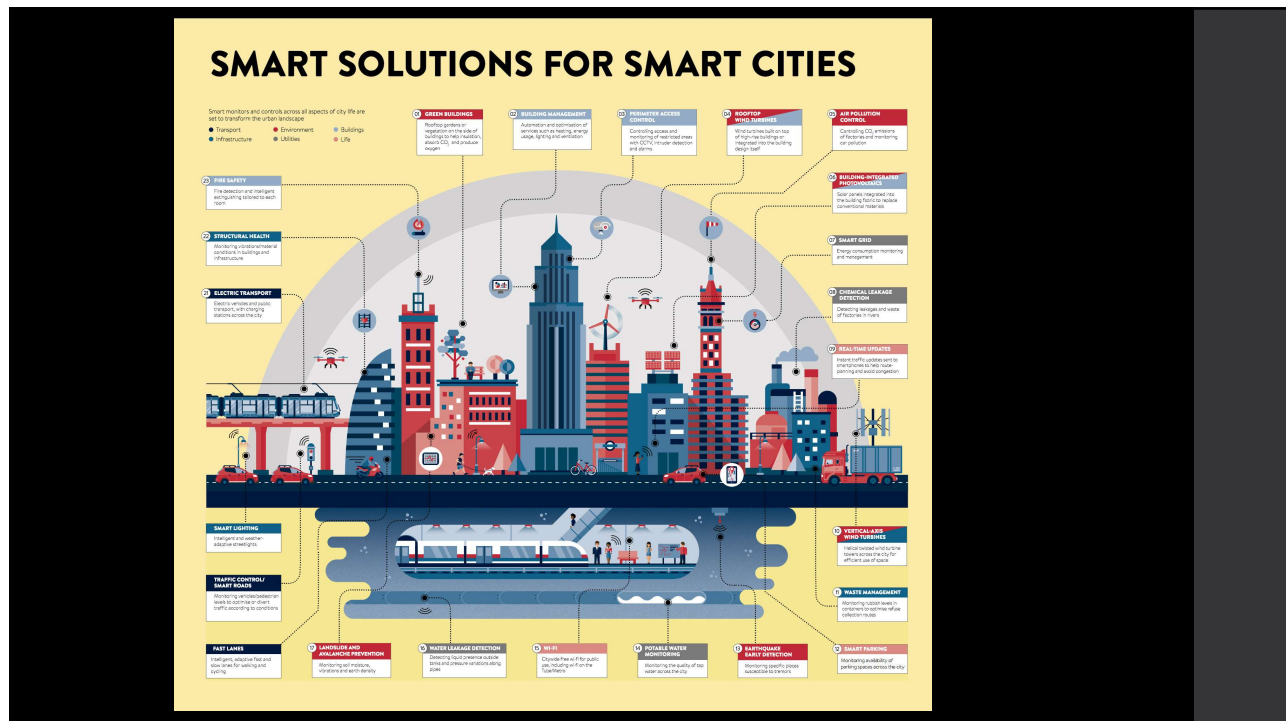
- Antichrist will use surveillance, deception and pitting people against people to succeed
- This brings us to the concept of Smart Cities
- What is a Smart City?
  - A smart city is a municipality that uses information and communication technologies (ICT) to increase operational efficiency, share information with the public and improve both the quality of government services and citizen welfare.

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# Smart Cities

- The overarching mission of a smart city is to optimize city functions and drive economic growth while improving quality of life for its citizens using smart technology and data analysis
- Characteristics Include:
  - a technology-based infrastructure
  - environmental initiatives
  - a high functioning public transportation system
  - a confident sense of urban planning, and
  - humans to live and work within the city and utilize its resources
- In a Smart City, a strong bond exists between government and private sector
- ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) will create social credit scores

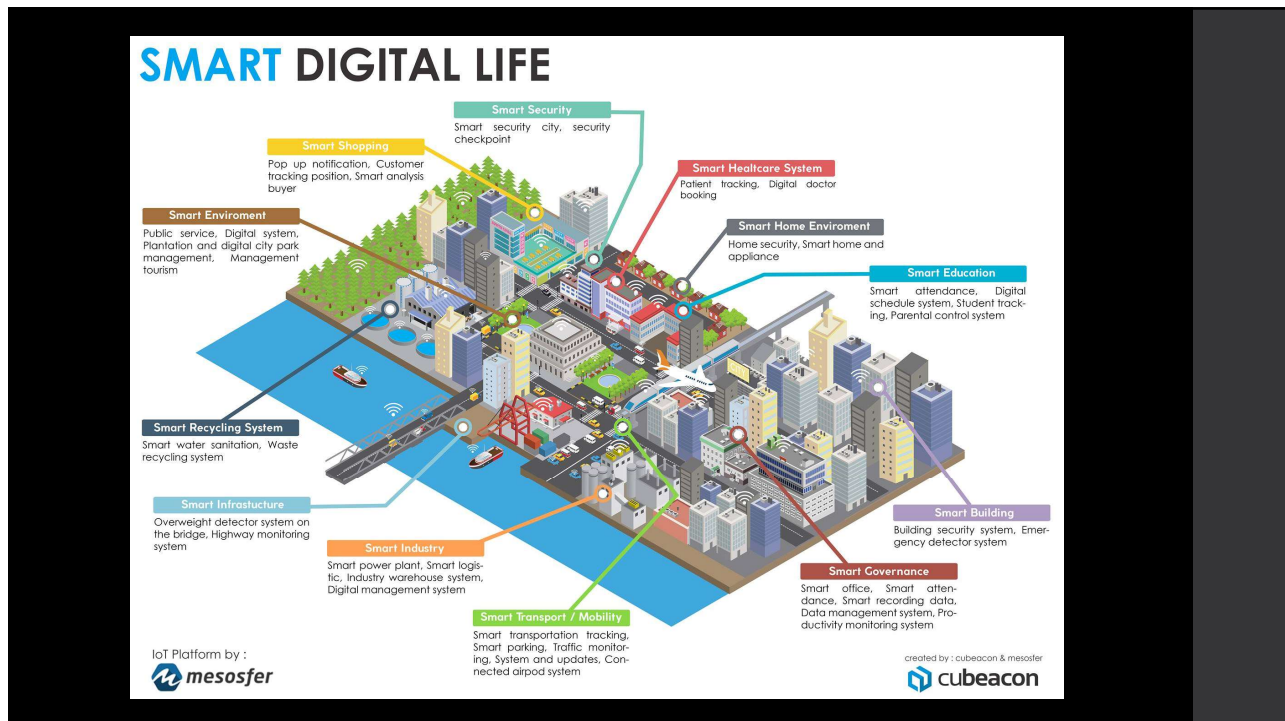
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## INTERNET OF THINGS IN CONNECTED CITIES

**TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION SENSORS**  
1 Smart navigation systems use sensors to detect congestion and bottlenecks in traffic patterns. They also rely on cameras to enforce speed and traffic infractions. In doing so, these tools gather real-time information that can be used by city DOTs to make mobility networks safer and more efficient.

**WATER AND WASTEWATER MONITORING**  
2 Monitoring devices can detect leaks as well as changes in water pressure to determine whether water infrastructure is working properly.

**PARKING APPS AND KIOSKS**  
3 Apps coordinate with smart parking meters to inform drivers of where there is parking availability.

**BRIDGE INSPECTION SYSTEMS**  
4 Sensors monitor the structural soundness of bridges and inform city engineers of any issues. Drones are used to inspect hard-to-reach areas.

**SELF-DRIVING CARS**  
5 Self-driving cars shuttle people in and out of the city, providing rides for others and making deliveries while their owners are occupied with work or other activities.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT SENSORS**  
6 Sensors detect the amount of garbage in receptacles around the city so that sanitation workers can maximize efficiency in their routes.

**LIGHTING**  
7 LED lights are weather adaptive and communications are automatically sent to the Department of Public Works when the bulbs need to be changed.

**FIRE DETECTION**  
8 Sensors monitor conditions in public parks and wooded areas that might be prone to fire. Sensors can also detect fires in buildings and initiate a call to the fire department in an emergency.

**ENERGY MONITORING**  
9 Power plants can be monitored for safety and city officials can be informed of any plus in radiation levels.

**SOLAR PANELS**  
10 Solar panels can be monitored to determine how much energy they are providing and whether they need maintenance.

**SMART LOGISTICS/FREIGHT**  
11 Reasoning trucks carry freight efficiently from the port to their final destination. Smart inventory systems inform operators about when freight is moved between different locations.

**VEHICLE FLEET COMMUNICATION**  
12 Public transit and city fleet vehicles communicate with their home agency when it is time for maintenance or replacement.

Very consumer product and piece of infrastructure increasingly has the ability to sense surrounding stimuli, to communicate with other devices and people, and to draw on the computing and storage power of the cloud. This phenomenon has been dubbed the **Internet of Things**. The more smart devices and sharing platforms there are, the more data is generated about consumer's preferences and habits. But what does this mean for cities? Smart cities are employing the same technology to connect their disparate utility, infrastructure, and public service grids, generating real-time aggregate data. This, in turn, can help cities manage their programs and services more effectively and gauge their impact immediately. The city of the future is an interconnected one, where devices communicate with one another in a constant stream of data that provides real-time information to the public and to the municipality.

**DRONES**  
13 Drones can be used for law enforcement and firefighting, as rural ambulances, for infrastructure inspections, and for environmental monitoring. Commercial uses include precision farming, aerial photography, and in the near future, package delivery.

**SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**  
14 Cameras ensure security by monitoring activity in areas that are not frequented by public safety officers. Areas that are not open to public access can be monitored to keep unauthorized personnel out.

**BODY CAMERAS**  
15 Public safety officers can wear body cameras that capture footage of interactions between themselves and city residents to ensure safety for both parties.

**WEARABLE DETECTION**  
16 Cities can build in smartphone and wearable detection sensors so that people can be an active part of the internet ecosystem, communicating with the city, and with each other.

**BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
17 A reliable internet ecosystem is the glue that holds the internet of things together.

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## Smart Cities

- Smart Cities will include [1]:
  - Internet of Things where everything is connected via Wi-Fi
  - Digital ID cards disguised as “health passports” or SMART Health Cards
  - UN wants no one left behind – all will participate in this system
  - Movements, activities monitored via massive surveillance system
  - Weaponry via robots like in San Francisco against civilians
  - Smart appliances that can be controlled or turned off by bureaucrats
  - Facial recognition software
  - Social Credit Scoring system
  - Carbon footprint constantly monitored
  - Street Lights that can kill people or use PUKERay Technology
  - All of this represents the coming digital prison they are now creating
- [1] <https://leohohmann.com/2022/11/23/smart-cities-worldwide-being-converted-into-open-concentration-camps-says-ex-silicon-valley-engineer-turned-whistleblower/>

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## Smart Cities

- The way they will bring this about is through:
- SAFETY
- CONVENIENCE
- SECURITY
- Most people want all of these things and are willing to give up freedoms (often without realizing it), in exchange for these things

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## Smart Cities

- What is our response to Smart Cities?
  - RESIST Non-violently!
  - Get out of them
  - Move to the rural areas if possible
  - Develop and strengthen ties with people in small communities
  - Rely on one another for mutual support
- Ultimately, become a...

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# Revelation 13

- Next time: Revelation 13
- The Beast from the Earth (False Prophet)



He will appear like a lamb, but will be a wolf!