I. **Rev 13:1-11**

A. **Rising up out of the sea** - Mediterranean Sea
   1. Gentile nations - Is 57:20-21

B. **What does a beast represent? Beast** - King/Kingdom
   1. Daniel 7:17 (NKJV) - Those great beasts are four kings

C. **What do 7 heads represent?**
   1. A conglomeration of the 7 empires that persecuted and/or possessed the nation of Israel and will also persecute her offspring - Rev 17:9-11

D. **V2** - Beast described in terms of kingdoms or regions:
   1. “Like” a Leopard - Grecian
   2. “Like” a Bear - Medo-Persian
   3. “Like” a Lion - Babylonian

E. **V2** - Dragon gives his power, throne and great authority
   1. **Power** - dunamis - Force, miraculous power
   2. **Authority** - exousia - Delegated influence; power or right to give orders or make decisions; authority to rule or jurisdiction
   3. **Throne** - thronos - a stately seat

F. **Rev 13:3** - One of the “heads” (empires) suffers a head wound or apparent death
   1. **Marveled** - thaumazō - To admire, wonder, be amazed
   2. **Followed** - ὀπίσω - After, behind

G. **V4** - Worship the dragon and the beast
   1. **Worshiped** - ἐπισκυνέω - To fawn, bow down to, kneel down in reverence

H. **V5** - Given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies:
   1. **Given** - didōmi - Come into possession of, bestow, grant, appoint
   2. **Mouth** - stŏma - An opening, language, to communicate orally
   3. **Great things** - mēgas - Big, exceedingly great, high, large, loud, mighty
   4. **Blasphemies** - blasphēmia - Serious insult, evil speaking, slander
   5. God uses the power of His mouth
      a) Psalm 33:6 (NKJV) - The heavens were made by the word of God
      b) Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) - The worlds were framed by the word of God
      c) Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) - My word out of My mouth will accomplish and prosper
   6. Will we use the power of our mouth?
      a) Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) - This Book shall not depart from your mouth
      b) Jeremiah 1:9–10 (NKJV) - My Words in your mouth are to build and to destroy
I. **Given authority to continue for 42 months:**
1. **Given authority** - Authority to rule, jurisdiction over a domain or sphere of influence; often pertaining to the political or religious sphere.
2. **Continue** - pōiēō - To behave, perform, act, carry out or accomplish
3. **42 months** - 42/12 = 3 ½ years - The 1st 3 ½ years!
   a) **True authority** - can only be given by one in true authority
   b) **Gen 1:26-28** - God gives mankind authority
   c) **Luke 4:5–8 (NKJV)** - Who gave Satan authority?

J. **V6** - “Then” he reveals himself
1. **Blaspheme** - blasphēmia - Serious insult, evil speaking, slander
   a) **Slander** - A false and defamatory oral statement about a person
   b) **Matthew 5:11–12 (NKJV)** - People will speak evil against us falsely

K. **V7** - Granted to him to make war and overcome
1. **Granted** - didōmi - Come into possession of, bestow, grant, appoint
2. **War** - pŏlĕmōs - To engage in open warfare against an enemy
3. **Overcome** - nikaō - To win a victory over; conquer, overpower, triumph or prevail
   a) **Rev 12:11** (NKJV) - Overcome by: blood of the Lamb & word of our testimony
   b) **1 John 5:4–5 (NKJV)** - Through faith we overcome the world
4. **Galatians 6:7–8 (NKJV)** - What we sow determines what we experience