

# Identifying the Characters

*(An angel of God assists John in identifying the characters in the revelation.)*

## The Beast (Vespasian, a “resurrected” Nero)

Identifying Characteristics	Possible Meaning
Scarlet beast having full of names of blasphemy	The Caesars demanded worship as God.
Seven heads are seven mountains	The mountains upon which Rome was founded.
Ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet , but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast	When Rome extended its power it established political contracts with conquered nations and allowed them to continue.
One of the heads was slain	Nero was slain, the empire was thrown into civil war.
Five have fallen (From the time period suggested by 13:1).	Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Galba
One is	Otho (69 AD)
One of come who will reign a short time	Vitellius (69 AD)
An eighth, “of the seven” Was, Is Not, Is to Come	Vespasian (69-79 AD) Nero was “resurrected” through Vespasian who continued the Jewish war and destroyed Jerusalem.
Comes out of the abyss and goes to destruction	The Ceasars were not invincible. They would be overthrown by the Lord.
These will make war with the Lamb and the lamb will overcome them.	The king of Israel, Jesus Christ, would establish his kingdom overthrowing the power of the Roman empire.