

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 13

Revelation 13

¹ And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. ² And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. ³ I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the

THE DRAGON CALLS ON A BEAST FROM THE SEA

- The sea often represents the **nations** (for example: Isa. 23:11 / Isa 60:5 / Dan. 7:2 / Hab. 3:15)
 - A beast coming up out of the sea is described...
 - 10 _____ — Meaning?
 - 7 _____ — Meaning?
 - 10 _____ — Meaning?
 - On his heads _____ names — What would an example of a blasphemous name be?
 - Leopards are known for...
 - Bear paws are known for...
 - Lion mouths are known for...
 - Have we seen beasts like this before? (Dan. 7:1-8)
- This dragon (who is _____) gives the beast...
 - his _____
 - his _____
 - great _____
- One of the heads looks as (*if it had been*) _____, but its wound (Greek: plague — implying something from God) was _____.

beast; ⁴ they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?” ⁵

There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. ⁶

And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If anyone is

- What could this healing of what looked like a fatal blow refer to?
 - Healed from a physical wound?
 - A comeback from worldly insignificance to worldly influence?
 - Daniel 7:9-11? (“*but an extension of life was given to them for an appointed season of time*”)
- What is the world’s reaction to this revitalized beast?
 - Who do they worship?
 - The _____
 - The _____
 - What would it mean, practically speaking, to worship the beast?
 - And they say, “Who is like the _____, and who is able to wage _____ with _____?”
 - What’s wrong with this reasoning?
- What kind of words does the beast speak?
 - What is blasphemy?
 - How long is 42 months? (Meaning?)
 - What is God’s tabernacle that the beast will be blaspheming?
 - What might such blasphemies sound like?
 - Who will the beast make war against?
 - What does it mean that he will overcome them? (Do we lose?)
 - How wide will the beast’s authority be?
- Who will NOT worship the beast?
 - What is the “book of life of the Lamb who has been slain”?

destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed.

Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. ¹²

He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who *had the wound of the sword and has come to life. ¹⁵ And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the

- Jer. 43:10, 11 — “and say to [the Jews who had disobeyedly gone to Egypt], ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Behold, I am going to send and get _____ the king of Babylon, My servant, and I am going to set his throne right over these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his canopy over them. He will also come and _____ the land of _____; those who are meant for _____ will be given over to death, and those for captivity to _____, and those for the _____ to the sword.” SOUND FAMILIAR?

- So, what is the meaning of v. 10?

- What is meant by “Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints”?

THE DRAGON CALLS ON A NEW BEAST FROM THE EARTH

- The fact that this beast has two horns like a lamb implies what about this beast?
- How much authority is this beast given?
- What role does this beast play in the Dragon’s war against the children of the woman?
- What sorts of things does he do to prompt worship of the beast from the sea?
- Will these look convincing?
- What’s the difference between a false sign and a sign from God?
- What’s the purpose of the false signs?
- What will the beast of the earth tell the world do in worship of the beast of the sea?
- What will this image appear to be doing?

beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷ and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

- What will the image tell its worshippers to do to those who do not worship the image and the beast?
- Is this mark literal or symbolic?
- Who will be required to have the mark of the beast? Any exceptions?
- What sorts of things will this mark allow you to do (or not do)?
 - _____
 - _____
- What would be the number of a name?
- What might 666 represent?

Agents of Evil	The Devil / Satan	Sea Beast	Earth Beast
Appearance	Dragon / serpent of old	Leopard with feet of a bear, mouth of a lion	Like a lamb,
Heads	7	7	
Horns	10	10	2 like a lamb
Diadems	7, one on each head	10, one on each horn	
Other	Power behind the other agents	Blasphemous names, one of the heads looked as if it had been slain, but is healed	Speaking like a dragon, making the earth dwellers worship the sea beast by performing great signs