

## Revelation – The Return

### The Beasts (Revelation 13)

#### REVIEW

**Intel: Who is Satan?: \_\_\_\_\_, What does he wants most? He is our adversary, accuser, he tries to isolate us, shame and condemn, deceive us. He comes to s\_\_\_\_\_, kill and d\_\_\_\_\_. We overcome him by the B\_\_\_\_d of the L\_\_\_\_b and the Word of our t\_\_\_\_y. Wha verse are you memorizing to fight with?**

#### The first beast= the Antichrist>>>one world economy

The first beast is the Antichrist. Given his power by the dragon= \_\_\_\_\_

- Revelation 13:1-2
- The Antichrist is against Christ and is the opposite of Christ.
- The Antichrist will bring peace and order to a world of chaos.
- The Antichrist will be worse than all other empires combined.
- The Antichrist will be Satan’s agent.

Deception is Satan’s most effective tool.

- Like Satan, the Antichrist, will also be deceptive.
  - Revelation 13:3-4
  - 2 Corinthians 11:14: masquerades as an angel of light
- Satan wants everything that God has and that God is.
  - Isaiah 14:13-15” I will make myself like the most High “ yet you will be brought down to Hades..
- The Antichrist is a counterfeit of the resurrected Jesus.
- The Antichrist will blaspheme God but God will limit his power.
- The Antichrist will carry out Satan’s plan to destroy Christians.
  - Revelation 13:5-6
- The Antichrist will at first do great things for the world and will be made leader of a worldwide government.
  - Revelation 13:7-8 ( limited political leader the last half of the tribulation)
- All the world, except for Christians, will worship the beast.

#### The second beast=the false prophet>>> one world religion

Satan will create a **counterfeit unholy trinity** – Satan, the Antichrist, and the false prophet.



- The second beast is the false prophet.
  - Revelation 13:11-13
- The false prophet will deceive the world with a meek appearance but will speak the words of Satan.
- The false prophet will promote the worship of the Antichrist.
- The false prophet will perform counterfeit miracles.
- The false prophet will defile the temple with an image of the Antichrist to be worshiped by the people.
- Christians will refuse to worship the idol of the Antichrist.

#### The mark of the beast

The false prophet will force people to take a mark, proof of their allegiance to the Antichrist.

- Revelation 13:16-18
- Those without the mark will be shut out of the world’s economy.
- Satan, through the Antichrist and the false prophet, will establish a worldwide government, a single global economy, and one world religion, all under his control.

We do not know who the Antichrist is or how the mark will be applied but we recognize that the stage is being set to make those things easily possible.

- The spirit of the \_antichrists is growing stronger in the world.
  - 1 John 4:3
- We are moving quickly toward the return of Jesus.

We’re told to obey the book of Revelation.



- Revelation 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Revelation 13:9-10
- We obey by patiently enduring and faithfully following Jesus.
- Many will fall away from Christ during the Tribulation.
  - Matthew 24:10 see below

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- We obey by speaking our testimony and expanding God's Kingdom.

#### Action Steps

- Ask God to help you to patiently endure and remain faithful to Jesus.
- Share your testimony in word and action this week.
- Invite someone to join us next week.

### Revelation 13:4

Men 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 make war against him?"

**The Beast out of the Sea**<sup>13</sup> The dragon<sup>[a]</sup> 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?"<sup>5</sup> The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. (3.5 yrs.) <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. <sup>7</sup> **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. <sup>8</sup> **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.**<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>9</sup> *Whoever has ears, let them hear.* <sup>10</sup> "If

*anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity they will go.*

*If anyone is to be killed<sup>[c]</sup> with the sword, with the sword they will be killed."<sup>[d]</sup> This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.*

**The Beast out of the Earth**<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf and **made the earth and its inhabitants worship** the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. <sup>13</sup> And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. <sup>14</sup> Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup> *The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.* <sup>16</sup> *It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,* <sup>17</sup> *so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.* <sup>18</sup> **This calls for wisdom.** Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.<sup>[e]</sup> That number is 666.

Matt.24:10 And then many will be offended *and* repelled *and* will <sup>[a]</sup>begin to distrust *and* desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] *and* will stumble and fall away and betray one another *and* pursue one another with hatred.

2 Thess.2:3 AMPC Let no one deceive or beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the apostasy comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come], and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition)

