

THE BOOK OF REVELATION
CHAPTER THIRTEEN
"THE TWO BEASTS"

I. THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA WHO IS THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM

A. Is described as something that is wicked and worldly (1-2).

1. We see its wickedness in its origin and in its names.

a. The words "I stood" follows 12:17 and some manuscripts read "he stood". In other words the dragon who is _____ stood on the scene.

b. The sand of the sea where Satan stood is no doubt symbolical of the Gentile _____ and their number (Rev. 17:15; 20:8).

c. The names (not name) upon the heads of the beast are those of blasphemy which represent that it is something that is opposed to _____.

2. We see its worldliness in its rise and resemblance.

a. This beast that rose up from the Gentile nations had seven _____ and ten _____ (1).

(1) according to Rev. 17:9-13 the heads are mountains which are symbolical of _____ (Dan. 2:35; 44; Isa. 2:2,3).

(2) the ten horns are ten _____ (Rev. 17:12).

(3) the crowns are symbolical of _____ or governmental authority.

b. This beast that rose up from the Gentile nations was like a leopard, a bear, a lion and it received its power, throne, and authority from the dragon who is Satan (2)

(1) this description of the beast is identical with Daniel's vision of the fourth world empire or the revived _____ empire with the similarities to the kingdoms of Greece (the leopard, Dan.7:6); Medo-Persia (the bear, Dan. 7:5); Babylon (the Lion, Dan. 7:4); and Rome (the ten horned beast, Dan. 7:7).

(2) this beast whom we see here will be _____ who will rule over the ten kingdoms of the revived Roman Empire (Dan.7:7,8).

B. Is described as something that has a wound (3).

1. One of its heads (kingdoms) had a deadly wound but its wound was healed. This made all the world wonder after the beast.
2. The head or kingdom which had the deadly wound and was healed is referring no doubt to the _____ Empire which apparently died but will be revived again with Antichrist as its ruler and emperor. Note Dan. 7:20-24. When this occurs the whole world will wonder after the ten kingdom confederation.

C. Is described as something that men will worship (4).

1. Notice the devil will give the beast (Antichrist and the revived Roman Empire of ten kingdoms) its power and those who worship the beast will be worshipping the _____.
2. In their worship of the beast they will boast of its uniqueness and power. Such worship will be that of the god of fortresses as described by Daniel (Dan. 11:36-38).

D. Is described as someone who speaks blasphemous words (5-6)

1. With his mouth he will speak great things and blasphemies for 42 months against God's name, His abode, and those in heaven.
2. Here we see that Antichrist who reigns over the ten kingdoms will speak blasphemies against _____. This will be from the middle to the end of the tribulation period. Note the parallel passages in Dan. 7,8,11,25; 11:36.

E. Is described as someone who makes war with the saints (7).

1. He is seen with power over all the earth and overcoming the saints.
2. Here we see Satan is the one who gives _____ the power to rule over the earth. Because he is against God he will be against God's saints and will make war against them. Note Dan. 7:21,25 and also how this will parallel Rev. 12:13-17).

F. Is described as someone who will be worshipped by those unsaved (8).

1. Notice what will happen to all those who do not worship Antichrist and his image (13:15) but also their victory (15:2).

2. This worship of Antichrist will be the fulfillment of all the ecumenical desires to unite all religions into a _____ world church.

G. Is described as someone whom others are warned against (9-10).

1. Notice this warning is not to the church as in 2:7 and other places. "What the Spirit saith unto the churches" is omitted. It is rather to those on the earth during the _____ period.
2. What we have in verse ten is God's law of divine retribution upon those who hurt His saints. Those who lead them captive will go into captivity; those who kill them will be killed also.
3. This warning is also an encouragement to the patience and faith of the saints.

II. THE BEAST OUT OF THE LAND WHO IS THE FALSE PROPHET (11-18)

A. Is described as someone who is deceptive in his character (11).

1. He is pictured having two horns like a _____ but he spoke like a dragon.
2. The two horns like a lamb apparently represent his religious character. This may well refer to his bringing together the two realms of Protestants and Roman _____.
3. This one speaking like a dragon shows that he is motivated by _____ and will be his mouthpiece.
4. His coming out of the earth may refer to Israel but it seems more likely to represent someone who is earthly in contrast to someone who is heavenly.
5. There is no doubt that this beast is the false _____. It is also clear that he is a different person from the first beast (Rev. 19:20).
6. What we have described here then is the head of the apostate one world _____ who appears religious but is motivated by the devil.

B. Is described as someone who is devoted to the Antichrist (12).

1. He will exercise the power of the first beast and cause those who dwell upon the earth to worship the first beast. Exercising the power of the first beast shows that he will be empowered by the _____ and be against God.
2. Causing the world to worship the first beast reveals that this man who is the

head of the apostate one world church will be associated with Antichrist to win the world through religious means and then lead men to worship Antichrist who reigns over the ten kingdoms of the revived Roman Empire.

C. Is described as someone who will deceive those on the earth (13-14).

1. He will use wonders and miracles to _____ the world and convince them to make an image to the beast.
2. Note how this man will duplicate the miracles of the two witnesses (13:13; 11:5).
3. This deception will be a fulfillment of II Thess. 2:9 and Matt. 24:24.

D. Is described as someone who will desecrate things and devour men (15).

1. This false prophet who deceives and convinces the world to make an image of the Antichrist will also give "spirit" (not life) to the image so that it will speak and cause those who don't worship it to be _____.
2. From II Thess. 2:4 and Matt. 24:15 we see that this image will be placed in the _____ and is the "abomination of desolation" that will desecrate things.
3. This image might possibly be some kind of talking computer that resembles the Antichrist and speaks on his behalf.

E. Is described as someone who will devise a plan concerning the Antichrist (16-18).

1. This plan will be a means to force people to worship the Antichrist by causing them to receive a _____ in their right hand or in their forehead (16).
2. Unless an individual has this mark he will not be able to buy or _____.
In other words one will not be able to transact business and buy the necessities to live (17).
3. This number of the beast or Antichrist is said to be the number of a man (18).
The number 666 is a threefold reference to the incompleteness of man.
Anything else is speculation.
 - a. From verse eighteen this number of a man seems to be the number of his name.
 - b. In any case it doesn't seem likely that the numbers 666 per se will be used as many are running around propagating.

