



Revelation 13:1-2

¹ And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.

² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.

The First Beast

- Appearance
 - Ten horns
 - Seven heads
 - Ten diadems (crowns)
 - Blasphemous names on heads
 - These likely represent a claim to _____
- Was Like...
 - Leopard
 - Bear
 - Lion
 - These creatures in Daniel represented _____
- The first beast represents _____, worldly _____
 - John would likely have _____ in view in describing the first beast
- The dragon gave to the beast...
 - His _____
 - His _____
 - His _____

Revelation 13:3-4

³ One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. ⁴ And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

Counterfeit Crucifixion

- One of its heads had a mortal wound
 - This mirrors the description of the _____ in Revelation 5:6
 - This is a parody of the _____
- The whole earth _____ at the healing of the beast
 - The world _____ to recognize God and HIS slain Lamb
 - The world _____ the dragon and the beast
- Who is like the beast?
 - This statement is a _____ of Exodus 15:11

Revelation 13:5-6

⁵ And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

The Blasphemer

- The beast was given a _____
 - Haughty and blasphemous words
- Blasphemes against...
 - _____
 - His _____
 - His _____ / those who dwell in heaven

Revelation 13:7-8

⁷Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

War & Worship

- The beast was allowed to _____ on the saints
- All the earth (unbelievers) will _____ the beast
- It was given... a mouth, authority
 - Shows the beast is _____ to the dragon
- Three Similarities with Daniel's Vision and John's
 - The beast blasphemes God (Rev 13:6, Dan 7:25)
 - The beast makes war with the saints and defeats them (Rev 13:7, Dan 7:21-25)
 - The beast is given authority over the earth (Rev 13:3, 7-8, Dan 7:23)

Revelation 13:9-10

⁹If anyone has an ear, let him hear: ¹⁰If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Endurance & Faith

- Destiny of the Wicked
 - Jeremiah 15:2 – pestilence, _____, famine, _____
 - Jeremiah 43:11 – pestilence, captivity, sword
- Destiny of End-Time Believers
 - _____, _____

- Walter Elwell
 - “Because heaven awaits us, earth and its freedoms can be _____ without real loss. This is indeed “patient _____ and _____ on the part of the saints” (v.10).”

Revelation 13:11-12

¹¹ Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

The Second Beast

- Two horns like a _____
 - An imitation of the _____
- Sounds like a _____
 - Sounds like _____
- The second beast could represent _____
 - _____ has frequently joined political power as its handmaid – *Kendall Easley*
- The dragon and the two beast represent an _____

Revelation 13:13-15

¹³ It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, ¹⁴ and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

Counterfeit Signs & Wonders

- The second beast performs miraculous signs
 - Including _____ from heaven
 - There is a similarity between the second beast's ability to perform miraculous signs and that of Pharaoh's _____ in Exodus... both are able to perform amazing acts, but they are _____ in scale
- The second beast creates an idol
 - The idol was made to _____
 - The idol will cause non-worshippers to be _____

"All those who refuse to worship the image are to be killed. This demand will effect a clear division between those who are willing to pay the price of their faith and those who would rather capitulate to the Satanic religion of Antichrist. This defection is the great apostasy that precedes the return of Christ (cf. 2 Thess 2:3). Nominal Christians do not forfeit their lives for a cause in which they really do not believe!"

Robert Mounce

Revelation 13:16-18

¹⁶ Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

The Mark of the Beast

- All people will be required to carry the mark
 - Great or small, rich or poor, free or slave
- _____ will be regulated by way of the mark
 - Mark on the forehead... this is the most _____ part of a person
 - Mark on the right hand... the hand used to _____ and seal a _____