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Revelation

Week 7 – Revelation 13

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**Revelation 13 is the book
about false worship.**

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The differences between...

Prophetic Revelation – What God has clearly said.

**Prophetic Interpretation –
Historic, broadly held opinions about
what God has said.**

**Prophetic Speculation – Personal
ideas about present possibilities**

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Two Beasts

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Revelation 13:1-2

“I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads with ten crowns on the horns. And each head had a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, which 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.”

The Beast of the Sea

Descriptions of the beast –

It rises out of the sea and it has ten horns, seven heads and crowns.

It resembles a leopard, a bear and a lion all at once.

One of its seven heads has the resemblance of having a fatal wound of some kind.

Three Interpretations

1. This is just about the government of Rome in the day this was written.

Three Interpretations

2. This is about any power in any age that sets itself up as anti-God in the world.

Three Interpretations

**3. The final ruler
of the world.**

We call this person the antichrist.

What are those horns?

**The horns are an
indication of power.**

Daniel 7:3

“Four great beasts, each different than the others came up out of the sea. The first was like a lion. There was a second beast. It looked like a bear. There was another beast. It looked like a leopard.”

What about the wound to the head?

Three Interpretations –

- 1. It's a symbolic picture of the weakness of this ruler or kingdom.**
- 2. It's a picture of a nation that falls and rises again.**
- 3. It's about an individual.**

Revelation 13:4

“Who is like the beast? And who can make war against him?”

How Does This Beast Act?

**He's given a mouth to utter
blasphemies for 42 months.**

**He's given power to make
war against the saints.**

**He's given authority
over every nation.**

***“The time of the
antichrist is a
struggle for the
souls of people.”***

– John Newport

What is this 3½-year period of time?

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1. That it's just a number.

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What is this 3½-year period of time?

2. There are some who believe that's it's symbolic of the time the church is persecuted.

What is this 3½-year period of time?

3. If it actually means a period of time then lets let it mean what it really means which is 3½ years.

Revelation 13:7-10

“He who has an ear to hear let him hear. If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.”

**How do believers face this
kind of intimidation?**

*Two things –
patient endurance
and faithfulness.*

2. The Beast of the Earth

“This beast has two horns like a lamb and it speaks like a dragon.”

- Revelation 13:11

2. The Beast of the Earth

This is a spiritual leader who rules through deception.

***Two horns like a lamb,
speaks like a dragon,
a false Christ.***

What are the actions of this Beast?

**He'll exercise the authority
of the first beast.**

**He'll order people to set up
an image of the first beast.**

**He'll order everyone to
receive a mark.**

**To receive the mark
of the beast, you
have to agree to
worship the beast.**

**You cannot
accidentally
receive the mark
of the beast.**

Revelation 13:18

**Wisdom is needed here. Let
the one with understanding
solve the meaning of the
number of the beast, for
it is the number of a man.
His number is 666.**

Counterfeit Trinity

- *Dragon*
- *First Beast*
- *Second Beast*

Revelation 17:8

“The beast which you saw, once was, now is not and will go to his destruction.”

Revelation 4:8

*“Holy, holy, holy is the
Lord God almighty
who was and is,
and is to come.”*

Counterfeits ...

1. Counterfeit Resurrection

2. Counterfeit Worship

3. Counterfeit Rule

4. Counterfeit Miracles

5. Counterfeit Mark

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**Six is the number
that indicated a
man in that day.**

- 1. The dragon defeated by Michael the archangel.**
- 2. The sea beast is resisted through our endurance and faithfulness as believers.**
- 3. And the beast of the land – He's a fake, false.**