

Decoding Revelation – Counterfeits – Week 7

Remember: There is a difference 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

I. THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA (REV 13:1-10)

Interpretation Questions

What do the descriptions of this beast mean?
What is this “fatal wound?”
Who “gives” the authority to this beast?
What are the 42 months or 3½ years?

1. Descriptions of the beast (Rev 13:1-4)

- Ten horns, 7 heads and crowns
- Resembled a leopard, a bear and a lion
- One of its heads seemed to have a fatal wound

A **political** leader that rules through **intimidation**.

The world’s response: **worship**

2. Actions of the beast: (Rev 13:5-8)

- Given a mouth to utter blasphemies for 42 months
- Given power to make war against the saints
- Given authority over every nation

People’s Reaction – they will **worship** the beast!

For the beast that rules through intimidation: believers need patient endurance and faithfulness.
(Rev 13:9-10)

II. THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH (REV 13:11-18)

Interpretation Questions

What is this image of the 1st beast?
What is the “mark” people will receive?
What does the number 666 mean?

Descriptions of the beast: (Rev 13:11)

- Two horns like a lamb
- Speaks like a dragon

A **spiritual** leader that rules through **deception**.

Actions of the beast: (Rev 13:12-17)

- Exercises the authority of the first beast
- Performs miraculous signs
- Orders people to set up an image of the 1st beast
- Orders everyone to receive a mark

For the beast the rules through deception: believers need wisdom. (Rev 13:18)

THE GREAT COUNTERFEIT

A counterfeit **GOD!**

"The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will... go to his destruction." Rev. 17:8 (NIV)

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev 4:8

A counterfeit **resurrection**.

Counterfeit **worship**.

Counterfeit **rule**.

Counterfeit **miracles**.

A Counterfeit **mark**.

Scriptures Referenced – Revelation 13, Revelation 17:8-9, Revelation 4:8, Daniel 7:3-6, Revelation 12.