

THE BEAST

From the Sea

Revelation 13:1-10

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A Portrait of the Beast

1. The _____ of the Beast.

Revelation 13:1–2, NIV84 ⁻¹ *And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea.* [This part of verse one should be included in Chapter 12.] *And I saw a beast coming out of the sea* [The “Sea” has represented different things but none of them good. Later, the “Sea” represents *chaos*; some scholars think it should represent the abyss from earlier in Revelation.] *He had ten horns* [representing *authority and power*] *and seven heads* [representing *intelligence*], *with ten crowns* [representing *ruling authority*] *on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name* [The antichrist’s whole purpose is to expend all power and intelligence blaspheming Holy God].
² *The beast I saw resembled a leopard* [a picture of *swiftness*], *but had feet like those of a bear* [a picture of *ferocity*] *and a mouth like that of a lion* [a picture of *fearlessness*]. *The dragon* [Satan] *gave the beast* [The Antichrist] *his power and his throne and great authority.* [NOTE: The Antichrist will possess great power and authority over the entire world; he will have complete, unrestrained freedom of action and will answer to no one—until the battle of Armageddon (or, “for 3 ½ years”).]

2 Thessalonians 2:4, NIV84 ⁻⁴ *He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.*

1 John 2:18, TLB ⁻¹⁸ *Dear children, this world’s last hour will come. You have heard about the Antichrist who is coming—the one who is against Christ—and already many such persons have appeared. This makes us all the more certain that the end of the world is near.*

2. The _____ by the Beast.

Revelation 13:3–4, NIV84 ⁻³ *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 astonished and followed the beast.* ⁴ *Men worshiped the dragon* [Satan] *because he had given authority to the beast* [the Antichrist], *and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?”*

***2 Thessalonians 2:9, NIV84** ⁻⁹ *The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders...* [KJV, “...lying wonders...”]

- The world rejected the resurrection of Jesus—but, it will believe the resurrection of Satan.
- The world refused to worship the *real* Christ—but, they will devote all to the *false* antichrist.

3. The _____ from the Beast.

Revelation 13:5–10, NIV84 ⁻⁵ *The beast was given* [“was given” (used though out this passage) is an aorist passive indicative, meaning, “was allowed”. The power was given by Satan but allowed by Holy God—for He is in control] *a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.* [3½ years—or, the last half of the tribulation] ⁶ *He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.* ⁷ *He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.* ⁸ *All inhabitants of the earth will* [now, John switches to *future tense*] *worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life* [spoken of 7 times in the Bible] *belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world* [lit., *since time began*].

- The Beast defies the God of Heaven (vv. 5-6)
- The Beast destroys the Saints of God (v. 7a)
- The Beast dominates all the nations of the earth (v. 7b)
- The Beast deludes the masses on earth (vv. 8-10)

4. The _____ regarding the Beast.

Revelation 13:9-10, NIV ⁻⁹ *He who has an ear, let him hear.* ¹⁰ *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.*

**** (NJB)** *“This is why the saints must have perseverance and faith.”*



Answers to "The Beast of the Sea" Sermon

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1. Description
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