

## The book of Revelation

### Chapter 13

#### 1. *The beast from the sea (13:1-10)*

-The dragon calls up two beasts to help him wage war upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of the woman. The first of these is a beast from the sea. Johnson writes, "The sea is the chaotic region from which threat and rebellion arise, an apt portrait of the abyss, the proper home of all uncleanness and \_\_\_\_\_ toward God." (Johnson, 187) Henriksen agrees and writes, "The sea represents nations and their governments (Is. 17:12, where the roaring of peoples is compared to the roaring of the sea, and the surging of nations to the surging of mighty waters). (162)

-This beast has several similarities to the dragon (7 heads, 10 horns, and crowns) showing its close association with the dragon. This beast is a combination of the four beasts of \_\_\_\_\_ 7. This beast has the body of a leopard, feet of a bear, the mouth of a lion, with ten horns and uttering many blasphemes. The four beasts of Daniel 7 represented four successive kingdoms. This beast of Revelation 13 represents \_\_\_\_\_ kingdoms of men that are opposed to the Lord.

-“The first (beast) represents the persecuting power of Satan operating in and through the nations of this world and their governments... world dominion directed against God’s people \_\_\_\_\_ it appears in history, that is the beast” (161-162)

-This beast also seems to mimic the Christ as it appears to have had a mortal wound but was back alive (Rev. 5:6). On this point Johnson writes, "In Revelation 13, we see that the beast is not only an image bearer of the dragon but also an imitation of the Lamb." (Johnson, 190) John appears to be using \_\_\_\_\_ events of his day involving the revival of the Roman empire’s power to illustrate the fact that the beast will continue to live as long as this \_\_\_\_\_ endures.

-The world shows its allegiance to the dragon by \_\_\_\_\_ the beast who bears his image. The world worships things that are earthly and carnal and places its hopes not in the conquering Lamb but in the systems and governments of this world that are opposed to Christ.

-The beast is “\_\_\_\_\_” to have authority for forty-two months. “Throughout this entire gospel age-the forty-two months, which we have already discussed-the governments of this world place themselves on the throne, arrogate to themselves the authority that belongs to God, and blaspheme God and heaven.” (163) This beast is allowed to make war and conquer the saints on earth (11:7).

-“The beast is given ‘authority to act for forty-two months’ (13:5). We have seen that this period (42 months = 1,260 days = 3½ years) symbolizes the \_\_\_\_\_ span of time from Christ’s resurrection until the outbreak of intense

evil just before His second coming. During this period the church will be persecuted and protected, witnessing invincibly and yet trampled underfoot, conquered but not destroyed.” (Johnson, 189)

-“Let believers wait patiently for this time of severest tribulation, knowing that all things are included in God’s \_\_\_\_\_; and knowing, in addition, that when the world makes use of the sword in its warfare against the Church, God Himself will avenge this wrong.” (164)

-“The beast will wage ongoing war against the saints, and, as far as the world can see, it will overcome them by killing them. Imprisonment and martyrdom are part of God’s plan for His church in this age...the church participates in God’s kingdom, but since our pilgrimage to kingdom joy passes through the desert of affliction, our present responsibility is \_\_\_\_\_ (1:9). Persistence in the word of our testimony to the Lamb is the means of our victory over the dragon who empowers and authorizes the beast (12:11). (Johnson, 194)

## 2. *The beast from the earth (13:11-18)*

-The second beast is much more \_\_\_\_\_ in appearance but as Hendriksen points out “for that very reason is even more dangerous than the first.” (160-161) This beast looks like a lamb but has the voice of a dragon. This beast does not seem harmful at first, but its looks are deceptive and inwardly it is just as ferocious as the dragon.

-“The second beast is the false prophet (19:20). It symbolizes false \_\_\_\_\_ and false \_\_\_\_\_ in whichever form these appear throughout the entire dispensation...This second beast, accordingly, is the lie of Satan dressed up like truth.” (165)

-“Throughout this entire dispensation-and in an increasing manner as the coming of the Lord draws near-\_\_\_\_\_, by showing great signs and wonders (Matt. 24:24), shall try to deceive the masses and to strengthen the hand of the government when it bears down up the Church.” (166)

-This beast causes all the unsaved world to be marked with the mark of the beast. The mark of the beast (666) is placed on all those who \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as Lord and Savior. This is not a physical symbol but refers to the control of Satan on the worlds mind and actions. This is not a mark for some at the end of human history, but it is the mark on all who have, are, and will live as followers of the dragon and haters of Christ.

-“The only consistent way to deal with Revelation 13 and 14 is to see the mark of the beast as characterizing \_\_\_\_\_ and faithlessness, while the mark of God characterizes the sealing of those who through \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, are saved eternally.” (Goldsworthy, 328)