

Revelation 13

John sees two beasts, one from the sea and one from the earth, symbolizing the Antichrist and his false prophet.

I. The Beast Out of the Sea (13:1-10): This is the Antichrist.

A. His appearance (13:1-2)

1. He has ten horns (each with a crown) and seven heads (each with a blasphemous name) (13:1).
2. He looks like a leopard with feet like a bear and a mouth like a lion (13:2a).

B. His authority (13:2b): It comes from Satan himself.

C. His (possible) assassination (13:3a): Some believe he will be killed and then rise from the dead.

D. His adulation (13:3b-4, 8): Following this the entire world is astonished and worships him.

E. His arrogance (13:5-6): For a period of forty-two months, he blasphemes God.

F. His activities (13:7, 9-10)

1. In regard to God's people (13:7a, 9-10)
 - a. The cruelty (13:7a, 9-10a): He persecutes and conquers them.
 - b. The challenge (13:10b): They are exhorted to display endurance and faithfulness.
2. In regard to all people (13:7b): He rules over them.

II. The Beast Out of the Earth (13:11-18): This is the false prophet.

A. His mission (13:11-12): With the appearance of a lamb but the voice of a dragon, he forces the world to worship the Antichrist.

B. His miracles (13:13, 15): He performs great miracles.

1. He calls down fire from heaven (13:13).
2. He gives life to a statue (13:14-15): This statue bears the image of the Antichrist.

C. His mark (13:16-18)

1. What it is (13:18): It is the number 666.
2. Where it is applied (13:16): Either on the right hand or forehead.
3. Why it is applied (13:17): No one is able to buy, sell, etc., without it.