

I. PREFACE TO THE BEAST

- A. Five performers in the drama from Chapter 12
 - 1. The Woman (Israel)
 - 2. The Dragon (Satan)
 - 3. The Man Child (Christ)
 - 4. The Archangel (Michael)
 - 5. The Remnant (144,000)
- B. Three main characters added in Chapter 13 (The Devil’s False Trinity)
 - 1. The Dragon (False Father)
 - 2. The Beast (False Christ – Antichrist)
 - 3. The False Prophet (False Holy Spirit)
- C. Today we will see
 - 1. The Portrait of this Beast
 - 2. The Power of this Beast
 - 3. The Performance of this Beast
 - 4. And then we will hear God’s Proclamation to this Beast

II. PORTRAIT OF THE BEAST

- A. This beast rises up “out of the Sea” – the masses of mankind
 - 1. REV. 17:15 – “And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”
 - 2. And as water flows down into the lowest point, so does mankind
 - a. How can mankind be so bad? To give rise to this beast?
 - b. 2 TIM. 3:13 – “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”
 - c. It is blind followship – not FAITH, but DECEIVED
 - d. HEB. 11:1 – “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
 - e. Not sight. But also not UNREASONING MINDLESSNESS.
- B. We know what he looks like because we’ve seen him before DAN. 7:1-17
 - 1. All four beasts become one beast (i.e. from the masses of humanity)
 - a. The Lion of Ancient Babylon (vs. 4)
 - b. The Bear of Medopersia (vs. 5)
 - c. The Leopard of Grecia (vs. 6)
 - d. Fourth Beast – The Roman Empire (vs. 7)
 - 2. The Little Horn – Beast from REV. 13:1
 - a. First, that’s it’s just spooky when they put eyes on everything
 - b. Creepy looking

- c. Eyes of man – He is not omniscient like God
 - 3. But he had a mouth! A mouth speaking “great things”
 - a. These are not “good things” or “godly things”
 - b. These are BOASTFUL things, SATANIC things, EVIL THINGS
 - c. Bald-faced lies against God and His Word
- C. Do not be confused about this beast
 - 1. Some have said he is in the past or it’s all symbolic
 - a. This beast is NOT Adolf Hitler
 - b. Nor is he an amalgamation of evil men in the past
 - c. REV. 13:8 – “ALL that dwell on upon the earth...”
 - 2. That has never happened before, but it will
 - 3. He is not JUST a political leader
 - 4. He is not JUST a social leader
 - 5. He is not JUST a military leader
 - 6. He is SATANICALLY EMPOWERED political, social, and military leader

III. POWER OF THE BEAST

- A. All comes from the Dragon (vs. 2b)
 - 1. Which is Satan himself
 - 2. This is a LITERAL dictator (not an evil spirit) with FULL power in the world
 - 3. ALL the world wonders after him (vs. 3b)
 - 4. All the world WORSHIPS SATAN (vs. 4)
 - a. They ask 2 questions of him
 - b. “Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”
 - c. Counterfeits!
 - d. PSA. 71:19 – “Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!”
 - 5. The conditions are RIPE for this today in our world!
- B. He will deceive by a counterfeit resurrection (vs. 3)
 - 1. This is the halfway mark – 3 ½ Years in the 7 Year Period
 - a. We know because there are 42 months left (vs. 5)
 - b. This matches REV. 12:14
 - c. A time = one year / Times = two years / Half a time = ½ year
 - 2. In Chapter 12, Satan is cast INTO the earth REV. 12:9
 - a. We know that spirits can possess the bodies of men
 - b. LUKE 8:30 – “And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.”
 - c. Seem obvious where Satan went when he was cast out
 - 3. Satan counterfeits EVERYTHING
 - a. Including the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - b. Everyone is so enamored of zombies in popular culture today
 - c. Here’s one! He was wounded TO DEATH (not unto death)
 - d. I hope this beast has a lot of perfume!

4. All I know is that only in JESUS can be found LIFE and PEACE!
- C. He has power to MAKE WAR with the saints (vs. 7)
 1. And to overcome them (very sad)
 2. Not the Lord's Churches (this creates conflict if misapplied!)
 3. MATT. 16:18 – "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
 4. No churches found here in Revelation Chapter 13.
 - a. No baptisms
 - b. Only God's people the Jews
 - c. And those who get Saved after the Rapture (saints)
- D. But there's a time-limit to his power! HA!
 1. 42 months! No more!
 2. God allows this to continue only so long before He ends it!
 3. And the beast will be cast into the Lake of Fire!
 - a. DAN. 7:9 – "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire."
 - b. DAN. 7:10 – "A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened."
 - c. DAN. 7:11 – "I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame."

IV. PERFORMANCE OF THE BEAST

- A. What does he do? He BLASPHEMES God! (vs. 6-8)
 1. He defies God
 2. He defiles God's Temple
 3. He degrades the Saints in Heaven
- B. He controls the "One World"
 1. One world government (vs. 7)
 2. One world "church" (vs. 8)
 3. The ecumenicalism so preached against 20 years ago is STILL around!
 - a. Preachers going back on the Word of God (KJV)
 - b. Preachers joining up with the Catholics!
 - i. The inquisition killed almost as many Baptists as Jews!
 - ii. They want to "return" to Rome
 - iii. We were never WITH them to begin with!
 - iv. They should RETURN to God!
 - c. Promise keepers...social movements BEWARE

- d. World Council of Churches?
- C. DO NOT COMPROMISE on the BIBLE! NOR on God! NOR on Doctrine!

V. PROCLAMATION TO THE BEAST

- A. Christianity need not be defended by the sword
 - 1. Christianity will be defended by the SAVIOR!
 - 2. God will take care of it (vs. 9-10)
 - 3. HERE is the patience and the faith of the saints
- B. Those that follow the beast will end up WITH the beast (Lake of Fire)
- C. Those that follow Jesus will end up WITH Jesus (Heaven)
- D. MATT. 6:33 – “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”
 - 1. You’ve got to become one of His first
 - 2. Seek FIRST the kingdom, not good works, not baptism, but SALVATION
 - 3. Be Saved today!