

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 32 – Revelation 13:9-10

I. Review:

A. Verses 1-3 identify the “Beast” as Satan’s Kingdom (defined by his history of seven kingdoms – counting from Eden), primarily from Daniel’s visions.

B. Verses 4-8 describe two classes of people over whom the “little horn” has authority for 42 months:

1. Those who worship the “beast” and the “dragon,” and accept his blasphemies against God.

2. The saints:

a. **Rev 13:7** “And to it was granted to battle with the saints and to conquer them.”

b. **Dan. 7:21-25** 42 months.

c. **Rev. 12:13-17**

II. The WARNING to the saints: (vss. 9-10)

A. A CRITICAL message from Jesus Himself (as with all 7 assemblies) “*If anyone has an ear, let him listen*”

1. Vs. 10 “*If anyone must go into captivity, he goes to captivity. [But] if anyone kills with the sword, he must be killed with the sword. In this is [tested] the endurance and the faith of the saints.*”

a. Generally speaking, God approves of (& even requires) the use of force by His people to protect and defend the innocent from violence and injustice (**Job. 29:11-17; Psalm 82:3-4; Isa. 1:17; Luke 22:35-38**).

b. Exception: When God is using that violence to accomplish His purpose:

1. When Jesus was being arrested (John 18:11)

2. When attacked because we belong to Christ (SoM)

3. During the last 42 months when the “little horn” is given **AUTHORITY** over the saints. We no longer have AUTHORITY to use force or violence. Instead, we are to be a “*testimony against them,*” speaking words given in that hour. (**Matt. 10:17-20; Mark 13:11-13; Luke 21:12-19**)