

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 33 – Revelation 13:11-18

I. Review of Rev. 13:1-8

- A. The first “Beast” arises from the Mediterranean Sea (as in Dan. 7)
- B. A Gentile King/Kingdom (as in Dan. 7)
- C. 10 Kings from the 4th Beast of Dan. 7 (Roman Empire)
- D. The “little horn” comes up after the 10 kings secure their power
- E. The “Beast” has the authority from Satan Himself
- F. This occurs at the mid-point of the last “Week”

II. Rev. 13 expands upon 4 previous statements in Rev. 11-12.

- A. The period of time to follow the 1260-day testimony of Elijah & John:
 1. Rev. 11:2 “(they will also trample the holy city forty-two months).
 2. Rev. 12:12 “the Devil has come down to you having great anger, having known that he has a brief time.”
 3. Rev. 12:14 “And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, so that she might fly to the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished there a time, times, and half a time from before the snake.”
- B. The “Beast” who finally kills the 2 Prophets of God, appearing to overthrow the God of the Bible.
 1. Rev. 11:7 “When they should finish their witness, the beast, ascending out of the deep, will do battle with them, will conquer them, and will kill them.”
 2. He is immediately received as a hero, since the people rejoice in his apparent victory (Rev. 11:10).

III. Rev. 13:11-18 The Beast from the Land – An Apostate Jew

A. Vs. 11

1. A second beast arises from “the Land” – (the Promised Land – Israel)
2. 2 horns like a ram, spoke like a dragon (a dragon in sheep’s clothing)

B. Vs. 12

1. Exercises authority from Satan
2. He compels Jews in “the Land” to worship the resurrected (1st) Beast instead of the God of Abraham.
 - a. 2 Thess. 1-3 The 1st Beast proclaims himself “God” (supreme sovereign) while seated in “the Temple of God.”
 - b. His killing the 2 Prophets of God (who could not be killed for 1260 days) is his proof of his victory over the God of the Bible.
3. Parallel to Israel under Antiochus Epiphanies:

1. Antiochus replaced the faithful high priest Onias with his brother Yeshua who agreed to transform Jerusalem into a pagan Greek city.
 - a. Yeshua changed his name to the Greek name, Jason.
 - b. Jason Hellenized the priesthood and received Antiochus into Jerusalem with great pomp.
 - c. Led to the first “abomination of desolation” by Antiochus.

C. Vs. 13

1. Calling fire down from heaven reenacts the showdown between Elijah and the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-38; 2 Kings 1:10-14). (See also Moses’ contest with Pharaoh’s magicians (Ex. 7).

D. Vs. 14

1. The 2nd Beast deceives the Jews dwelling in “the Land”
2. The “Image of the (1st) Beast” parallels Antiochus Epiphanies’ “image” placed in the Temple (“Epiphanies” means “God manifest”)
3. “Abomination of Desolation” is the “image of the Beast” (Mk 13:14)

E. Vs. 15

1. The image comes to (apparent) life by Satan’s power (authority granted by God)
2. The IMAGE decrees that those refusing to worship IT must killed

F. Vs. 16-17

1. The IMAGE requires all to receive the “mark of the beast” on forehead or hand.
 - a. Buying or selling requires one of three things: the MARK (insignia), or the NAME, or the NUMBER.

G. Vs. 18

1. The number of the NAME of the Beast is 666
2. Two possible interpretations for the number of his name:
 - a. The numerical value of the Hebrew or Greek letters of his name = 666.
 - b. Ezra 2:13 records a man’s name with the number 666 – **Adonikam**, a Hebrew name meaning “the master has arisen.”