

Revelation 13:11-18
The False Prophet

Another Beast (11-17)

His description (11)

(earth => worshipping the earth / sea => the nations or Gentiles)

Out of the earth – as opposed to the sea (1)

Outward appearance of a lamb (Matthew 11:29) **as a meek, gentle servant**

Out of his mouth – a dragon speaks (Matthew 12:34) **demonic influence**

His authority (12-17)

(he is used by the antichrist and the kings who rule)

Subordinate to the first beast – working on his behalf (Revelation 17:16-17)

Forcing people to worship the beast (Daniel 3:18) **or face death**

Fatal wound that had been healed (John 10:17-18 / Hebrews 2:14-15)

Control over death? Or using death to control others.

Signs and great miracles performed

Fire falling from heaven in full view of men (I Kings 18:24)

Fear of the image of the beast (an idol)

Ability to speak (Psalm 115:2-8) **Where is technology headed?**

Ability to kill (Isaiah 44:17-18) **Could there be demonic influence?**

Subjecting the people to his control (Revelation 20:4) **by execution**

Forced to receive the mark – no buying or selling without it

Found bearing the name of the beast (Ephesians 3:14-15)

We bear the name of our Father

Analyzing the number of the beast (18)

Requirements: wisdom – insight – calculation (II Thessalonians 2:7-8) **not for us to know**

Recognition: 666 – man's number (Genesis 1:26 / Exodus 20:9-10)

Created on the 6th day, the pinnacle of creation / laboring for 6 days

Note: the antichrist and his companion will demonstrate the very things that the true God uses to prove that He is God (Mt. Carmel / compared with idols / resurrection) it is no wonder that so many are deceived by these imposters.

Discussion questions for Revelation 13:11-18

“Out of the overflow of the mouth, the heart speaks.” What is the true condition of our hearts? (Jeremiah 17:9 / Matthew 12:34) When was the first time you recognized this condition?

Desperately wicked and beyond cure (i.e. we need a new heart – Ezekiel 36:26-27) Our hearts are the source of the evil seen in this world.

What are the triggers in your life that help you recognize when you are acting in the flesh? (Colossians 3:5-14 / Galatians 5:19-24) ***When my thoughts, words, and/or actions line up with the characteristics of the sinful nature. When I find myself complaining about things rather than having a thankful heart. (Philippians 2:14) When I start thinking I am somehow better than others. (Philippians 2:3-4)***

How can we change? (James 1:16-21) ***We must first recognize that we cannot change on our own (Jeremiah 13:23), because everything that is good comes from God. He is able to transform our lives when we yield to Him and allow His Word to change our minds, our hearts, and our will.”***

How should we respond to miracles in our day? (consider the following passages)

Deuteronomy 13:1-3 ***be sure the one performing the miracle is teaching His Word***

Matthew 24:24 ***expect an increase in false prophets who use miracles to deceive***

II Thessalonians 2:9-10 ***know that our enemy will perform counterfeit signs and wonders for the purpose of deceiving and leading people astray***

I Thessalonians 5:21;22 ***everything must be tested against the plumb line of God’s Word. We are to reject anything that is out of plumb and to cling to what is right and true. We are to look for the ancient path, the good way, and walk therein. (Jeremiah 6:16)***

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