

Revelation 13:11-18
The False Prophet

Another Beast (11-17)

His description (11)

- Out of the earth – as opposed to the sea (1)
- Outward appearance of a lamb (Matthew 11:29)
- Out of his mouth – a dragon speaks (Matthew 12:34)

His authority (12-17)

- Subordinate to the first beast – working on his behalf (Revelation 17:16-17)
- Forcing people to worship the beast (Daniel 3:18)
- Fatal wound that had been healed (John 10:17-18 / Hebrews 2:14-15)

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)
 - Ability to kill (Isaiah 44:17-18)

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

- Forced to receive the mark – no buying or selling without it
- Found bearing the name of the beast (Ephesians 3:14-15)

Analyzing the number of the beast (18)

Requirements: wisdom – insight – calculation (II Thessalonians 2:7-8)

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

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?

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)

How can we change? (James 1:16-21)

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

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

Matthew 24:24

II Thessalonians 2:9-10

I Thessalonians 5:21;22