

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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### Chapters Thirteen

1. **Chapter 13** identifies the two \_\_\_\_\_ that work as \_\_\_\_\_ to conduct the work of the \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ [devil, serpent, and Satan] is on a mission to destroy the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ [**members of the Lord's church**]. The \_\_\_\_\_, in **chapter 12**, was removed from heaven along with \_\_\_\_\_ of the angels who followed him. The dragon and his \_\_\_\_\_ fought against \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and the latter won. The dragon is consumed with \_\_\_\_\_ (**anger**) against God. Thus, he attempted to prevent the physical \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus but was unsuccessful; he attempted to prevent the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church, but again, he failed. Now, he is after the individual members of the \_\_\_\_\_. Peter says Satan as a roaring \_\_\_\_\_ is in pursuit of those in the church to \_\_\_\_\_ them (**1 Pet. 5:8**).
2. In this chapter, John is informed of two key \_\_\_\_\_ of the dragon working with him to "\_\_\_\_\_ **against**" those in the kingdom; the two beasts are "**the beast from the \_\_\_\_\_**" (**Rev. 13:1-10**), and the "**beast from the \_\_\_\_\_**" (**Rev. 13:11-18**).
3. The purpose of the work of the agents of the dragon is stated, in **Revelation 12:15**, to lead the attempts of carrying the kingdom/church into \_\_\_\_\_; much has been written and said about the number \_\_\_\_\_ of **verse 18**. What or who is the \_\_\_\_\_ will be identified later in this study.
4. The beast of **verse 1** was introduced in **Revelation 11:7** as ascending "**out of the \_\_\_\_\_ pit**;" the beast's mission is stated to \_\_\_\_\_ against and to \_\_\_\_\_ them [**those in the kingdom or church**]. Those in the church have been charged to preach the \_\_\_\_\_ [the good news].
5. Again, to understand the vision that John is allowed to see, we must look at a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament; the \_\_\_\_\_ that helps to understand who the beast is - is in the book of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In **Daniel 7:3**, Daniel saw "\_\_\_\_\_ **great beasts**" coming up from the \_\_\_\_\_; the sea represents the \_\_\_\_\_ [**nations, societies, or people**]; the \_\_\_\_\_ beasts represent four world \_\_\_\_\_ (**empires**) (**Dan. 7:3-7**).

7. The four empires are - \_\_\_\_\_, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and \_\_\_\_\_; the beast of **Revelation 11:7** was released by Satan. [The beast of **chapter 11:7** is likely the same beast of **Revelation 13:1-10**].

8. The beast from the \_\_\_\_\_, John describes as having “**seven \_\_\_\_\_ and ten \_\_\_\_\_, and on his \_\_\_\_\_ ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous \_\_\_\_\_**” there’re great similarities between this \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of **Revelation 12:3**. The horns and diadems are symbols of power and rule.

9. In Daniel’s vision, there were \_\_\_\_\_ beasts; Daniel saw the four beasts resembling a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and dreadful/terrible. John’s fourth beast is not \_\_\_\_\_ (**v. 2**). These beasts were given power by the \_\_\_\_\_.

10. In the first century, the beast from the sea was \_\_\_\_\_ in the form of the \_\_\_\_\_ government; today, the beast is \_\_\_\_\_ in the form of any \_\_\_\_\_ effort used by the \_\_\_\_\_ to fight against God’s cause. [There are biblical scholars who believe the head beaten to death represented \_\_\_\_\_ and the healed head represents \_\_\_\_\_]. It’s important to remember, the kingdom/church is going to undergo persecution for \_\_\_\_\_ months, \_\_\_\_\_ days, or \_\_\_\_\_ and a half year; thus, the beast of the sea is not only the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire, but \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom or power used by the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Satan**) to persecute God’s cause.

11. So, when the text mentions John saw “**one of his \_\_\_\_\_ as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was \_\_\_\_\_**” this likely means when one \_\_\_\_\_ receives a mortal \_\_\_\_\_ or is defeated; later another \_\_\_\_\_ (**enemy**) arises because the beast can’t be destroyed. **Verse 3** allows us to see that the beast out of the \_\_\_\_\_ is not only the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire but is also one of many \_\_\_\_\_ of unrighteous kingdoms or causes against God’s people.

12. John says, “**And all the \_\_\_\_\_ marveled and followed the \_\_\_\_\_**” (**v. 3**); to the world the beast seems \_\_\_\_\_ - his power causes those in the world to be amazed.

13. In **verse 4**, “**they**” refers to the people of the \_\_\_\_\_ (**outside the court of the temple**) worship the \_\_\_\_\_ (**devil**) who gives the \_\_\_\_\_ the strength and power to do what he does.

14. The “**beast of the sea**” is given \_\_\_\_\_ things (**verses 5-7**) in his fight against God and His people:

- 1) “**a \_\_\_\_\_ to speaking great things and \_\_\_\_\_**” - [those in the kingdoms of this world will speak against \_\_\_\_\_ and those in His \_\_\_\_\_ (church)],
- 2) “**authority to continue for \_\_\_\_\_ months**” - [all Christians, throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ dispensation, will be persecuted],
- 3) “**to make \_\_\_\_\_ with the saints, and to overcome them**” [there will be those in the kingdom who have been charged to preach the word who will be \_\_\_\_\_, undergo \_\_\_\_\_ (disappointments)] and
- 4) “**\_\_\_\_\_...over every tribe, tongue, and nation**” [political or \_\_\_\_\_ efforts will be raged against God’s cause].

15. During the time of \_\_\_\_\_, he demanded complete obedience to him; so, John sees during the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire and all these false causes those leading them will desire complete allegiance. Those who worship the beast, their \_\_\_\_\_ have not been recorded in the **Lamb’s Book of Life (v. 8)**. Because those who are in the kingdom/church, their \_\_\_\_\_ are written in the **Book of Life (Rev. 20:15)**. The expression “**from the foundation of the world**” has two possible meanings [either could be right]:

- 1) Those whose names have been recorded since the \_\_\_\_\_ of man and woman; Moses stated the redeemed \_\_\_\_\_ are written in a book in heaven (**Ex. 32:32-34**); and
- 2) Those whose names have been recorded since the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church; Paul informs the Christians in the church Philippi that the saved, those in the church, \_\_\_\_\_ are written in the **Book of Life (Phil. 2:3)**.

16. In **verse 10**, all Christians are encouraged to be \_\_\_\_\_ or be steadfast, and to develop perseverance; some in kingdom/church will experience \_\_\_\_\_ (**tribulation**), some will be \_\_\_\_\_. [Remember **Rev. 2:10** – they were to be faithful until death].

17. **Verses 11-18** identify the beast from the \_\_\_\_\_; this beast represents \_\_\_\_\_ (**false religions**) of the world. At least \_\_\_\_\_ times, John refers to this beast as “**the false \_\_\_\_\_**” (**Rev. 16:13; 19:20; and 20:10**).

18. Paul says in **2 Corinthians 11:15** that the outward appearance of this \_\_\_\_\_ is deceiving; he appears to look like a minister of \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus says in **Matthew 7:15-16** to be aware of this beast who will come to you in \_\_\_\_\_ clothing, but inwardly they are \_\_\_\_\_.

19. John is given \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics of this beast (**verse 12**):

- 1) “**two \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_**” - referring to his false religious appearance.
- 2) “**spoke as a \_\_\_\_\_**” - he is working as an agent of the dragon, the devil, Satan.
- 3) “**exercises all the authority of the first \_\_\_\_\_**” - is working in conjunction with the beast out of the sea.
- 4) “**causes the earth, and those who dwell in it to \_\_\_\_\_ the first beast**” - represents all the \_\_\_\_\_ religions of the world.

20. To achieve his agenda, this beast has the ability to do great \_\_\_\_\_ to entice men to worship the first \_\_\_\_\_ or to submit to the \_\_\_\_\_ (See **Matt. 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9-12; 2 Tim. 3:13**); as a result of the works of the beast from the \_\_\_\_\_, many will be \_\_\_\_\_ (**v. 14**).

21. God allows the dragon, the devil, Satan to operate in these \_\_\_\_\_ ways, as He allows him to \_\_\_\_\_ Christians; as Christians, we must never forget, greater is the \_\_\_\_\_ in us, then the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world (**1 Jo. 4:4**). The power in us (\_\_\_\_\_) is able to equip us or to empower us to \_\_\_\_\_ the dragon, the devil.

22. During the days of the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire, the beast of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the beast of the \_\_\_\_\_ working together will cause many to receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast; the mark of the beast stands for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast or his number.

23. The mark is likely to refer to a \_\_\_\_\_ (**disposition**) that \_\_\_\_\_ Christians from non-Christians; those who were Christians were banished or put into \_\_\_\_\_ and were not given \_\_\_\_\_ (**the necessities of life**) in the first century.

24. The number of the beast was equivalent to the number of \_\_\_\_\_ which is \_\_\_\_\_; this number doesn't refer to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. Some scholars believe the number \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the “**failure upon failure upon failure**” of man.