

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

chapter 13

Lesson 15

In Revelation 13 we read of the *beast that rises up out of the sea* and *another beast coming up out of the earth*. Both are *given power* to do much evil. But, praise God, their “reign” is limited to *42 months*. Our king Jesus will reign in righteousness forever! And... we will reign with Him!

OBSERVATION: Read Revelation 13

1. Read through this week’s verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns.

Key Words: *God, Jesus (the Lamb), dragon* (as it refers to Satan), the first *beast*, the second *beast*, and *give/given/granted*

Also: mark any references to time (including words such as *then* and *now*)

3. Revelation is about two *beasts*. Listing what the text reveals about them will be very helpful to your understanding of the chapter. Make a list of what the chapter exposes about each of them.
the first *beast*:

the second *beast*:

5. Using the text of Revelation 13, draw (on a separate sheet of paper) what you think John saw.
 - a. What did you observe by drawing the descriptions in chapter 13, that you had not noticed before drawing the chapter?

Read Revelation 13:1-4

1. From Revelation 13:1, describe what John *saw rising up out of the sea*.
 - a. Link this description with Daniel 7:7-8 and Revelation 12:3. What do you see?
2. What was the *beast like*? Revelation 13:2a
 - a. Connect this with Daniel 7:3-6 and record your observations.
3. From where did the *beast* derive *his power*? Revelation 13:2b
 - a. Further identify the source of his *power* by recalling Revelation 12:9.
 - b. Comment on the *power* of the *beast* using Luke 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:8.
4. What seemed to have happened to one of the *beast's heads*? Revelation 13:3a
 - a. How did the *world* respond to this phenomenon? Revelation 13:3b
5. According to Revelation 13:4a, what did the *world* do?
 - a. What did *they* say? Revelation 13:4b

6. Read John 5:43 and 1 John 4:5, 5:19. How do these verses explain why the *world* will be so willing to follow the *beast*?
 - a. In what way does this reality help you understand the deception of the unsaved *world*?

7. Share your reaction to what you have studied today.

Read Revelation 13:5-10

1. According to Revelation 13:5, what things were *given* to the *beast*?
 - a. Compare the *beast* with the horn described in Daniel 7:8b, 20, 24-25a. What do you see?
 - b. How long was he *given authority to continue*?
 - 1.) How are you encouraged by the fact that his rule will have a time limit? See also Matthew 24:22 and Revelation 12:12.

2. Who and what did the *beast* speak *blasphemy against*? Revelation 13:6
 - a. Link this with Daniel 11:36 and note your observations.

3. What was *granted to him* according to Revelation 13:7?
 - a. Using Revelation 6:9-11 identify the *saints* in Revelation 13:7.
 - b. Note again the connection with the horn in Daniel 7:21, 25b. Share your thoughts.

4. Who will *worship* the *beast*? Revelation 13:8

a. To Whom does the *Book of Life* belong?

Challenge: Use Luke 22:22a and Acts 2:23 to explain what it means that Jesus was *slain from the foundation of the world*.

b. In your own words declare the importance of the *Book of Life*.

5. Write the exhortation of Revelation 13:9.

a. A similar exhortation was given to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3. Why do you suppose it is given here?

6. Summarize the warning of Revelation 13:10a.

a. Use one of the following to expand on this warning: Proverbs 26:27, Matthew 26:52, and Galatians 6:7.

b. In what way is this a warning to you? See also 2 Corinthians 10:4.

c. How will *the saints* display *patience and faith* during this time? Revelation 13:10b

1.) How can you display *patience and faith* in troubling times?

Read Revelation 13:11-15

1. Compare and contrast the *beast* from Revelation 13:1 with the *beast* in Revelation 13:11.

Challenge: In Revelation 19:20 this *beast* is identified as the false prophet. Note the disparity between his appearance and his speech. What do you find significant about this? See also Matthew 7:15 and 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

2. From Revelation 13:12a, record the source of the *authority* of the second *beast*.
 - a. What did he cause the *earth and those who dwell in it* to do? Revelation 13:12b
3. What did this second *beast* do according to Revelation 13:13?
 - a. Compare the works of the *two witnesses* from Revelation 11:5a with Revelation 13:13. Write your observations.
 - b. How is this second *beast* a dangerous imitation of a true prophet?
4. How did the second *beast* deceive *those who dwell on the earth*? Revelation 13:14a
 - a. Why is it important for us to be on guard? See also 1 John 2:18–19.
 - b. According to Revelation 13:14b, what did the second *beast* tell them to make?
5. Describe the *power* that he was *granted* in Revelation 13:15.
6. In Revelation 13:11–15, the *beast* will be so deceptive that the whole world will follow him. Even today there are many deceivers. Use 1 John 4:1–3 to state how believers can fortify themselves against strong deception.

Read Revelation 13:16–18

1. What does the false prophet force all mankind to *receive*? Revelation 13:16
 - a. List those who will *receive* it.
 - b. Where will it be placed?
 - c. Read Ezekiel 9:4 and Revelation 7:3 and note how God *marks* His own.
 - 1.) How is this *mark* in Revelation 13:16 a satanic counterfeit?

2. According to Revelation 13:17, what must a person possess in order to *buy or sell*?
 - a. The name of the *beast* will be required for men to prosper during the tribulation. Read Numbers 6:27 and Revelation 3:12 and note what happens when God writes His *name* on someone.
3. What *wisdom* is in Revelation 13:18?
 - a. From Revelation 13:8b, identify the *number of the beast*.
 - b. Why do you think it is considered *wisdom* to know this?

Review: Read Revelation 13

1. What does Revelation 13 reveal you about both the *beasts'* power?
2. Revelation 13 gives many vivid details concerning Satan's powerful deception during the Great Tribulation. Even though we as believers will not be on earth during this time, why do you think it is important for us to know these things?
3. Share one thing that has impacted you from the study of this chapter.

*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them,
because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

- 1 John 4:4

Observation Worksheet

Revelation 13

¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a *beast* rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

² Now the *beast* which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ³ And *I saw* one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the *beast*. ⁴ So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the *beast*; and they worshiped the *beast*, saying, "Who *is* like the *beast*? Who is able to make war with him?" ⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. ¹¹ Then I saw another *beast* coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first *beast* in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first *beast*, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the *beast*, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the *beast* who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the *beast*, that the image of the *beast* should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the *beast* to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the *beast*, or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the *beast*, for it is the number of a man: his number *is* 666.