

I. The identity of the Beast. (1-4)

- A. The Beast represents a new world power. (1-2)

- B. The Beast represents a new world leader. (3)

- C. The Beast represents a new world religion. (4)

II. The characteristics of the Beast. (5-6)

- A. He is offensive in his speech.

- B. He is productive with his time.

- C. He is aggressive in his behavior.

III. The authority of the Beast. (7-10)

- A. His authority is granted by God. (7)

- B. His authority is limited by God. (8)

- C. His authority is ordained by God. (9-10)

Apply the Text:

- **Keep your eyes open for present day antichrists. (I John 2:18)**
- **Pray for the salvation of your political leaders. (I Timothy 2:1-4)**
- **Find security in the sovereignty of God. (Isaiah 46:10)**