

Revelation Study
Vision 3
The Beasts of the Sea and Earth
Revelation 13:1-18

- I. A Concurrent Story
 - A. Most of what takes place in Chapter 13 coincides with the historical timeframe of Chapter 12
 - B. The shift occurs mid-way through the chapter, with the onset of the second beast.
- II. The Beast of the Sea (1-10)
 - A. Cf. Job 41
 - B. 10 horns, 10 crowns, seven heads
 - 1. Can represent godless nations or kingdoms throughout history
 - 2. Strong reliance on Daniel 7
 - 3. The imagery of the leopard, bear, and lion are combined into one beast here, instead of distinct creatures/kingdoms
 - C. The beast represents the present “city of man” throughout the ages, as given authority by Satan
 - D. The “slain head”
 - 1. Cf. Genesis 3:15
 - 2. Compare to the imagery of the Lamb slain in Revelation 5:6
 - 3. This is a “false Christ” a “false kingdom”
 - E. The warfare is against God’s people
 - 1. Tabernacle – those who dwell in heaven
 - 2. The saints on the earth
 - 3. For the same time as we have seen – 42 months
- III. The Beast From The Earth (11-18)
 - A. Scriptural reference
 - 1. Also a parody of the Lamb in Revelation 5:6
 - 2. Cf. Daniel 8
 - B. Two horns – Daniel 8:3
 - 1. Mimics the two witnesses, the two lampstands, the two olive trees
 - 2. These are about testimony: this beast represents a future person/movement which makes the claims of the first beast seem plausible.
 - 3. This is about the deception of people
 - 4. Drives people to the worship of/subjugation to the power of the state
 - C. The first beast – power of a false government
 - D. Second beast – power of false ideology
- IV. 666
 - A. Many theories
 - B. To be viewed as spiritual metaphor
 - 1. The perfect imperfectness
 - 2. The complete incompleteness
- V. The Believer’s Response
 - A. Perseverance (3:9-10 cf. Jeremiah 15:2 & 43:11)
 - B. Be prepared for a significant loss of privilege (3:16-18)