

Wednesday Evening Bible
The Book of Revelation
Lesson 20
Chapter 13

Chapter 12 introduced us to 4 important players of the Great Tribulation

“the woman” = _____ “the child” = _____

“the dragon” = _____ “Michael” = _____

Chapter 13 introduces us to 2 more important players of the Great Tribulation, who in addition to the 4 revealed in chapter 12, are the 7 key players of the final days

- 1) The first _____
 - a) v. 1 begins, “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea.”
 - 1) Two metaphors/symbols are mentioned in this first verse
 - 2) _____ represents humanity; some think this is a specific reference to the Mediterranean Sea, and even more specifically to a revival of the Roman Empire
 - 3) _____ represents the one world government, and more specifically the leader of that government, the Antichrist
 - 4) The last phrase of v. 2 is important in identifying the beast, “The dragon gave him his _____, his throne, and great _____”
 - b) Notice how the “beast” is described in v. 1-2
 - 1) “having _____ heads and _____ horns and on his horns _____ crowns”
 - 2) The “beast” will be comprised of 10 nations that will unite to form this one world government
 - 3) Many believe that this one world government will be a revival of the old Roman Empire
 - 4) “and on his heads a _____ name”
 - 5) Indicates that this government stands in opposition to God and to Christ
 - c) John then describes the “beast” in v. 2 using the language of Daniel
 - 1) “Now the beast which I saw was like a _____”
 - 2) “and his feet were like the feet of a _____”
 - 3) “and his mouth like the mouth of a _____”
 - d) v. 3 tells us that something amazing happens to the beast, “And I saw one of his heads as it if had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.”
 - e) v. 4 reveals to us how the people of that day will respond to the “beast”
 - f) v. 5, “And he (beast) was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for _____”
 - g) v. 8, the people of that day will “worship” the “beast” EXCEPT those, whose names are written in the “Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
- 2) The 2nd “beast”
 - a) v. 11, “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth”

- 1) This “beast” is different, for the first came from the “sea” but the 2nd comes from the _____
- 2) This 2nd beast is the _____
- 3) It will be the job of the false prophet to direct man to worship the Antichrist through the establishment of the world wide apostate church (see v. 12)
- 4) Notice how this 2nd “beast” is described “and he had two horns like a _____ and spoke like a _____”
- b) v. 13, this 2nd “beast” does something amazing, “He (2nd beast) performs great signs, so that he even makes _____ come down from heaven on the earth in sight of men.”
- c) v. 14, “And he (2nd beast) 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 _____ to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.”
- d) v. 15, “And he (2nd beast) was granted to give _____ to the image of the beast (1st 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.”
 - 1) The reference to giving “breath to the image of the beast” confuses many, for the Greek word is pneuma which is spirit. The Greek word for “breath” and “life” is zoe
 - 2) The better translation here is, “And he was granted to give spirit to the image of the beast” meaning that the image doesn’t come alive, but is perceived by those who worship the image to be alive and give life
- e) v. 16, “He (2nd beast) causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads.”
- f) v. 17, “and that no one may be able to _____ or _____ except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”
- g) v. 18, “Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast (1st beast), for it is the number of a man: His number is _____.”
 - 1) There have been MANY elaborate, complex, and detailed “formulas” generated through the years to determine numerically the identity of the Antichrist
 - 2) But let me encourage you to use the formula we have used throughout the entire book of Revelation
 - 3) 6 = is the number of man; refers to man’s efforts; is as close to 7 (God’s number) as possible without being perfect and complete
 - 4) The fact that this number is repeated 3 times alludes to the fact that the Antichrist will try to present himself as being Christ repeatedly, but the discerning will recognize that he is a fraud
 - 5) To the point of even trying to imitate the Trinity, the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and Satan himself will fail, and fail miserably!