

Revelation 13:11-18

- A. Revelation 13:11-12—The second vision of a Beast
1. Out of the earth as opposed to out of the sea.
 2. Verse 11—horns like a lamb; deception—imitation; 7 horned lamb of God in Revelation 5:6.
 - a. The lamb in v. 11 speaks like a dragon; Lamb of God speaks as the Word of God (19:13ff.)
 - b. Hierarchy that forms amongst the agents of the dragon or the Devil.
 - c. Trinitarian similarities between the # of evil agents and the Trinity.
- B. Revelation 13:13-16—The mission/ purpose/ identity
1. Gave witness and testimony to the beast of the sea (mortal wound healed).
 2. Miraculous signs—DECEIVED humanity.
 3. Idol worship—Ten commandments: 1-4 focus on relationship with God
 4. Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5.
 - a. 1—Only one God.
 - b. 2—No graven images.
 - c. 3—Do not take the Lord's name in vain.
 - d. 4—Keep the Sabbath Holy.
 5. Commandments 5-10 focus on our personal relationships.
 - a. Honor father and mother, Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not covet.
 6. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—Daniel 3:1-30
 7. Enforces power on everyone—v. 16; Political, social, and economic facets.
 8. Beast represents Imperial priesthood.
- C. Revelation 13:17-18—The sign of the Beast
1. Numerical formulas; 1 example— $1260 \times 2 = 2520$; $2520 / 4$ empires in Daniel=630; $630 + 6^2 = 666$.
 2. Numbers that correspond to Hebrew/ Greek letters.
 3. Symbolic mark of Judgment or protection on the forehead—Ezek. 9:4.
 4. Branding/ stamping—practice in early first century times.
- D. Persecution Today; Avoiding the temptation to compromise.
1. Revelation allows for no divided allegiance. We must decide between God and the World and between what each side values.

