
The background is a dark, atmospheric illustration. It depicts a cityscape at night, with buildings and streets visible in the distance. In the foreground, there is a large, glowing, multi-armed figure, possibly a deity or a powerful entity, with a central face and multiple limbs extending outwards. The figure is rendered in a reddish-orange hue, contrasting with the dark background. The overall mood is mysterious and ominous.

Revelation 13 – The Beast and the Un-Holy Trinity



Opening Questions

- Why are people so fascinated with who the Antichrist is?
- What is the un-holy trinity?
- What happens to Israel in the Tribulation?

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?"

Q: Who is the beast?

- This is the anti-Christ. The A/C is born from the pit and controlled by Satan

Q: What are the 7 heads?

- Believed to be successive world powers – Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the final power that we don't know yet.

What are the 10 horns and crowns?

- Horns represent power. Daniel 7 demonstrates these are 10 Kings (crowns), finalizing with the final world government.

Q: Who gives the beast his power & authority?

- Satan

Q: What does deadly wound mean (v3)?

- The Greek expression is *hōs esphagmenēn*, which means death. The beast is killed and is then resurrected.

Q: What is the parallel with Jesus?

- Resurrection, power, worship, etc.
- This is a fake Jesus, but many will be fooled (Matt 24:23)

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.

Q: Who allows the beast to utter blasphemies?

- Our Sovereign God allows Satan to empower the beast

Q: How long does the beast make war with the saints and rule the entire earth?

- 3 ½ years, or the great tribulation

Q: Who worships the beast?

- Those who's names are not written in the Book of Life.

Q: What is the Book of Life?

- Mentioned 8 times in the NT
- All saints are written in it *before* the foundation of the world

Q: Why might verse 9 not say "to the churches?"

- Rapture?

Q: What is the purpose of verse 10?"

- God has ordained the earthly fate of the Tribulation Saints. They are not to fight it, including death.

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.

Q: Who is this beast with lamb horns?

- This is the Satanic false prophet. Where the A/C was a political and military leader, this beast is a religious leader.

Q: What kind of signs does this religious leader perform?

- Fire from heaven
- Animates the false idol
- Causes it to speak
- Gives idol ability to kill those who don't worship it

Q: What happens to those who aren't killed or protected by God?

- They are marked on the right hand or forehead with the name or the number of the beast, signifying they have become devoted followers of the beast

Q: Should we try to figure out the meaning of 666?

- It is not profitable to spend any significant time on this puzzle. Many have spent lifetimes attempting to determine the name without a true solution.

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