

SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 13:1-10 we are shown 2 important facts about the mission of the beast from the sea.

- I. The beast represents the dragon:
 - A. With his looks (v. 1).
 - B. With his reign (v. 2).
 - C. With his wound (v. 3).
 - D. With his worship (v. 4).

- II. The beast is contained by God:
 - A. God granted his ability to speak (vs. 5a).
 - B. God limited his authority to 42 months (v. 5b)
 - 1. to blaspheme (v. 6).
 - 2. to attack & conquer the saints (v. 7a).
 - 3. to rule over everyone (v. 7b).
 - 4. to receive worship from the earth-dwellers (v. 8).
 - 5. to be understood and endured through faith by the saints (vs. 9-11).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 21, 2018

Passage: Revelation 13:1-10

Memory Passage: Revelation 13:1-10

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 13:1-10 & Daniel 7:1-27.** What did each of the 4 beasts in Daniel 7 represent?
- (b) What similarities do you see between the beasts in these 2 passages, and how does this help you understand Rev. 13:1-10?
- (c) What does the “sea” symbolize in Scripture (remember our study of Daniel, and of Job several years ago!), and what should you expect as you observe this beast “rising out of the sea?”
- (d) What do the attributes of the beast in vs. 1-2 represent in its character and abilities?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 13:1-10.** How is this beast related to the dragon from chapter 12?
- (b) Consider how Christ has been described in Revelation (and will be, for example in chapter 19:11-16). How is the beast from the sea similar? How is this beast different? Why is this important to recognize?
- (c) What is the “mortal wound” the beast “seemed to have,” and how was it healed?
- (d) Why are the people so enamored with the beast (cf. vs. 3 & 4)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 13:1-10.** Who enables the beast to function in vs. 5-7 (“was allowed” [2x]; “was given”)?
- (b) To what time period does “forty-two months” refer? Upon what do you base your answer?
- (c) Explain vs. 5-8 and how your study of Revelation (esp. chapters 11 & 12) and Daniel’s visions inform your answer.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 13:1-10, Jer.15:1-4, 43:10, 2 Thess. 2:1-17.** What is the difference between the 2 groups (and notice there are *only* two groups) mentioned in v. 8?
- (b) What do verses 9-10 promise for those who have an ear, and why is this a “call for the endurance and faith of the saints?”
- (c) How does 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 relate to Revelation 13:1-10?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 13:1-10, 1 John 2:18-27, 4:1-6, 2 John 4-11, & 2 Thess. 2:1-17.** Considering everything you have learned this week, who or what does this beast represent?
- (b) Given that God allows this beast to perform its evil throughout the inter-advent age (42 months), who might John and the folks in the 7 churches have thought the beast was? How might the folks in the middle ages experienced the work of this beast? Or the reformers?
- (c) How do you see the beast working in 21st century America? In what ways are you asked to worship it? In what ways will you need to persevere under its pressure?
- (d) How do the passages from 1st & 2nd John and 2 Thessalonians equip you to both understand the false worship this beast demands and to resist this call?

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The Beast from the Sea