

**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)