

Midweek Bible Study

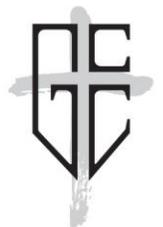
Exposition of Revelation The Beast from the Land Rev. 13:11-18

Review of the beast from the sea.

- I. The description of the second beast (11)
 - A. Another beast coming up out of the earth
The false prophet (16:13; 19:20; 20:10)
 - B. Two horns like a lamb
 - C. He spoke like a dragon
 - 1. True character – looks lamb-like, but
 - 2. Speaks on behalf of the dragon!

- II. The activities of the second beast (12-17)
“The second beast is the third member of the unholy trinity, functioning like an unholy Spirit.” Tom Schreiner
 - A. He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence
 - B. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast
 - C. He performs great signs
 - 1. So that even fire comes down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men
*Elijah, 1 Kg 18:38 (Johnson, a counter John the Baptist)
*A counterfeit church (11:6)
 - 2. Matt. 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9

 - C. He deceives those who dwell on the earth
 - 1. Because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast
 - 2. Telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast
 - a) Make an image – Dan. 3



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- b) who had the wound of the sword
- c) and has come to life
- D. It was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast
 - 1. So that the image of the beast would even speak
 - 2. And cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed
- E. He causes all* to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead
 - 1. a mark – symbol of ownership/control
Rev. 7;1-3; 14:1
forehead – thoughts/right hands – deeds
 - 2. so that no one will be able to buy or sell
 - 3. except the one who has the mark, the name of the beast or the number of his name

Conclusion

Just like the first beast, in a sense, both institutional and personal.

- III. The number of the first beast (18)
 - A. Here is wisdom
 - B. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast
 - 1. Hebrew and Greek letters had numeric significance
 - 2. The call is to calculate
 - C. For the number is that of man (human or a man)
The number is for the first beast.
 - D. And his number is 600 60 6
*there is an early variant, 600 1 6

Application

Conclusion

