

Beasts and Believers Discussion Questions

Revelation 13:1-18

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1. Who or what has your allegiance? Does that person or thing take priority over everything else? Why or why not? If not, what takes priority? Does this mean that it has more allegiance?
2. Whose words are shaping your beliefs and behavior?
3. Do we need to be prepared for spiritual warfare today? In what ways are you preparing yourself for spiritual warfare?
4. Why is Satan counterfeiting God? What is his goal and purpose?
5. If you were to combine the Greek, Medo-Persian, and Babylonian empire what would be the characteristics of this new empire? What does this mean for the world as we know it?
6. Why will the healing of a mortal wound bring people to worship the beast? Why won't they think about the power of God that was demonstrated through all the suffering that the trumpets and woes have brought?
7. What is blasphemy? Why will the beast blasphemy God? What should our reaction be to anyone who is blaspheming God?
8. Why does God allow the beast to rule and to blasphemy Him? How does this show God's mercy and grace?
9. During this time of great persecution of Christians during the Antichrist rule, why is it important for believers to remain faithful? Why is it important to remember this is just for a relatively short time in comparison to eternity?
10. What will the false prophet be able to do? Why should we be leery when someone is able to do miracles? What are some examples in scripture of people who performed miracles that were not of God? Does Satan have the power to do these kinds of things?
11. What are you doing to recognize and guard against Satan's wiles?
12. What should we use to test to see if someone is following God or not? Who should we use this test on? How closely do we need to listen to what people are saying? Why?
13. What have you envisioned as the fulfillment of the prophecy in regard to "giving breath to the image of the beast?" What is the danger in picturing prophecy in a certain way in our minds? What do we have to be careful about?
14. Why won't people be able to be fooled or tricked into getting the mark of the beast?
15. Are you willing to sacrifice everything including your own life rather than deny the Savior? Why or why not?