

THE REVELATION OF JESUS PART X
CHAPTERS 13
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INTRODUCTION

- Last week chapter 12 and spiritual warfare. The Kingdom of God vs. the Kingdom of Darkness.
- Today chapter 13 and the one we call the devil, Satan, Lucifer, the accuser, Beelzebub, the antichrist, the beast, the deceiver, and last week we called him “the dragon.”
- He is the master of disguises.

I. THE BEAST, THE DRAGON AND THE WORLD

- Revelation 13:1-5, “...Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea...?And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority...”
- The adversary presents himself as a beast, dragon, false prophet (2nd beast - 16:13).
- The beast, also known as the antichrist: Is this a spirit, a man or a system? Likely yes.
- I John 4:3, “... this is the spirit of the antichrist...”
- The beast is a summary of systems/governments that have ruled over the world.

II. THE 2ND BEAST OR FALSE PROPHET

- Revelation 13:11 - He is a deceiver. He looks like a lamb, but kills like the dragon.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10, “...He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that

serve the lie,¹⁰ and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing...”

- Revelation 13:14, “He deceives those who dwell on the earth...”
- Deceives people about God, truth and identity.
- Satan wants to get you to wander away from God so he can get you to wander towards himself.

III. THE WORSHIP

- From the beginning of time Satan has hungered for people’s worship.
- Vss. 3,4,8,11-12,15 – A picture of the struggle for the souls of people.
- Matthew 4:8-10, “...all this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’”

IV. THE MARK

- Vss. 16-18 – Worship and the mark are tied together.
- You won’t take the mark accidentally.
- Revelation 7:3 - God’s people are marked out for Him and here Satan has marked out those who worship him.
- Vs. 18 – The number 666. The number of man, created on the 6th day. Incompletion, lacking.

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- The key is who do you worship and what do you worship?