



Unlocking the Mysteries of Revelation – Pt 6

Revelation 13
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Revelation 13:1-5

(v. 1) And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

(v. 2) The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

(v. 3) One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.

(v. 4) Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

(v. 5) The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Remember: There is a difference between...

- Prophetic **Revelation** - What God has clearly said
- Prophetic **Interpretation** - Historic, broadly held opinions about what God has said
- Prophetic **Speculation** - Personal ideas about present possibilities

I. THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA (Revelation 13:1-10)

Interpretation Questions:

- What do the descriptions of this beast mean?
- What is this "fatal wound"?
- Who "gives" the authority to this beast?
- What are the 42 months or 3 ½ years?

1. Descriptions of the beast (Revelation 13:1-4)

- Ten horns, 7 heads and crowns

- Resembled a leopard, a bear and a lion
- One of its heads seemed to have a fatal wound

A **political** leader that rules through **intimidation**.

The world's response: **They worship him.**

2. Actions of the beast: (Revelation 13:5-8)

- Given a mouth to utter blasphemies for 42 months
- Given power to make war against the saints
- Given authority over every nation

II. THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH (Revelation 13:11-18)

Interpretation Questions:

- What is the "mark" people will receive?
- What does "666" mean?

Descriptions of the beast: (Revelation 13:11)

- Two horns like a lamb
- Speaks like a dragon
- Exercises the authority of the first beast
- Performs miraculous signs
- Orders people to set up an image of the 1st beast
- Orders everyone to receive a mark

*The beast, which you saw, **once was, now is not, and will... go to his destruction.***
(Revelation 17:8 NIV)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, **who was, and is, and is to come.*** (Revelation 4:8)