

REVELATION

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Revelation 13:1-10

1. The Great Dragon:
Satan, himself, is the Counterfeit Father
2. The Beast from the Sea:
The Counterfeit Son of God (Antichrist)

Revelation 13:11-18

3. The Beast from the Earth:
The Counterfeit Holy Spirit
(The False Prophet)

“The one clue that St. John gives is that the number of the beast, 666, is the ‘number of man.’ The number six has understandably been regarded as a symbol of man, in that it falls short of seven, which is the divine number. The pseudo-trinity is... united in the one diabolical objective, namely, to dethrone the Creator and to enthrone the creature, and to substitute the image of the beast for the image of God in man.”

- Philip Hughes

“Fish swim in the water, birds fly in the sky,
and human beings worship.... John is telling us
that *the* issue for the test of the journey
is worship - Who will I worship? Who will
I adore? Who will get my attention? Who will
have my undivided allegiance?”

- Darrell Johnson

“The profound religious insight that lies behind these kaleidoscopic pictures in chapter 13 is that men and women are so constituted as to worship some absolute power, and if they do not worship the true and real Power behind the universe, they will construct a god for themselves and give allegiance to that.

“In the last analysis, it is always a choice between the power that operates through inflicting suffering, that is the power of the beast, and the power that operates through accepting suffering, namely the power of the Lamb.”

- Bruce Metzger