

## Revelation 13:11-18

### Rootwork

## The Great Counterfeit - The Unholy Trinity

(Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!

(Everyday) Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!

(Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!

BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the "Digging Deeper" conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 13 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received!

Review the first 10 verses of chapter 13 from 2 weeks ago and refresh your memory on where we are in scripture and where we are on the timeline of events! Jot down anything you want to take note of that was significant to you during this study!

Read the whole of chapter 13 to get an overview and to observe the scripture in context! Then go back and look up any words in your blue letter Bible app! Just select the verse, select interlinear concordance and select the word! So much insight is given looking up these words! Let me know if you have any questions!

List the 6 people of the Great Tribulation from chapter 12 and 13 so far!

Look at verses 11-18 and mark any repeated words or key words you notice! This gives you an idea of what the text is going to be about and what you need to pay attention to! You can mark them with symbols, boxes or highlight them. Whatever works for you and makes it easy to refer back to and “see” the flow and significance of the text you are reading!

Read chapter 13 again, record any new details you did not see before!

Look at verse 11, who do we see introduced? Where is he coming from, and what do you learn about him?

Who is this beast? This is the 7th of the 7 people of the Great Tribulation, add it to your list if you have not already!

We started this study with the need to be aware of false prophets and testing the spirits around us and we also discussed the necessity of how we need to assess the behavior and heart within us! Look up the following verses and record every bit of insight on this matter- first the discernment you see needed in others and in your self , ask the Lord to reveal anything in you that needs to be rooted out and given to Him before you move forward! It is so beautiful when God reveals stuff that He knows will hinder our walk and cause others to possibly stumble! Take you time here! It is so worth it!!

John 8:42-44

Ephesians 4:17-32

1 John 4:1-3

Matt. 7:15

We will never be perfect and we still have a sin nature, so what does it mean when Ephesians 4(above) calls us to lay aside the old self? How do you do that? Write out your answer and give examples in your own life where you laid aside the old self in the old way of thinking and put on the new self- the one you received when you were born again!

Looking back at verse 11, write out what you learn in this verse? What does this beast have? What does he do? Who is giving him his power and ability?

List the characteristics of a lamb, spend some time looking up every verse you can find with the reference "lamb" in it, how many are referring the enemy/false prophet/the antichrist? How many referring to Jesus? Record any insights you discover!

What do horns represent? Look up every verse you can find that mentions horns and do a comparison just like you did with "lamb" and record what insights you discover?

Who is the dragon? Why is this significant? Who is this lamb dependent on?

You recorded above where this lamb is coming from, look any verses referring to something coming from the earth and record what you find! Read John 3:31 and compare to the others! What do you find?

David Jeremiah makes a great quote on this- record your thoughts on what he says:

"Bearing the meekness of a lamb, this beast will convince the world that he is a reasonable, humble, likable individual. But his gentle veneer will only conceal his true nature temporarily a predator with all the ferocity of a dragon. He will be the complete fulfillment of Jesus' warning in Matthew 7:15: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." David Jeremiah

Look at the handout given to you in Bible study, compare and contrast this unholy trinity to the Holy Trinity! What do you see? As you go through this chapter record all the ways the antichrist mimics Christ and how the false prophet mimics the Holy Spirit! It is so crazy to think the enemy even tries- he wants so badly what God has- he wants so desperately the worship and admiration of all man....something he will never receive, isn't it crazy to see this laid out so plainly!! What do you see about our God and worship Him for it!!!! We serve an awesome God!!

Read Isaiah 46:9-10, this is such a powerful scripture and one we should hold tight to in all and every season! No matter what satan tries to do- who is our God? Praise Him!!!

Read 2 Cor. 11:10-15 and record what Paul warns the Corinthian church about and in turn warning us about? Record your thoughts on this! What is the Lord revealing to you?

Read Rev. 13:12 and what do you learn about this beast? Where does he get his authority? What/who does he promote? What is his goal? Who does he have influence over?

You see here in this verse, he makes the earth dwellers worship the first beast...in your trinity list- make sure you don't miss this parallel! You also see his role in religious deception!

Spend some time thinking about the religious deception in our world, country and community? What do you see? Spend some time researching the move to a one world religion- it is crazy!! Our Groom is coming SOON!!

Read verse 13, what else do you see about the false prophet, and about his mission here? What does he do? Why is this so significant? What is he trying to do? Then read 1 John 4:1-3 again, why is this so important?

We have to be so very careful and have our spiritual eyes and ears open! We have to know the real thing so we can identify the counterfeit easily and quickly! I shared a quote from Jon

Courson that was spot on! Record your thoughts and even questions so we can discuss at our rootwork night!

“Gang, whenever someone comes on the scene pointing to some movement, man, mantra, or method, saying, “This is the hot thing”-I would encourage you to run in the opposite direction. When a person or group is more excited about what's happening in Canada or Korea than they are about the character, work, or Person of Jesus-stay away. You can always spot a counter-feit. Like the false prophet, a counterfeit calls attention to “Antichrist,” to something “in place of Christ.”  
(Courson)

Read verse 14 and 15, what does he do here? Look up the word “deceives” and reflect on what we discussed in class! What do you think about that? Did that cause you to think of your own heart and standards? What challenges you about that? What encourages and exhorts you about that? Isn't it crazy how we tend to think we understand a word in the English language and when we look it up, it adds so much detail and so much so that it hits home in a way the original “meaning” of the word never would? Record your thoughts!

Notice here in verse 15, he gives breath to the image of the beast- what is the very name and role of the Holy Spirit? Look at this audacity and ridiculousness of this false prophet!!

Remember to not overlook the beginning of verse 15, what does it say? We can never lose sight of who is ultimately in control!

Write your thoughts on Guzik's thoughts of this was written long before the recent technology we have now:

- . The image of the beast is animated in some way, in that it has **breath** and can **speak**. Whether the image is animated supernaturally or technologically, the result will be impressive. The Psalmist mocked idol worshippers because *the idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths,*

*but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not* (Psalm 135:15-16). This image of the Antichrist will be a different kind of idol, because **the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

What are some of the ways this could happen now? We discussed AI, how can this be? What are some other things going on in our day an age that are setting the stage for exactly this? We are here for such a time as this, seeing things that only were written about in scripture but are being played out before our very eyes! How crazy is this?!

Where do you think this image is going to be set up? Read Matt 24:15, and 2 Thess. 2:4 and record your thoughts!

Read verse 16, what do you see about the false prophet here?

Compare this to the Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4-8! Write out this verse, how stinking beautiful is it? And then record the comparison on how the enemy tries to mimic and distort it!

Read verses 17-18, what do you see about the false prophet here? We have no idea what for sure this will look like but we have more insight then ever before due to technology- chips- imaging and scanning that has never been seen- a push for a cashless society is upon us- Those who are a fearful of technology are a past generation and now the kids who are raised on phones and tablets are much more apt to accept whatever new technological advances that come our way...you can see the fingerprint of the enemy at work! We need to be aware and alert - then praise God we will not be here for this!!

What does the number 7 represent in scripture?

What does the number 6 represent in scripture?

There are all kinds of ways that people try to tear this number apart and “crack the code” of 666- so many superstitions and

beliefs come from this, even from unbelievers! what does the scripture say? That is what we need to be concerned about! It is the great counterfeit- not quite perfection - not quite complete - 6 represents the sin and fall- total imperfection and that is all that matters! The enemy can try all he wants but he will never be like God! PRAISE OUR GOD FOR HE ALONE IS WORTHY!!

In Bible study we discussed the 4 things we can take away from this even though we will not be here! What do I need to know and be aware of? Record your thoughts on each!

- 1- We need to be aware of anything that may look ok or good- but not the real thing- we need to know the real thing in order to identify the counterfeits that try to deceive the church! Read Col. 2:8 and record what you see and learn! We will not be here- the rapture of the church will take place before this- but that does not mean we can not be deceived today!
- 2- 6 is the number of man- man separated from God due to sin- we need to be aware of the things in our lives that can separate us from the fellowship and the working of the Holy Spirit! Know the sin within and repent quickly
- 3- satan, the antichrist and the false prophet never win- he never accomplishes his desires and his fate is sealed! We have nothing to fear in them- read Rev. 19:20- and Rev. 20:10- record what happens to them!!

4- We have a calling to fulfill - therefore go and make disciples of all nations - what a joy we have in serving our God knowing these things and knowing we get to be apart of what God is doing for such a time as this! Praise Him with me and spend the rest of today writing out a prayer of response and a praise! Then let's get busy being about our Father's business with our eyes fixed on eternity!!