Revelation 13:1-10 Rootwork The Great Counterfeit

- (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 end of chapter 12 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 5 of the 7 people of the Great Tribulation that we have already covered in chapter 12!

Look at verses 1-10 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 1, who is the dragon? What is he doing?

Who is the beast? What is he doing? This is the 6th of the 7 people of the Great Tribulation, add it to your list if you have not already!

What does "antichrist" mean? We discussed in great detail of all the little antichrists that our world has encountered, list a few and how were they an antichrist?

List antichrists that have crept into the church, how are they antichrists?

Read the following scriptures and what does God's Word say about antichrists? Spend some time looking at the full context of these verses and record your thoughts, convictions and resolve!

1 John 4:1-6

1 John 2:18-29

1 Tim. 6:20-21

2 Cor 11:10-16

So, how about in your own life? What pseudo- instead of Christs do you have in your life? What brings you comfort? What brings you order? What brings you security? Protection? Peace? List all

that apply and really sit with the Lord on what captivates your heart! I pray this will be a time of reflection, conviction and repentance! That you lay down whatever you are running to, finding "I AM" in and laying it down at His feet in surrender!! If you do this and really walk forward in repentance, get ready for some serious freedom!!!

Read Isaiah 44:9-20 and look at the folly or the stupidity of idol worship! Read each verse slowly and record what the craftsmen is receiving from these counterfeit Christs! Record how your instead of - counterfeit Christs are similar! Isn't this eye opening? How quickly we can run to something or someone else for what we can only find in Christ and Him alone!! Write out a pray to the Lord based on what you just read and praise Him the He alone is the Great I AM!!

Looking at verse 1 again, what is the sea representing? Look up Isaiah 57:20 and record what the sea represents. If you have time, look up other references to the sea in scripture and write out what you find when it is being used as a picture or typology!

What characteristics do you about the beast here? From what you have learned what do they represent?

Read verses 1 and 2 together, then read Daniel 7 slowly and compare it to these verses. What do you see that is similar? How crazy is it that Daniel was written in 168-165 BC and it can be soo very perfect!! We hold such a treasure in our hands ladies, it is God's fulfillment of scripture and the beauty of what He has known before mankind....and He actually wants to share it with us! May we hold tight and treasure what we have been entrusted with! It is incredible! What does Daniel 7 tell us about the antichrist that adds to the two verses here in Revelation?

What does the leopard represent? The bear? And the lion?

What is given to the beast and who gives it?

Look up each word to give further insight if you have not already! Do you see anything that you did not know before looking them up?

Read 2 Thess. 2:8-10 and record what you learn about the beast!

Read verse 3, what did John see here?

If you did not look up the words in your blue letter Bible app already please do and record what they mean.

Read Zech. 11:17 and Revelation 17:8 and record what you find!

Based on scripture what do you think happens here? Why do you think God allows it to happen? What does this reveal about the antichrist? What do you think about the very good argument that satan kills, steals and destroys, he can't cause life! If you have time search the scriptures to see if satan ever brings about life? Or some have even said it was God.. that since God is the author of life that in His Sovereign knowledge He brought the beast back to life? Why or why not? Regardless of the who or why, what is the most important point of all of this?

What is the response of the world? Why?

Read verse 4, what does the world say here?

Look up the following verses and record your thoughts and praise...and answer the world when they say, "Who is like the beast and who is able to wage war with him?"

Psalm 77:13

Psalm 113:5

Psalm 89:8-16

Isaiah 44:6-7

Exodus 15:11

Micah 7:18

Psalm 71:19

Psalm 35:10

Jeremiah 49:19

Read verse 5 and look any words you have not looked up already. How long is 42 months? Notice how it says,"was given" two times in this verse, who gave? Isn't that crazy? Why do you think it was given to him?

Read verse 6, what is he specifically attacking and why is that significant? Look up any words you want more insight from!

Rad verse 7, and compare with Daniel 7:21.

We see, "was given" again and what was given to him?

Why do you think this was given to him? Why would this be allowed? How do you wrestle with this in your mind? What does our flesh and enemy want us do doubt when we scriptures like this?

What is God's highest priority?

Read Matt 10:28 slowly and record in your own words what Jesus is saying here!

This is why knowing who God is is sooo important!! This is why crisis of faith must take place and if you don't know who your God is- believe who He is - trust who He is- you will waiver, be hindered, and tempted to trust in a "pseudo christ" made of your own image, one that you can define so you will never have to doubt it's goodness because you are the creator of it, you can control what it does and does not do.....that is until you can't control how it never absolves your sin nor supplies your greatest need which is forgiveness, and it never truly satisfies and fulfills the spirit part of you who was created to know the ONE TRURE GOD!! So who is your God?

It is vital ladies that we resolve to trust God when understand all of His working and when we don't understand any of His workings- He never changes and He sees the whole picture He is painting!! We can not judge God based on corner piece of His artwork! We have to trust the painter not the canvas!! Where do you struggle believing something about God that is not true? We talked about this quote from Tozer in class but rewrite this in your own words and really think about how this may be true in your own life:

The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him. It begins in the mind and may be present where no overt act of worship has taken place. " Tozer

Read verse 8, who are the "earth dwellers"? Read this verse in the NKJV and record it, what clearer detail do you see? What does this mean?

Try to wrap your mind around this thought- the Lamb of God was slain for the payment and remission of sin for every individual sin- every one of them for all mankind for all time- try to think of how much sin that is- and we think the wrath of God was poured out on Christ for the time He was on the cross but look at this- from the foundation of the world - we can not understand what it is like to be outside of time- to be omnipresent and having foreknowledge - we will never but I do know this- when we get to heaven we will explode in worship and joy saying..."I had no idea what my sin cost Him" Notice the price paid for our names to be in that book? Praise Him!! Spend some time in worship!

Read Luke 10:20-28 and record your thoughts!

Read verse 9, why does the Lord use this phrase over and over? What does it mean? Did the Lawyer in Luke (based on the verses you just read) have ears to hear?

Read verse 10, look up any words you have not looked up already! What is this verse saying? What hope is given at the end?

So looking back on this chapter so far, what do you learn about who God is? Record and end your time in worship!!