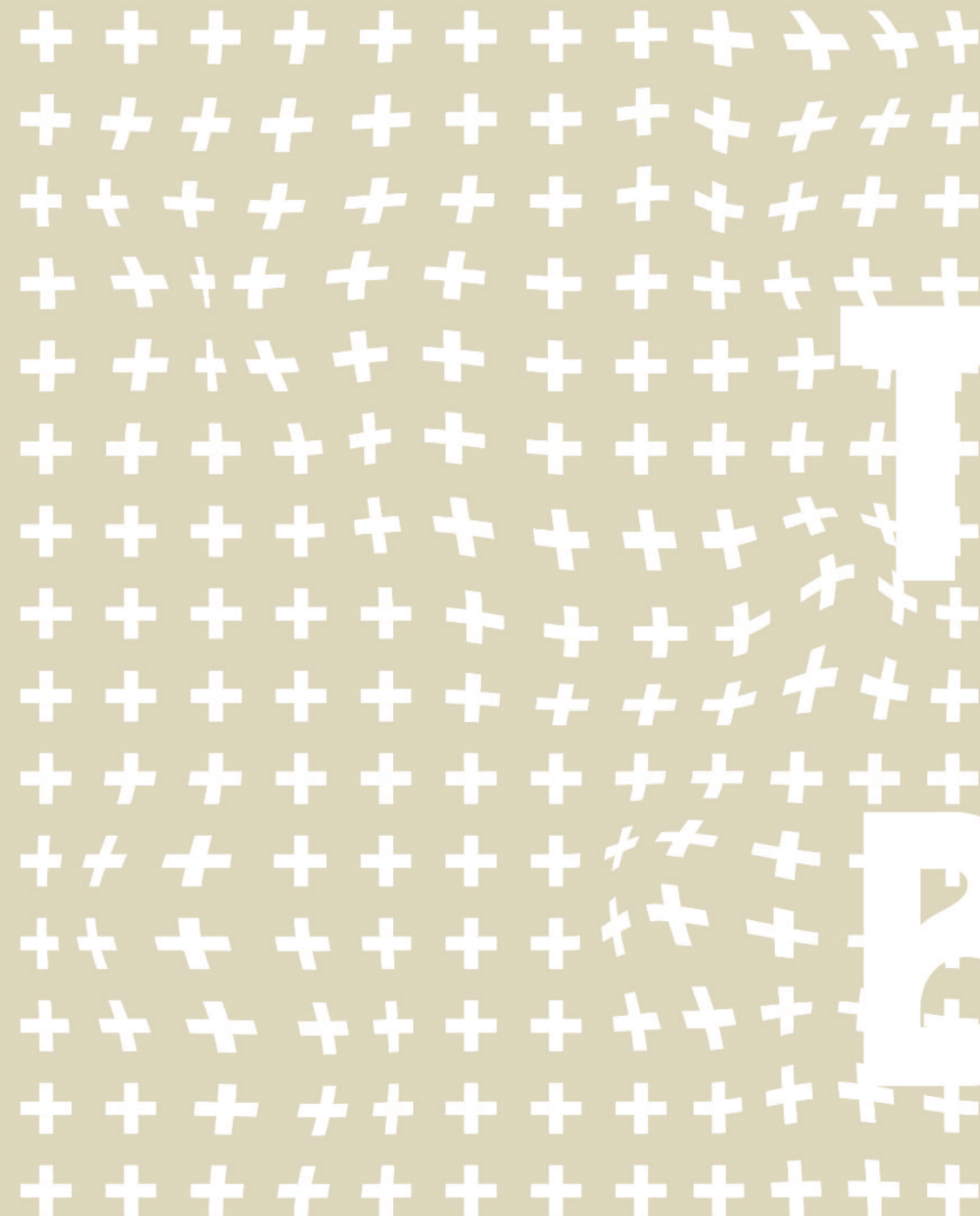


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THE COSMIC BATTLE

The Beast Out of The Earth

“**11** Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke with the voice of a dragon. **12** He exercised all the authority of the first beast. And he required all the earth and its people to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.”

Revelation 13:11-12 NLT



Summary of Satan's Evil Puppets

The Sea Beast: The Antichrist

The world-wide anti-God system that shows up in periodic, historical human antichrists, culminating in the Antichrist who will appear. With the first beast think, "dragon inspired political power."



Summary of Satan's Evil Puppets

The Land Beast: The False Prophet

Jesus said that in the end times, false prophets would emerge and show great signs and wonders to deceive (Matthew 24:24). Furthermore, Paul said that the Antichrist will come with all power, signs, and lying wonders (2 Thessalonians 2:9).



Astounding Miracles

“**13** He did astounding miracles, even making fire flash down to earth from the sky while everyone was watching. **14** And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. ...”

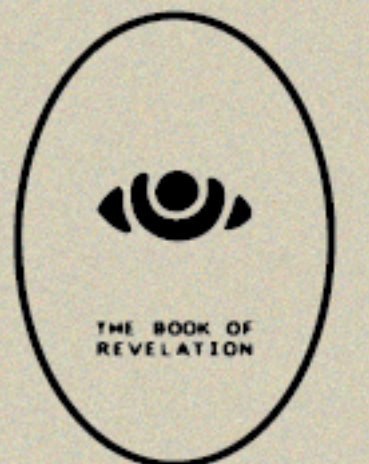
Revelation 13:13-14a NLT



A Different Gospel

“**6** I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— **7** not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:6-8 ESV



The Statue

"...He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life.

15 He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die."

Revelation 13:14b-15 NLT



The Abomination of Desolation

“This idolatrous image is what Jesus, Daniel, and Paul spoke of as the abomination of desolation (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15 and 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) ... It is an idolatrous image set up in the holy place of a rebuilt temple; it is an abomination in the sense of being supreme idolatry, and it is desolation in the sense that it will bring the judgment described by the seals, trumpets, and bowls.” - David Guzik



The Mark of The Beast

“**16** He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. **17** And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. **18** Wisdom is needed here. Let the one with understanding solve the meaning of the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is 666.”

Revelation 13:16-18 NLT



What is The Significance of 666?

1. John is using numbers to spell names (i.e. numerology or gematria)
- Archeologists have found on the wall of a cave in Pompeii the sentence, "I love her whose number is 545"



What is The Significance of 666?

2. The number is a symbolic of being “completely incomplete”
- “Three sixes imply that the beast is completely incomplete. The counterfeit trinity —the dragon, the sea beast, and the earth beast —wants to be God. That is why it hates Jesus Christ: Jesus is God. The counterfeit trinity wants to be God but never makes it. Always falling short — 666. As one commentator puts it: ‘failure upon failure upon failure.’”
Darrell W. Johnson, *Discipleship on The Edge*, p. 250



Living in Light of Revelation 13

1. Have a Healthy Suspicion of The Spectacular

- “13 These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 NLT

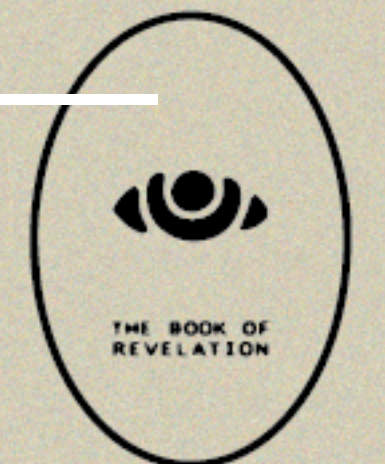


Living in Light of Revelation 13

2. Religion Always Loses its Way

But Jesus Christ stands apart...

- “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” - John 14:6 NLT
- “For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.” - Romans 1:16 NLT



Living in Light of Revelation 13

3. Let Truth Inform Your Worship

- Why be driven by the spirit of the age? Why worship that which is completely incomplete?



Living in Light of Revelation 13

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- “We’re all being formed every minute of every day. We’re all becoming someone. Intentional or unintentional, conscious or subconscious, deliberate or haphazard, we’re all in a process of becoming a person. The question isn’t, Are you becoming somebody? But Who are you becoming? The question for us as followers of Jesus is, How do we become more like Jesus and not like the devil?”

John Mark Comer Live No Lies, p. 73

