

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 23 – The Beast out of the Sea - Revelation 13:1-10

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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REV 13:[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. [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. [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. [4] Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

REV 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. [6] He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. [7] He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. [8] All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

REV 13:9 He who has an ear, let him hear.

REV 13:10 If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity he will go.
If anyone is to be killed with the sword,
with the sword he will be killed.

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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302. What kind of creature did John observe? (13:2)

303. What did the beast look like that John saw? (13:2)

304. What did the dragon (Satan) give the beast out of the sea? (13:2)

305. What was unusual about one of the heads of the beast? (13:3)
306. How did the world react and respond to the beast out of the sea? (13:3-4)
307. How long did the beast have authority? (13:5)
308. What kind of pronouncements did the beast make? (13:5-6)
309. How did the beast use his authority? (13:7)
310. Who will worship the beast? (13:8)
311. What warning did John give to all who would listen? (13:9-10)
312. What do we need to do about this? (13:10)
313. What are some simple steps we can take to ensure that we give worship to God alone?

Lesson 24 - The Beast out of the Earth - Revelation 13:11-18

REV 13:11 Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. [12] He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. [13] And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. [14] Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. [15] He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. [16] He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, [17] so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

REV 13:18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 24 - The Beast out of the Earth - Revelation 13:11-18

314. What kind of creature did John observe? (13:11)
315. How did John describe the beast he saw coming out of the earth? (13:11)

316. Whom did the second beast represent? (13:12)
317. What did the second beast make the inhabitants of earth do? (13:12)
318. What powerful signs did the second beast use? (13:13)
319. How did the second beast deceive everyone all over the world? (13:13-14)
320. What evil act did the second beast require of everyone all over the world? (13:14)
321. How did the beast out of the earth use his Satanic power in relation to the image of the beast out of the sea? (13:15)
322. What happened to those who refused to worship the image of the beast out of the sea? (13:15)
323. What did the beast out of the earth (also called the false prophet) force every living person to do? (13:16)
324. What consequences awaited those who refused to take the mark of the beast? (13:17)
325. What difference did it make whether a person took the mark of the beast? (13:17)
326. To what does the rise of the beast call us? (13:18)
327. How did John say one could "calculate the number of the beast"? (13:18)
328. How could Satan use economics (the ability to buy and sell) to control people and gain their allegiance?