

“The Mark of the Beast”
Revelation 13

Question: Where do we find the dragon?

Answer:

Question: What does John see next? V. 1b

Answer:

Note: We were introduced to the beast in 11:7. The person who persecuted and murdered the two witnesses.

Question: What does the sea represent?

Answer:

1. _____ or _____. If so, will make it difficult to determine what verse 11 means, “coming out of the earth.”
2. It is another name for the Abyss or _____.

Cf. 11:7

Cp. Gen. 1:2

Cp. Job 26:11-12

Cp. Psalm 74:13-14

Cp. Is. 27:1

Question: How is the beast described? Vv. 1c-3

Answer

Question: What do the ten horns and seven heads represent?

Answer:

1. Cp. with 12:3 =

Note: Notice the reversal between 12:3 (heads first, horns second) and 13:1c (horns first, heads second). This speaks to a change of focus. The focus is now on the ten kings or rulers that will assist the Antichrist and his end-time world dominance.

2. Ten horns represent _____ (crowns); seven heads represent seven empires or kingdoms.

Question: What is meant by a “blasphemous name”?

Answer: The _____, like many emperors (west and east), have taken on divinity and claimed to be “god.” Blasphemy is a created being claiming something belonging to the uncreated, one, true God.

Ex. - Caesar Augustus – blasphemously claiming to be god.

Question: How is this beast described in verse 2?

Answer:

1. Looked like a _____.
2. Had the feet of a _____.
3. Had the mouth of a _____.

Question: What do these things symbolize?

Answer:

1.

Note: The mention of the four winds, the churning sea, and four beasts coming up from the sea (vv. 1-3). Reversal of the beasts as John looks to the past.

2. Lion = _____ = fierce and powerful
Bear = _____ = strength, stability, and savagery
Leopard = _____ = swiftness and viciousness

Last beast = _____ / _____ empire
headed by the Antichrist

Question: What does Satan give this beast? (Antichrist) V. 2b

Answer: The dragon gave the beast:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Question: What other two entities does this sound like?

Answer: Cp. Mt. 5:34-35, 19:28; 25:31; 1 Cor. 15:26-28

Question: What happened to one of the heads (rulers)? V. 3a

Answer:

Question: How did the world respond? V. 3b

Answer:

Question: Who else does this sound like?

Answer:

Question: What was the larger impact of this supposed resurrection? V. 4

Answer:

Question: Does this mean that people are now willful Satan worshippers?

Answer:

Cp. Daniel 11:36-39

Question: What was the beast given? Vv. 5-8

Answer:

vv. 5-6 Cp. Jude 4 and 8

v. 7a

v.7b

v. 8

Question: How does this particular section conclude?

Answer: Cp. Mt. 11:15; 13:9, 43; Lk. 14:35. It means, "_____

Question: What does the "saying" in verse 10a intend to convey?

Answer:

Question: What does verse 10b mean?

Answer:

1. This could mean "_____ " as in the pre-trib position.

2. Or this could mean the _____ who will go through some type of persecution as in mid-trib, pre-wrath, or post-trib positions.

Question: John sees another beast. Describe it. V. 11

Answer: ¹¹ Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. (Rev. 13:11 NIV)

Note: The word "second" means "_____."

Note the similarities and the differences.

1. He comes out of the earth not out of the sea (v. 1). The "earth" represents _____.

Cp. Genesis 3:19

Cp. Genesis 6:11-12

2. It had two _____ –

a.

b. It does not, however, represent two leaders as with the first beast. It is connected to the _____ itself.

c. It means that he has authority but _____ from the first beast, and he will be associated with _____ [the lamb signifies religious sacrifice; also provides a false connection Jesus].

3. It spoke like a _____ – Cp. v. 5.

Question: What other information do we receive in verse 12?

Answer:

Note: This person is known as the _____ for he speaks to the people on behalf of the false god – Satan.

Question: What did this False Prophet do? V. 13

Answer:

Note: Signs and miracles were _____ of God's presence and power. Satan is now mimicking those to establish a false sense of reality. Cp. Luke 9:54

Question: What four things resulted from the False Prophet's miracles? Vv. 14-17

Answer:

1. ¹⁴ Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it _____ the inhabitants of the earth.
2. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. (Rev. 13:14 NIV)

Note: This is probably the “_____ of _____” of Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Mt 24:15.

3. ¹⁵ The second beast was given power to give _____ to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. (Rev. 13:15 NIV) Cp. Daniel 3:1-6

In the *Clementine Recognitions* II, 9, Simon Magus himself brags about his magical prowess, and specifically names animating statues as one of his abilities:

*For I am able to render myself invisible to those who wish to lay hold of me, and again to be visible when I am willing to be seen. If I wish to flee, I can dig through the mountains, and pass through rocks as if they were clay. If I should throw myself headlong from a lofty mountain, I should be born unhurt to the earth, as if I were held up; when bound, I can loose myself, and bind those who had bound me; being shut up in prison, I can make the barriers open of their own accord; **I can render statues animated so that those who see suppose that they are men.** [<https://theaeoneye.com/2014/10/21/the-simon-sancus-conondrum/>, cited 12-18-19]*

Note: This is the same Simon Magus that Peter, John and Philip encountered in Acts 8:9ff, i.e. the _____.

4. ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a _____ on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. (Rev. 13:16-17 NIV) Cp. Ezek. 9

Observations:

1. This mark is _____.
2. This mark transcends _____ standing.
3. This mark transcends _____ standing.
4. This mark transcends _____ standing.
5. This mark _____ the sealing of the 144,000 in chapter 7, verse 3.
6. This mark _____ the person from the wrath of the Antichrist.
7. This mark _____ or _____ economic movement.
8. This mark must be _____ or _____ (visually or digitally).
9. This mark is directly connected to _____ to the Antichrist. It is his name or the number of his name (perhaps gematria).

Note: It is important to note that the phrase says, "_____" not "_____" so the idea of some sort of RFID chip (Verichip) is outside of the biblical understanding and what John's audience would have expected. However, a _____ or some sort of permanent stamp like a UPC (1D code), or QR (matrix or 2D code) would fit the description culturally – now and then.

Question: What is the name or number? V. 18

Answer:

_____ is an alphanumeric code of assigning a numerical value to a name, word or phrase based on its letters. A single word can yield multiple values depending on the cipher used.

Gematria originated as an Assyro-Babylonian-Greek system of alphanumeric code or cipher that was later adopted into Jewish culture. Similar systems have been used in other languages and cultures: earlier, the Greek isopsephy, and later, derived from or inspired by Hebrew gematria, Arabic abjad numerals, and English gematria. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gematria>, cited 12-19-19

Note: Many have tried to come up with the identity of this person but let us note at least three issues.

1. The number is not ___ - ___ - ___. It is 600, 60, and 6.
2. See 1 John 2:18, "18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now _____
_____ have come. This is how we know it is the last hour." (1 Jn. 2:18 NIV)
3. Satan is not _____. He does not know the exact time of the end. He must always have a man in place to fight against the Lord or to take advantage of global movements.

Examples of Antichrists:

- a. Caesar Nero – Preterist position. (Name adds up to 666)
- b. Latins – Irenaeus (c. 2nd cent.) – Historicist position (very anti-Roman Catholic)
- c. The entire false system of worship by fallen/imperfect man – Idealist
- d. Historical examples: Futurist position
 - i. Mohammad
 - ii. Napoleon
 - iii. Hitler
 - iv. Stalin
 - v. Lenin
 - vi. Prince Charles of England
 - vii. Ronald Reagan
 - viii. Barak Obama
 - ix. Donald Trump

- x. Vladimir Putin
- xi. Emmanuel Macron of France
- xii. Any rising leader of Germany
- xiii. The computer of the EU