
End Times Prophecy

This Week:

Lesson: Revelation 13

Next Week: Revelation 14

The Dragon and the Two Beasts

Vs. 1-10 The Beast from the Sea – aka ‘the anti-Christ’

Vs. 1-2 Appearance

Vs. 3 Slain head

Vs.4-8 Activity and worship of the beast

Vs.9-10 “huh?”

Vs 11-18 The Beast from the Earth – aka ‘the false prophet’

Vs. 11 Symbolic appearance false “lamb/dragon” nature

Vs. 12 Role of the false prophet

Vs. 13-15 Signs worked by the false prophet

Vs. 16-18 The mark of the beast

Discussion:

- **Discuss** the threefold structure of the dragon and the two beasts, or, of Satan, the anti-Christ, and the false prophet. Note the relationships and ministries of each, and also that heaven, earth, and sea are represented.
- **Discuss** the two symbolic natures of the description of the beast – leopard body, bear feet, lion teeth, would represent the individual ‘beast’, while the horns, heads, and crown – show that the beast is ruling a conglomeration of nations.
- **Note** The reference to another 3 ½ years in vs 5. Again, this is a simultaneous event occurring during the last 3 ½ years.
- **Discuss** vs 7 and 10 in regards to the persecution of the saints.
- **Note** that the false prophet, like the anti-Christ, is a man, not a demon or a literal beast.
- **Discuss** these living, speaking images of the beast – supernatural or electronics?

Open Question:

Explain the presence of the post-rapture saints on the earth. Who are they, where are they coming from, what are they going through?