

Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of Revelation The Beast from the Land Rev. 13:11-18

Review of the beast from the sea.

- I. The description of the second beast (11)
 - A. Another beast coming up out of the earth
The false prophet (16:13; 19:20; 20:10)
 - B. Two horns like a lamb
 - C. He spoke like a dragon
 1. True character – looks lamb-like, but
 2. Speaks on behalf of the dragon!
- II. The activities of the second beast (12-17)

“The second beast is the third member of the unholy trinity, functioning like an unholy Spirit.” Tom Schreiner

 - A. He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence
 - B. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast
 - C. He performs great signs
 1. So that even fire comes down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men
*Elijah, 1 Kg 18:38 (Johnson, a counter John the Baptist)
*A counterfeit church (11:6)
 2. Matt. 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9
 - C. He deceives those who dwell on the earth
 1. Because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast
 2. Telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast
 - a) Make an image – Dan. 3



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- b) who had the wound of the sword
- c) and has come to life
- D. It was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast
 - 1. So that the image of the beast would even speak
 - 2. And cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed
- E. He causes all* to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead
 - 1. a mark – symbol of ownership/control
Rev. 7;1-3; 14:1
forehead – thoughts/right hands – deeds
 - 2. so that no one will be able to buy or sell
 - 3. except the one who has the mark, the name of the beast or the number of his name

Conclusion

Just like the first beast, in a sense, both institutional and personal.

- III. The number of the first beast (18)
 - A. Here is wisdom
 - B. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast
 - 1. Hebrew and Greek letters had numeric significance
 - 2. The call is to calculate
 - C. For the number is that of man (human or a man)
The number is for the first beast.
 - D. And his number is 600 60 6
*there is an early variant, 600 1 6

Application

Conclusion

