

Q: Describe the miraculous signs he is “allowed” to perform. (see 1 Kings 18:38; Rev 11:5) _____

Q: How does v.15 (the image of the beast) remind us of the golden statue of Daniel 3 and the faith of the 3 God-fearing young men who refused to worship that statue? _____

Q: (v.16) the false prophet causes all non-Christians, to receive a mark on their hand or forehead. This mimics how God has sealed all believers in Rev 7. The mark may be physical, but the purpose is to show who you belong to, and who you choose to worship. No one can accidentally receive this mark of the beast. It is a clear choice to receive it or reject it. What happens to those who reject it? Are you prepared to forsake all, to follow Christ, even if it means your life as well? _____

Q: the number of the mark is 666, the number of imperfect man (made on the 6th day, short of the number of perfection of God—7). In Hebrew and Greek, letters have an associated number. Many have tried to associate Nero and others through the centuries, as the beast. The main point is, true believers will resist following Satan, no matter the cost, and Jesus will usher us into his eternal kingdom. Satan’s counterfeit will end in certain doom for all who follow him. The message of the Gospel is all the more urgent. Who are you praying for to be drawn to Jesus? _____

==> *Lord help me be more aware of the devils schemes and attacks in my life. Thank you for your promise to protect us from these attacks when we turn to You. Help me put on your full armor, your truth, and be led by your Holy Spirit each day. Protect me and deliver me and my family (and church family) from the evil one, and give us strength to stand firm in your truth, stand firm for Jesus even if it means persecution. Help me to know that I have overcome by Jesus’ shed blood on the cross for my sins, in my place. In gratitude, help me to be a faithful witness for you Jesus! In Jesus name, Amen!*



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Revelation 13

Chapter 12 symbolically describes the battle between good and evil, between God and Satan. Here in chapter 13, the dragon (Satan) empowers two key agents to carry out his attacks. The beast (antichrist) out from the sea, and the false prophet, out from the land. The “unholy” trinity (dragon, beast, false prophet) is Satan’s last futile attempt to try to become like the One True God. But Christ and His followers will prevail in the end!

Q: Mockingbirds and Starlings can mimic sounds like alarm clocks and cell phones. In our consumer world, whenever something is popular, successful and effective, there will always be imitations. Describe a time that you (or someone else) have been “ripped off” by a cheap imitation of the real thing?

Q: Describe the “beast.” How does this relate to the vision described in Daniel 7? _____

Q: (v.2-4) what is the source of the beast’s power?

Q: What caused the whole earth to marvel and worship Satan?

Q: How does Satan (through the beast) try to imitate God and gain the worship of the world, due only to God?

Q: At the time the book of Revelation was written, Christians may have associated the Roman Emperor Nero as a type of “beast” or antichrist. He would foreshadow a more sinister Antichrist in the last days. But the final beast’s authority is limited to 42 months. How would that encourage believers, even now as we read this?

Q: Notice the phrase “it was given” or “it was allowed.” Who is ultimately in control of all these events? Why might God allow these to occur? (note that God is not the *cause* of evil, but allows evil for His purposes).

Q: Who does NOT worship the beast? How do you know your name is written in the Lamb’s book of Life? (Rom 10:9-10; Eph 2:8-9)

Q: According to vv.10-11, God allows some believers to be put in prison and others to be killed. Notice they don’t fight back with violence. How does their martyrdom actually show the world that Jesus has conquered, and so have the believers (Rev 12:11)?

Q: Satan’s most effective weapons are deception and lies. The blasphemy of this beast could very well mean that this person is pretending to be the Messiah, trying to sway people away from worshipping the true Messiah, Jesus Christ. In what ways might peo-

ple today, be swayed away from Jesus to follow or even worship a false messiah? How can we be led by emotions rather than God’s Truth?

Q: Jesus warned us in Matt 24:24-25 that false messiahs would come, even performing miracles that seem very convincing. Why is it crucial for believers to hear and know this ahead of time? Why is it important to continue reading and applying God’s Word daily?

Q: (2 Cor 11:14-15 reminds us that Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, and his followers as agents of righteousness. He is crafty and his goal is to doubt God’s truth, deceive us to turn from God, and ultimately to destroy us. In what subtle ways is he achieving that today? _____

Q: (v.11) describe this second beast (from the earth)? How does he mimic Jesus as well? _____

Q: He speaks like the dragon (Satan). Satan spoke to Eve with sly deceptive words. He is no different today. This second beast (false prophet—Rev 16:13) could very well, sound like a Christian, but lead people away from Jesus. What is true Christianity, and how do some distort it today?

Q: (v.12) What is the main role of this second beast/false prophet? How does this mimic the true role of God the Holy Spirit and Jesus the Son?
