

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

“Counterfeit Gods”

Rev 13

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Part 14 of 19

Intro:

Remember the difference between

- Prophetic Revelation - What God clearly said
- Prophetic Interpretation - Historic, broadly held opinions about what God has said
- Prophetic Speculation - Personal ideas about present possibilities

Book:

1. THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA

- Rev 13:1-10 (ESV)
 - a. Descriptions of the beast - vs 1-4
 - **Ten horns**, seven heads and crowns
 - Resembled a **leopard**, a **bear**, and a **lion**
 - One of its heads seemed to have a **fatal wound**

A **political** leader that rules through **intimidation**

The world's response: **They worshiped the beast**

- B. Actions of the beast - vs 5-8
 - Given a **mouth** to utter blasphemies for 42 months
 - Given **power** to make war against the saints
 - Given **authority** over every nation

People's Reaction: **They will worship the beast**

For the beast that rules through intimidation: believers need **patience endurance** and **faithfulness**.

2. THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH

- Rev 13:11-18 (ESV)
 - a. Descriptions of the beast- vs 11
 - Two horns like a **lamb**

- Speaks like a dragon

A spiritual leader that rules through deception

B. Actions of the beast - vs 12-17

- Exercises the authority of the first beast
- Performs miraculous signs
- Orders people to set up an image of the 1st beast
- Orders everyone to receive a mark

For the beast who rules through deception: believers need wisdom - vs 18

C. The Great Counterfeit

- A counterfeit trinity
- Counterfeit resurrection
- Counterfeit worship
- Counterfeit rule
- Counterfeit miracles
- A counterfeit mark