

REVEAL-ATION - 11  
This Calls for Wisdom

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(Revelation 13:1-18 ESV)

Signs point us to something.

The beast from the sea represents godless anti-christ

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The beast from land represents godless anti-christ

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The mark of the beast represents godless anti-christ

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✓ \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ His Church,

\_\_\_\_\_ the government.

## Discussion Questions

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### Starter Questions

What is the wisest advice you've ever received?

### Group Discussion

After hearing the message what was new to you? What prompted you to re-examine an issue, attitude, or behavior? What inspired you to dig deeper into God's Word?

It's pretty clear from the text that the dragon is after worship. He first uses the beast from the sea to influence earthly governments. In what ways do people trust and worship governments?

The dragon also uses religion to garner worship. How do people worship religion in an unhealthy way? Are there any biblical examples of this?

Pastor Landon made the case that the mark of the beast is similar to the seal of God in that it reveals who belongs to what kingdom. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and answer the following questions: How does the mark of the beast mimic this text? If the Lord wants you to do the things listed in Deuteronomy, what would the beast want you to do? How is that currently playing out in our country? How else is the beast trying to mimic God on earth?

What are some other ways you practice "Trust in the Lord, Testing of the Church, and Transforming the government?" What Scripture would you use to assist with this?

## Digging Deeper

Using the chart below, what's your numerical value?

### THE GREEK ALPHABET

UNITS	TENS	HUNDREDS
Alpha Α α = 1	Iota Ι ι = 10	Rho Ρ ρ = 100
Beta Β β = 2	Kappa Κ κ = 20	Sigma Σ σ ς <sup>4</sup> = 200
Gamma Γ γ = 3	Lambda Λ λ = 30	Tau Τ τ = 300
Delta Δ δ = 4	Mu Μ μ = 40	Upsilon Υ υ = 400
Epsilon Ε ε = 5	Nu Ν ν = 50	Phi Φ φ = 500
Stigma Ϛ <sup>1</sup> = 6	Xi Ξ ξ <sup>2</sup> = 60	Chi Χ χ = 600
Zeta Ζ ζ = 7	Omicron Ο ο = 70	Psi Ψ ψ = 700
Eta Η η = 8	Pi Π π = 80	Omega Ω ω = 800
Theta Θ θ = 9	Koppa ο <sup>3</sup> = 90	Sampsi Ϡ <sup>5</sup> = 900

Read Daniel chapter 7. What similarities do you find between that passage and Revelation 13? Does this help solidify any thing in your mind about the text?

How will you recognize what you truly worship?

## Prayer Requests

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### Additional Resources

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**answer key: government; religion; association; Trust, Test, Transform**

Discipleship on the Edge by Darrell Johnson

Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of Revelation by Nancy Guthrie

Revelation: Four Views by Steve Greg and Robert Clouse

When the Man Comes Around by Douglas Wilson

Heaven by Randy Alcorn

### Announcements

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If you'd like to donate any nonperishable food items for the **Blessing Box** outside, you can put them directly inside or drop them off on a Sunday morning.

Our **Youth Group** is having a dinner **fundraiser tonight!**

Contact Laura or Emily at the Rhythm Kidz desk for more information.

**Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 11.

**Small groups** will break for summer starting **May 11**; make plans to join us for Summer Sessions on Wednesday evenings