

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 13:11-18

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Rev 13:11-18

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth;
and he had two horns

like a lamb

and he spoke
as a dragon.

12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence.

And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it
to worship the first beast,

whose fatal wound was healed.

13 He performs great signs,

so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.

14 And he deceives those

who dwell on the earth

because of the signs which it was given him to perform

in the presence of the beast,

telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast

who *had the wound of the sword

and has come to life.

15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast,

so that the image of the beast would even speak

and

cause as many as do not worship the image

of the beast

to be killed.

16 And he causes all,

the small and the great,

and the rich and the poor,

and the free men and the slaves,

to be given a mark on their right hand

or on their forehead,

17 and he provides

that no one will be able to buy or to sell,

except the one who has the mark,

either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom.

Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast,

for the number is that of a man;

and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

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1. What is the difference between the second beast in this text and the first beast in vs. 1-10?
2. What do we know about who the dragon is from previous teachings?
3. What is the meaning behind two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon?
4. How does the second beast act out his authority?
5. Who is the second beast? Who is the first beast?
6. What is the purpose of the second beast? What relationship does he have to the first beast?
7. What major miracle happened to the first beast that got the attention of the whole world?
See Revelation 13:3.

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❖ Day 2

Read Rev 13:11-18 again.

8. What other great sign does the false prophet perform to help persuade people to worship the antichrist?
9. What does the false prophet instruct the people to do to celebrate the antichrist's resurrection?
10. What would happen if the people did not worship the beast?
11. What does the false prophet order people to do in verse 16? Is anyone exempt from this?
12. What is the 'mark?' Support your answer from the text.
13. The number of the beast and man is 666 in verse 18. Is there solid biblical evidence to know what this number means? Explain.
14. How does the false prophet treat the people that don't receive the mark? What are the results?

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❖ Day 3

Read Rev 13:11-18 again.

15. What is the purpose of the mark? What does the giving of it signify?
16. What unholy trinity-like group of three is found in this passage?
17. How can we guard ourselves against deceptive teachings and being misled by signs and wonders?
18. Is there anything you can do now to prepare yourself to stand against greater persecution in the future?
19. Satan comes to distort and counterfeit God's ways. What God-like acts does Satan try to deceptively perform in verses 11-18? (See also Ephesians 1:13-14, 1 Kings 18:38, and Luke 24:6-7).
20. What one command is given in this passage? Who is this command given to?
21. Summarize this passage in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray for protection from the deception of sin and Satan. Pray for conviction over sin and illumination from scripture on the way sin entices with its counterfeits of God's gifts.