Revelation 13:6-10

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 Revelation 13:1-10. Reread verses 6-10.

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.

6 And he opened his mouth

in blasphemies

against God,

to blaspheme His name

and His tabernacle,

*that is,* those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was also given

to him

to make war

with the saints

and to overcome them,

and authority

over every tribe

and people

and tongue

and nations was given

to him.

8 All

who dwell

on the earth will worship him,

*everyone* whose name has not been written

from the foundation

of the world

in the book

of life

of the Lamb

who has been slain.

9 If anyone has an ear,

let him hear.

10 If anyone *is destined* for captivity,

to captivity he goes;

if anyone kills

with the sword,

with the sword he must be killed.

Here is the perseverance

and the faith

of the saints.

1. Who is the “him” referring to in verse 7?
2. Who is the subject of the verb “given” in verse 7? Is it the same as the answer to question one or someone different? How do you know?
3. What was given to “him” according to verse 7? (Hint: use the block diagram from page one and look for 3 things below/subordinate to “given” that might answer this question.)
4. Who are on the two sides of the war described in these verses?
5. How does this act of giving relate to God’s sovereignty? Is God’s sovereignty limited to only good things for believers according to this verse? Explain.
6. How is it comforting to know that God is not just sovereign over good, but also over evil?
7. Is the authority of the antichrist innate or derived? Justify your answer from the text.
8. What are the limits of the authority of the antichrist?

* Day 2

Read Revelation 13:1-10 again.

1. Who will worship the antichrist?
2. Consider a few other places that describe “those who dwell on the earth.” See Revelation 6:10, 8:13, and 11:10. Are these believers, unbelievers, or both? Explain.
3. What are the implications for those whose names are not written “in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.”
4. How long have the names of the saints been recorded in the book of life according to verse 8?
5. What event does the “foundation of the world” describe?
6. Who is the implied founder of this foundation of the world? How does this speak to the character and nature of God?

1. What are some of the implications about the names of those being recorded in the book of life for this duration of time?

* Day 3

Read Revelation 13:1-10 again.

1. John continues to use the title “Lamb” to describe Jesus in the book of Revelation. Review some of the previous references in Revelation to the Lamb (5:6, 5:8, 5:12-13, 6:1, 6:16, 7:9-10). Make a list of the activities of the Lamb from these verses.
2. Compare and contrast your list from the previous question with the descriptions of the antichrist in Revelation 13:1-10. What stands out?
3. Why might John emphasize here again that the Lamb was slain? Review Revelation 5:6 and 5:12 again to help formulate your answer.
4. What is the only command found in this passage?
5. Note the repetition of Revelation 13:9 in the book of Revelation (See also 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, and 3:22). This is the last occurrence of this phrase in the book of revelation. It is also the only occurrence not directed toward the seven churches found in the first 3 chapters of Revelation. Why might John include this refrain again here?
6. There is a string of conditions in verse 9-10. What are the three conditions listed?

1. What is the likely intended purpose of verse 10? What would be missing if John had left out this verse? Support your answer.

In preparation for Sunday, pray for trust in the sovereignty and justice of God. Pray with confident hope in the future plans of the Lord for you and all the saints. Pray for perseverance and faith.