

## THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE MARK OF THE BEAST -- 13:11-18

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### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

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<p><b>THE THIRD WOE — MIDDLE OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION – THE SEVENTH BLOWS DURING THE LAST 3.5 YEARS!</b></p> <p><b>THE <u>CHARACTERISTICS</u> OF THE SECOND BEAST – vs. 11-12</b></p> <p><i><u>Rev 13:11 Then I saw <u>another beast coming up out of the earth,</u></u></i></p> <p><i><u>and he had two horns like a lamb</u></i></p> <p><i><u>and spoke like a dragon.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Rev 13:12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence,</u></i></p> <p><i><u>and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.</u></i></p>	<p><b><u>THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SECOND BEAST – vs. 11-12</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Five things:</u></b></p> <p>v. 11 <i><u>“another” (“ALLOS” of the same kind) <u>beast coming up out of the earth (in contrast to heaven)</u>” - His <u>association</u> with the first beast – the “false prophet” –cf. <u>Rev. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10</u></u></i></p> <p>v. 11 <i><u>“he had two horns like a lamb” - religious symbolism - His <u>appearance</u> - Cf. 5:6 - Lamb of God had seven horns “two horns” perhaps indicating both political and religious authority. However, we see no crowns here.</u></i></p> <p>v. 11 <i><u>“and spoke like a dragon” - Cf. <u>12:9 and 2 Corinthians 11:3, 13-15</u> - key concept here is “<u>deception</u>” - His <u>attitude</u></u></i></p> <p>v. 12 <i><u>“And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his <u>presence</u>” - His <u>authority or power!</u></u></i></p> <p>v. 12 <i><u>“and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” - His <u>objective or aim</u> – cf. <u>John 16:7, 13-14</u></u></i></p>	<p><b>The Beast coming up out of the earth!</b></p> <p>His relationship or association with the first beast.</p> <p>His appearance.</p> <p>How he will speak! With deception!</p> <p>His power or authority</p> <p><b><u>He is going to cause the entire world to worship the one world leader or the one world empire/order.</u></b></p>
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**Rev 13:13** He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

**Rev 13:14** And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast,

telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

**Rev 13:15** He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak

and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

v. 13- 15\_ THE COUNTERFEIT OF MIRACULOUS SIGNS

v. 13 “He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.” - He DUPLICATES what God did in the past - Cf. Matthew 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9-12; 1 John 4:1-3

“fire” - Pentecost, Elijah, or Christ at His second coming?- cf. 2 Thess. 1:7-8

- v. 14 “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast” - He DECEIVES by the use of these miraculous signs. What do you think about the faith healers on TV? The same, exact people being healed in various locations! The beast is going to look so real!!

v. 14 “telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast - He DECLARES that an image should be made to the beast” - Cf. Daniel 3:5-7

v. 15 “He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak - He DESIGNS the image with the ability to speak

v. 15 “and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. - He DEMANDS that the beast be worshipped” – Rev. 20:4 Note the consequences of not worshipping the image of the beast?

## Counterfeit!

The dragon or Satan is the counterfeit Father (“I will be like the Most High”).  
“The beast” is the counterfeit Christ.  
“The false prophet” is the counterfeit of the Holy Spirit.

This completes the satanic trinity.

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### **Vs.16-18 - THE CONTROL WHICH THIS BEAST WILL BRING**

**Rev 13:16 *He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave,***

***to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,***

**Rev 13:17 *and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.***

**Rev 13:18 *Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a (not an article in Greek) man: His number is 666.***

## INTERPRETATION

### **VS. 16-18 THE CONTROL WHICH THIS BEAST WILL BRING**

**v. 16 *“He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave”*** - The extent of this control

**v. 16 *“to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads.”***  
The evidence of this control - cf. Rev. 7:3; 14:1

**v. 15 *“and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”*** - The effect of this control. Note the present considerations that banks and credit card companies are considering to control fraudulent uses of credit cards. International credit cards- based on your birthdate or social security number or equivalent. Committees are now working on possible solutions.

**v. 18 *“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of (a) man: His number is 666.”*** - The explanation of this control (mark)  
Letters in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin have numerical equivalents: Roman numerals add up to 666; Arabic numbers from 1 to 36 add up to 666; some MSS read 616; It is the number of man (6), not God (7)! Contrasting man with God! Of man, not God! The number of God is always 7 --- 777- the Triunity of God? 666 represents the pagan world system of man – the triunity/trinity of Satan-man.  
**“666” is always MUCH LESS, MUCH LOWER than “777”!!!!**  
The whole system bears a counterfeit to what God is and what God will do. Economic control! **“it’s later than it’s ever been before”!!**

**Example of religious confusion – New Age**  
**Shirley MacLaine said a few years ago, when asked about New Age wisdom: “..the New Age is man being divine, man can become God. Man does not need a savior, he can save himself through cyclic rebirth and reincarnation.”**

## APPLICATION

### **Questions:**

1. How similar is the “another beast coming up out of the earth” to that described in our previous lesson?
2. Do you see a “trinity” in chapters 12-13? If so, who are the characters?
3. Is this beast going to speaking like the Devil? Is he going to talk mean, dirty and rotten? How would you describe the way he will speak?
4. Can you think of an office today in the world that might become this false prophet?
5. Can you see the world getting ready to worship a one world leader or one world empire?
6. Do we expect this false prophet (beast) to perform counterfeit miraculous signs? What is one of these signs he will perform?
7. Do you think that paganism throughout the world, including the USA, is growing by leaps and bounds?
8. Will the mark of the beast on the hand or on the forehead control your economic situation?
9. Does the Bible teach that believers will never take the mark? That all unbelievers will take the mark?
10. What numeral is “man’s number”? What numeral is “God’s number”?
11. Do you think believers on earth at the time of the Great Tribulation will understand what is meant by “666”?

**1 John 2:15-17; Mt. 24:4-13; Mark 13:5-13, 37 ; Lk. 21:8-28**

**Be not deceived! Watch (be awake; stay awake!!) and be ready!**