

The Beast From Out Of The Sea

(Revelation 13:1-10)

Intro: This morning we resume our study of the parenthetical section in chapters 12–14. This parenthesis introduces us to the Seven Great Personages of the Tribulation. Revelation 13 describes the last two personages of the Tribulation as Beasts. The first Beast, described as rising up out of the Sea, is Antichrist (vv. 1-10). The second Beast, described as “rising up from out of the earth,” is the false religious prophet (vv. 11-18).

I. His Appearance And Identity (vv. 1-2)

A. Appearance of the beast (v. 1)

B. Identity of the beast (v. 2)

1. Nationality of the beast—

2. Power and authority of the beast—

3. Limitation of the beast—

II. His Fatal Wound Healed (v. 3a)

III. His Acclaim And Worship (vv. 3b-4)

IV. His Activities Include Blasphemy And War (vv. 5-7)

A. His blasphemy (vv. 5-6)

B. His warfare (v. 7)

C. His worshipers (v. 8)

V. An Exhortation To Hear (vv. 9-10)

Conclusion: The general character of the Tribulation is clearly portrayed in this 13th chapter. It will be a time of slavery, blasphemy, apostasy, and gross satanic activity. Let us thank God that we have the blessed hope of the rapture (2 Thess. 4:13-18). May God help each of us to get involved in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, people’s only hope of deliverance from the wrath to come.