

1. The Beast from the sea

- a) Revelation 13:1–4, 8 (see also Revelation 17:8, 15) What are the characteristics of this beast rising out of the sea?
- b) Where have we seen descriptions of this beast before? Daniel 7:1–3, 23–25
- c) Who gives power to this beast from the sea? Revelation 13:2 (see also Revelation 12:9)

2. The activities of the Sea Beast

- a) Revelation 13:5–7 What is the Sea Beast doing? How long does this Sea Beast persecute, or make war?
- b) Who is the Sea Beast persecuting? Why? Daniel 7:25
- c) Revelation 13:9–10 What encouragement do you find in these verses?

3. The Beast arising out of the earth

- a) Revelation 13:11–12 What are the characteristics of this beast arising out of the earth?
- b) All of the other beasts in Daniel and Revelation arise out of the troubled sea. What is the significance of this beast arising out of the earth? (Revelation 12:14–16, Revelation 17:15)
- c) Who is this beast that arises out of the earth?
- d) What lesson can we learn from the fact that a lamb-like power could eventually speak like a dragon?
- e) How is it possible to not intentionally seek to do evil and yet end up as an agent of the dragon? Matthew 16:21–23

4. The Image of the Beast

- a) Revelation 13:13–14 What is this Beast from the earth trying to accomplish by causing fire to come down from heaven?
- b) Why doesn't the Lord prevent Satan's deception in the end-time as He did on Mount Carmel? 1 Kings 18:21–24, 36–39
- c) Revelation 13:15 What motivates the Beast from the earth to try to persuade people and even coerce them to worship the Beast from the Sea?
- d) Why is forced worship always wrong, even if someone is trying to force others to worship the one true God, Creator of the heavens and the earth?

5. The mark of the Beast

- a) Revelation 13:16–17 Is this a literal mark on the right hand and forehead or is it symbolic? What does this mark of the Beast power signify?
- b) How does Deuteronomy 6:4–8 help us to understand what the Beast power is trying to accomplish here?
- c) How does the experience of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego help us to understand both the test and the outcome for those who choose to remain faithful to God and His commandments? Daniel 3:1–7, 8–18, 19–23, 24–28
- d) This is a difficult message to share and to hear. Why is it always important to speak the truth in love? Ephesians 4:14–

