

Discussion & Application:

1. Read Dan. 11:36-45. Biblical prophecy is clear that there will be one ruler over the whole world prior to the Second Coming of Jesus. What would need to change in our divided world to make people willing to accept a one-world government and ruler?
2. Note: chapter divisions were added to the Bible c. 1205AD, and verse divisions were added c. 1550AD. Removing those divisions, what is the connection between the end of Rev. 12 and the beginning of Rev. 13? Who will the dragon (Satan) use to make war with believers during the Great Tribulation?
3. Read Daniel 7. What parallels do you see with Rev. 13? What do the beasts represent? Who is this final beast? (cf. Rev. 11:7)
4. What do the 10 horns, 7 heads, and 10 diadems represent? What does it mean that the beast of Rev. 13 is “like” the leopard, bear, and lion? How much power will the Antichrist have? Where does this beast get its power?
5. What are some different views on Rev. 13:3? Did the one head actually die and rise from the dead (cf. 5:6; 17:12)? Why does the whole world follow after this “resurrected” beast, but it won’t follow Jesus who died & rose from the dead?
6. Several times in Rev. 13 it says that things were “given” to the beast. What are they? Who gives them to him? How does that impact your understanding of God’s sovereignty over all things, both good and evil? What limitations do evil people have?
7. What does it mean to blaspheme? Why will this beast be compelled to blaspheme God’s name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven? What will he do to the “saints” on earth?
8. What is the book of life of the Lamb... (cf. 3:5; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27; Phil. 4:3)? How does someone’s name get in that book? Is your name in that book? Explain how you know for sure.
9. What practical applications are in Rev. 13:9-10 for believers alive during the Great Tribulation? What applications are there for us today?

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Revelation 13:1-10

“The Things Which Will Take Place” – Part 21

“Panorama of the Cosmic War of the Ages” – Part 4

- I. The Things Which You Have Seen (chapter 1)
- II. The Things Which Are (chapters 2-3)
- III. The Things Which Will Take Place (chapters 4-22)
 - A. Vision of Heaven (chapters 4-5)
 - B. Opening of the Seven Seals (6:1-8:1)
 - C. The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)
- D. Interlude (12:1-14:20) – Panorama of the Cosmic War of the Ages**
 1. Summary (12:1-6)
 - 2. Specifics (12:7-14:20)**
 - a. War in Heaven (12:7-12a)
 - b. Woe on Earth (12:12b-17)
 - c. Warlords on Earth (13:1-18)**

¹ And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten diadems, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names.

² And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

³ *I saw* one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed.

And the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast; ⁴ they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?”

⁵ There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. 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 nation 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.

So What?