

Revelation 13

Dragon and Two Beasts: Unholy Trinity



- **Beast rises from the sea**, with 7 heads and 10 horns, 10 crowns on the horns, and a blasphemous name on his heads.
- He is “like” a leopard, feet like a bear, mouth like a lion.
- **Dragon gave beast his power**, his throne, great authority.
- One of beast’s heads “**as if**” **mortally wounded**, but wound healed.
- Whole **world marveled and followed beast**, worshipped dragon and beast, saying “who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”
- Beast given a **mouth to speak pompous words**, blasphemies, and given authority to continue for 42 months.
- **Blasphemed against God**, His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
- Made **war with saints**.
- **Given authority** over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All “who dwell on the earth” worship him, whose names are not in the Book of Life (Lamb’s Book)
- **Saints encouraged to hold on** and keep their faith.
- **Another beast** comes out of the earth, with 2 horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon.
- Same authority as first beast, **causes earth to worship 1st beast** (“whose deadly wound was healed”), performs great signs, fire from heaven, deceives with signs.
- 2nd beast orders an “image” built of 1st beast, **image speaks** and causes those who don’t worship to be killed.
- Causes **all to receive a “mark”** on right hand or on forehead, can’t buy or sell without it.
- Number of the beast is the number of man, 666. (*“6” means incomplete. 7 means perfectly complete. 6 is one less than 7, so it is incomplete. 6 stands for mankind in scripture. The 3-6’s are likely a symbol for the unholy trinity seen in this chapter [dragon and 2 beasts] and to indicate that the beasts are indeed men.*)

