

THE BEAST AS ANTICHRIST
REV. 13:4-10

Introduction:

A. We have studied the rise of the beast.

1. "...a beast rise up out of the sea." v1
2. He is the beast of Daniel 7:1-28.
3. He makes a covenant with the nation of Israel and then breaks it in the "midst of the week."

Daniel 9:27, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consumation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

B. He gains world-wide admiration, how?

1. "wounded to death."
2. "his deadly wound was healed."
3. "all the world wondered (admired) the beast."

I. WORLD-WIDE WORSHIP. v4

A. "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

1. Why does the world worship him?
2. Rev. 11:7.
3. Pseudo Messiah.

B. The Anti-christ has been predicted.

1. II Thess. 2:3,4.
2. I John 2:18.

II. THE BEAST, THE GREAT BLASPHEMER. v5,6

A. "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

1. mouth = stoma - the mouth.
2. speaking = laleo - to utter words of any language.
 - a. great things = Dan. 7:25, "And he shall speak great things."
 - b. blasphemies = evil speaking, ridicule.
3. power = eksousia - authority to do anything.
4. continue = poieo - to make; to do, to work, He is given 42 months to do Satan's work, to make war.

B. "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God to blaspheme his name, his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."

1. He ridicules God.
2. He ridicules God's name.
3. He ridicules God's dwelling place.
4. He ridicules those who dwell in heaven.
5. This all comes from the world's encounter with the two witnesses and their power.

III. THE BEAST AND HIS UNIVERSAL POWER. V7

A. Power over the saints.

1. "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them."
2. war = polemos - war.
3. overcome = nikesai - to conquer.

B. Power over the world.

1. power = eksousia - authority.
2. tribe = phulen - every tribe.
3. people - laon - all people.
4. tongue = glosia - speech.

IV. WHO WILL WORSHIP THE BEAST? V8

A. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

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1. dwell katoikeo - to live, to reside.
2. him = masculine pronoun - auton.
3. names = onoma - the proper name of a person.
4. written = gegrptai - The perfect tense indicates the continuing results and binding authority of that which was written.
5. book = biblion - little book, of life.
6. slain = sphazo - to slay, to slaughter.
7. foundation = casting down of the world.

B. Men cannot claim neutrality.

1. Will worship Satan and wear his mark.
2. Worship God and His Christ.

V. GOD'S ENCOURAGEMENT. v9

A. He encourages us to hear. v9

1. "If any man have an ear, let him hear."
2. The Lord uses this expression to place responsibility where it belongs, on the hearers. There are two principle areas of responsibility, the sayer, and the hearer.

B. God will repay evil men. v10

1. "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity."
2. leadeth = apago - lead away.
3. captivity = aichmalosia - prisoners of war, a body of captives, those who suffer captivity.

B. "he that killeth with the sword, must be killed with the sword."

1. killeth = to kill.
2. must = it is binding, it is necessary.

D. The truth of these statements, captivity for those who capture, death by sword to those who slay with the sword, is the basis of patience and faith in a just God.

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1. "Here is the patience and faith fo the saints."
2. patience = hupomone - a remaining under, bearing up under, hence, patient endurance, holding out, enduring.
3. faith = pistis - firm persuasion, the conviction which is based upon hearing, not upon sight, a firm relying confidence in what we hear from God in His Word.

VI. AN IMMUTABLE LAW OF GOD. REV. 6:10

- A. God will judge and avenge.
 1. Rev. 6:10.
- B. He was wounded for our.....
 1. He will wound.