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Revelation 13:1-18

13 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 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? 5 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. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 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. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. 11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

"Understanding The Powerful Deception of the Devil"

1. What does the sea, seven heads, ten horns, and beasts appearance signify about worldly power and rebellion?

2. How does the dragon (Satan) give power to this beast, and what does reveal about spiritual sources of authority?

3. How does the beast's blasphemy and war against saints parallel historical or current opposition to God?

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4. What does the healed fatal wound symbolize, and how does it deceive people into worship?

5. How does the called to worship the beast challenge believers loyalties today (money, power, politics)?

6. Why should we not be swayed by great signs and wonders alone when evaluating spiritual claims (Matt 7:15)

7. How does this chapter deepen your understanding of spiritual warfare and the need for discernment?

8. What does the requirement to have the mark to "buy or sell" (Rev 13:17) reveal about economic control and spiritual commitment in our world?

9. How do the concepts of the "seal of God" (Rev 7:) and the "mark of the beast" (Rev 13:) provide contrasting pictures of belonging and allegiance?

10. How can we use the warnings in Revelation 13: to prepare for future trials, and what does patient endurance look like in the face of spiritual or social pressure?

11. What practical steps can you take now to resist deception and conform to Christ, not the world?
