

The Book of Revelation
Message #31
What Will Take Place Later--
The False Prophet

Revelation 13:11-18

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I. His Origin and Description.

A. Comes from Israel. Rev 13:11a *Then I saw 'another' beast coming up out of the earth*

Beast is the same as vs 1 indicating a wild, untamable animal which emphasizes a beast-like character.

B. Looks like a lamb. Rev 13:11b *"... and he had two horns like a lamb ..."* NASU

The word "beast" for this lamb is a guard against deception, for this animal will look like an innocent, gentle and harmless lamb. But in deed and action he will be quite the opposite.

C. Speaks like a dragon. Rev 13:11c *"... and he spoke as a dragon.* NASU

Not the tone of the voice because dragons do not speak, but the character of what he says.

II. His Power.

A. Delegated authority. Rev 13:12a *He exercises the authority of the first beast in his presence*

B. power to persuade. Rev 13:12b *he makes the earth... worship the first beast*

C. power to deceive. Rev 13:12c *“... whose fatal wound was healed.*

III. His Objective.

A. To secure loyalty for Antichrist.

1. Through miraculous signs. Rev 13:13 *He performs great signs... in the presence of men.*

2. Through a one world religion. Rev 13:14 *make an image to the beast*

3. Through persecution. Rev 13:15 *as many as do not worship the image to be killed.*

4. Through economic control.

a. The mark. Rev 13:16 *given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead*

b. The enforcement. Rev 13:17 *and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. NASU*

IV. The Warning. Rev 13:18 *calculate the number of the beast... six hundred and sixty-six*