

Revelation 13:1-10

The Beast

Astounding the People (1-4)

The source of his power – the Dragon (Matthew 4:8-9)

He promises the world – which he gives to the antichrist

The scope of his power (II Corinthians 4:4 / Ephesians 2:2 / I John 5:19)

The god of this age, the ruler of the kingdom of the air, under his control

The seduction of his power (II Thessalonians 2:9-12)

Appealing – promising to meet our needs and gratify our flesh

Deception – he seems to have the power of the Savior

Authority over the People (5-8)

We willingly surrender our freedoms and find ourselves forced to comply

Boastful words (Daniel 7:7-12, 19-25)

We must be careful in our boasting (Jeremiah 9:23-24 / Jude 10)

Blaspheming God (II Thessalonians 2:4)

Claiming to be a god – claiming to know better than God – denying His Word

Battle victories against God's people (Job 42:2 / Matthew 16:18)

Temporarily it seems the tide has turned (Not against His plan or His church)

Book of Life (Revelation 3:5; 20:15)

To be written in His book is our only protection against the power of the enemy and against the coming judgments of God

Attentive Ears (9-10)

Are we paying attention?

Paths of suffering (II Timothy 3:12/I Peter 4:12-13/John16:33)

Given what we face – how much more those who are going through the Trib

Patient endurance required (Romans 5:1-5/James 1:2-4)

Only our God gives us the grace to endure (I Corinthians 10:13)

Discussion questions for Revelation 13:1-10

What characteristics and/or accomplishments of the beast draw men to follow him?

(II Corinthians 11:14 / Matthew 4:8-9 / II Thessalonians 2:9-10)

He appears as an angel of light – one promising hope and relief (Daniel 9:27 – treaty)

He offers the world – appealing to the pleasures of the flesh (II Peter 2:18-19)

His display of power and counterfeit miracles leave people in awe and fear

What signs do we see in our day that move the world toward one government authority?

(Revelation 13:17 / Matthew 24:12 / II Thessalonians 2:3 / II Timothy 3:1-5)

The move toward digital currency and digital I.D.

The weakening of sovereign nations through open borders and chaos.

The apostasy of the church – losing its influence on culture

The love of most growing cold – people pursuing their own interests, not caring for others

The increase in anti-Semitism – national hatred toward God's chosen people Israel

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(Matthew 5:10-12 / Acts 5:40-42 / Luke 21:28 / I Thessalonians 5:16-18 / I Peter 3:5)

We also have the expectation of suffering, although suffering for Christ is a privilege.

We also must learn to trust God more and more, especially as the time of His judgment draws near – “look up, your redemption is near”

We also must learn to endure (remain under) and do so with hope and joy. (what an opportunity to be a witness for our Savior)

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