

REVELATION



Village Green
Community Church

¹ Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. ² This beast looked like a leopard, but it had the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion! And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority.



Revelation 13:1-2 NLT



³ I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. ⁴ They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and they also worshiped the beast. “Who is as great as the beast?” they exclaimed. “Who is able to fight against him?”



Revelation 13:3-4 NLT



⁵ Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months. ⁶ And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering his name and his dwelling—that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ And the beast was allowed to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation. ⁸ And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made.



Revelation 13:5-8 NLT



- ⁹ Anyone with ears to hear
should listen and understand.
- ¹⁰ Anyone who is destined for prison
will be taken to prison.
Anyone destined to die by the sword
will die by the sword.

***This means that God's holy people must endure persecution
patiently and remain faithful.***



Revelation 13:9-10 NLT



¹¹ Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke with the voice of a dragon.
¹² He exercised all the authority of the first beast. And he required all the earth and its people to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. ¹³ He did astounding miracles, even making fire flash down to earth from the sky while everyone was watching.



Revelation 13:11-13 NLT



¹⁴ And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. ¹⁵ He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.



Revelation 13:14-15 NLT



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In the Book of Revelation, *worship* determines *destiny*.



Revelation 13:14-15 NLT



¹⁶ He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. ¹⁷ And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. ¹⁸ Wisdom is needed here. Let the one with understanding solve the meaning of the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is 666.



Revelation 13:16-18 NLT



⁹ Then a third angel followed them, shouting, “Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand ¹⁰ must drink the wine of God’s anger. It has been poured full strength into God’s cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. ¹¹ The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name.”



Revelation 14:9-11 NLT



¹² This means that **God's holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus.**



Revelation 14:12 NLT



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¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: **Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on.** Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"



Revelation 14:12-13 NLT



Truth, discernment, and critical thinking, are becoming necessary for ***survival***, especially in a world whose ***currency*** is ***empire, darkness, and lies***.

