

A Study of the General Epistles

(NT Survey Lesson 227--Revelation 13)

Introduction: In chapter thirteen we are being given further information about how the conflict described in Revelation has developed. Satan raises two powerful allies against God's people--the sea beast and the land beast. Clearly they represent political and religious powers that work together to oppose the Lamb and his followers.

Lesson aim: To seek to identify the meaning and application of the two beasts who wage war with God's people.

The beast from the sea--Rev. 13:1-10

1. What were the dragon's intentions as described in 12:17? What rises from the sea for this purpose? (13:1) How many heads and horns does this beast have? What were on the heads?
2. What animals was the beast like? What did Satan give to this beast?
3. What did John observe about one of the heads? How did the world react to this? Who did these people worship?
4. What was given to the beast? For how long did he have authority to act? What did the beast blaspheme?
5. What else was it given to the beast to do? (v. 7) Who did Jesus say would worship the beast?
6. What words of exhortation are given to the saints? (v. 9-10)

The beast from the earth--Rev. 13:10-18

1. From where does John see the second beast come up? How many horns? How did he speak?
2. What authority does he execute? (v. 12) What does he make the earth and those who dwell in it to do?

3. How does this beast convince the world to worship the beast? (v. 13-14)
What other sign does he perform? (v. 15)
4. How does this beast enforce the worship of the sea beast? (v. 16-17)
5. How does John identify to his readers who this beast is?