

## **Revelation 13**

### **The Beast from the Sea**

And *the dragon* stood on the sand of the seashore.

Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten crowns, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne, and great authority. <sup>3</sup> *I saw* one of his heads as if it had been fatally wounded, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast; <sup>4</sup> they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" <sup>5</sup> A mouth was given to him speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. <sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, *that is*, those who dwell in heaven.

<sup>7</sup> It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority was given to him over every tribe, people, language, and nation. <sup>8</sup> All who live on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written since the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slaughtered. <sup>9</sup> If anyone has an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup> If anyone *is destined* for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

### **The Beast from the Earth**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. <sup>12</sup> He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who live on it worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of the sky to the earth in the presence of people. <sup>14</sup> And he deceives those who live on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who live on the earth to make an image to the beast who *\*had* the wound of the sword and has come to life. <sup>15</sup> And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause all who do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> And he causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> and *he decrees* 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. <sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

### **We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions**

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

### **Helpful insights**

1. The dragon stood up – does this standing dragon have any significance?
2. Who is the beast who is coming out of the sea?
3. The ten diadems represent crowns or jewels.
4. The beast had ten horns, so it wore ten crowns, it had seven heads with blasphemous names representing who it was.
5. The beast like a leopard – what does a leopard depict to you?
6. Feet like a bear – what does this depict to you?
7. A mouth like a lion – what does this depict to you?
8. It is the dragon who delegates power and authority to this beast creature.
9. One of the heads of the beast looked like it had been slain in the past, but had survived. What could this mean?
10. John uses the term 'a fatal wound', so this head nearly died, perhaps should have died but survived. Who could this represent?
11. Notice it is the whole earth that follow and worship the beast.
12. They also worship the dragon who is really in charge.
13. They make up worship, perhaps songs, to the beast, songs of exultation.
14. Who can possibly wage war with the beast?
15. The beast is a leader with a big mouth, full of bad things.
16. There is given to him consent to act out his evil for a period of forty-two months.
17. They direct blasphemous words towards God, towards His name, towards His home and towards His people.
18. He is given consent to wage war and overcome the saints.
19. He is able to take charge of all of mankind and everyone on earth worships him.
20. All whose names are not written in the lambs book of life.
21. What is it to hear? And then to hear?
22. Destiny comes into play for mankind, each receives his judgement.
23. There comes a second beast who only has two horns, like a lamb, but spoke like the dragon, he too has great authority.
24. He recruits worshippers amongst mankind to worship the beast, he has great signs that are convincing.
25. He is able to deceive mankind with lies, mankind create an image of the first beast.
26. The two horned beast brings the image to life.
27. The threat of death is on all who refuse to accept and worship this image.

28. The small, the great, the rich, the poor, the free, the slave are given the mark on their right hand or their forehead.
29. Access to the market and commerce is only accessible to those who have the mark.
30. The mark is either a name or a number, this number is six, six, six.