

The Beast Rises

And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?” (Rev. 13:4 ESV)

1. The Beast Rises
 - a. The Beast is called out of the sea and empowered by the dragon. (12:17; 13:2)
 - b. The Beast is powerful, as indicated by the 10 horns and 10 diadems (13:1)
 - c. The Beast is evil and blasphemous (13:1, 5-6)
2. The Beast Reigns
 - a. The Beast deceives (13:3-4)
 - b. The Beast rules (13:2, 5)
 - c. The Beast conquers (13:2, 7-8)
3. The Saints Remain
 - a. The Saints are called to Patience (10)
 - b. The Saints are called to Endurance (10)
 - c. The Saints are called to Faithfulness (10)



"The Beast Rises" (Revelation 13)
Week of May 26th – May 31st, 2013

Growth Group Homework



Powering Up

1. What observations from this weekend's message, "The Beast Rises," did you find the most interesting or challenging? Have any questions? Share with your group.
2. **Phenomenal Cosmic Power!** Who is the most powerful person you've ever met? Share that experience with your group.



Digging In

3. Although the "Antichrist" is a well-known figure in the End Times, his description in chapter 13 is the first time we've seen him in the book of Revelation. However, other prophetic verses in the Bible refer to him too. Read through each of the passages below and ask: what do we learn about the "Antichrist/beast/man of lawlessness" figure from each one? Write your observations. Circle any similarities between all three passages you may find.

<u><i>Daniel 7:19-26</i></u>	<u><i>2nd Thessalonians 2:3-11</i></u>	<u><i>Revelation 13:1-8</i></u>



4. Reviewing Revelation 13:1-8, how does the beast get the world’s attention? Why do so many people choose to follow him? What do the phrases “was given” (verse 5 & 7) explain about this following? What do they explain about the beast’s abilities?



Connecting To Life

5. **Are you Afraid of the Dark?** These descriptions of the Antichrist’s power and his bent on persecuting the people of God are a chilling forecast for those of us in the Church. We just got a sneak preview into the dragon’s master plan. Should studying Satan’s schemes and demonic activity freak you out? Why or why not?

6. **Hold On to Yer Hats n’ Glasses!** One thing we can all agree on in Revelation: it’s going to get tough for God’s people during the End Times. Nevertheless, concluding this section of Scripture is a call to endurance and faithfulness. What or who opposes your relationship with Jesus in your life? How do you endure as a faithful follower when pressured or ridiculed for your allegiance with Christ?