

## Lesson 22

### The Great Triad of Evil - Dragon, Beast and False Prophet: Chapter 13

#### STUDY GUIDE

1. The description of the great conflict begun in Chapter 12 continues in Chapter 13. In this chapter, our attention is called back to the third battle described before. In this encounter (12:13-17) Satan does not fight directly but uses men. We have here a description of his two leaders.
2. The first of these men is presented in 13:1-10. Read these verses to get a general picture of this man. Now try to get the details of this person clearly in mind. List from vs. 1-2a, the facts given about this person. Were any of these symbols taken from Daniel? Does that help in understanding the meaning of the beast? How is the beast related to the dragon according to vs. 2b?
3. The activities of this man of Satan are given in vs. 3-8. List the activities so you can learn them. What happened to him in the past according to vs. 3? Is there anything about the fourth empire of Daniel to which this might refer? What activity is presented in vs. 4 and 8? What two facts are given in vs. 5 and 6? The last activity is given in vs. 7 (Compare 12:17). Go back over these facts until you have them fixed in your mind. Who do you think is represented by this beast?
4. The second person is presented in vs. 11-18. Read these verses for the general picture. Now list the outstanding details. How is he described (vs. 11)? Notice how this one is related to the first beast (vs. 12). Does he seem to be equal to or subordinate to the first one? What is his main activity? (Study vs. 12b-15 carefully). What does he use to accomplish his work? Does this remind you of anything in Daniel? What further activity is described in vs. 16-18? Who do you think the beast represents?
5. Now look at these three together (see 16:13). Remember the relationship between the three. Is there any analogy or parallel between them and the Trinity of God?

#### NOTES

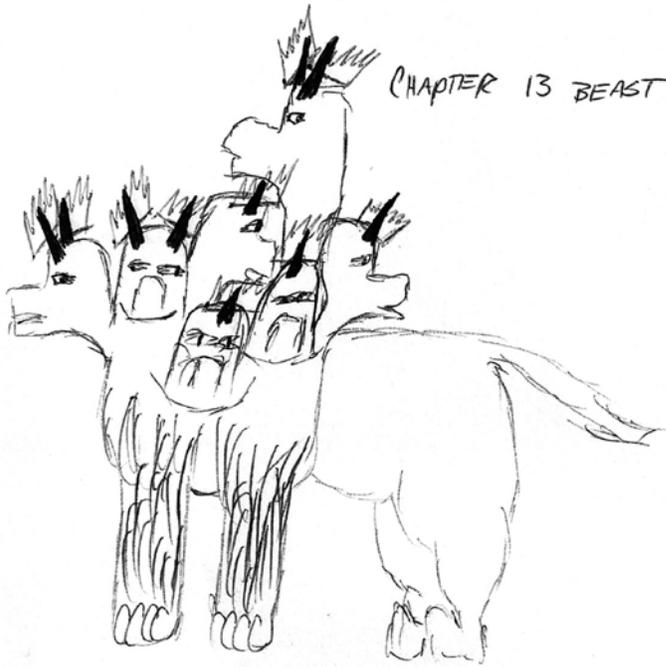
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The first of these men is presented in 13:1-10. This man or beast is similar to the one in chapter 12, which compares also to the beast of Daniel. This agent of Satan in chapter 13 is described as having ten horns with seven heads, and ten diadems, and blasphemous names on his head. We see in verse 2, a description of a composite of three creatures in Daniel 7, which preceded the fourth horrible beast. John describes this beast with feet of a bear, a mouth like a lion, with the overall appearance being as a leopard. In 2b, we see the relationship of the beast of chapter 12, which is Satan as this beast being given power from the devil.

In verse 3, the beast seemed to have been slain, but comes to life. This may compare to the rebirth of the Roman Empire. We see the big mouth and the blasphemies as were seen in the little horn of Daniel 7. There is a reference to time, times and half a time in the form of 42 months. This beast as in Daniel, is making war with the saints.

Verses 11-18 bring forth another individual. This person is as a prophet for the beast bringing him glory and causing people to worship him. He has two horns like a lamb and speaks like a dragon. He performs signs and wonders, such as making fire come down from heaven. He sets up an image of the beast, and breathes life into him and causes him to kill those who refuse to worship.

Satan, in this beast, is actively working a very clever deception. Satan copies God in what He does hoping to have greater success. Satan does not reveal himself, but sends one like himself as is the situation between God and Christ. In the same way, that the Holy Spirit moves people to glorify Christ the false prophet brings people to worship the beast.



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