



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: The Revelation
Sunday, November 28: Conquer the Beast/Antichrist
Revelation 13:1-7
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As you begin this study, start by reflecting on the events in history that you would characterize as "most evil". Who are the people and events in history that you would say were evil?

Read Revelation 12 and 13 out loud as a group.

What stands out to you in these chapters?

Read Revelation 12:17-13:10 again. This morning, Mike defines the dragon as Satan. *Who did he say was the woman and her offspring? How does 12:17 define this offspring?*

Describe all the detail that is given in 13:1-10 about the beast.

Hundreds of years earlier, in the book of Daniel, there is similar description given to describe four empires that would come to life in the next six centuries. John would have known this passage well. Read Daniel 7:2-7.

In light of these passages, where do we learn the beast gets its power? Why is this important?

What is the beast primary purpose?

During the time that John wrote Revelation, who/what would have been the beast to them?

Who/what would you define as the beast today? Why?

Os Guinness describes the beast as "our global culture". He defines it in Western Civilization in these ways: "information overload, convenience, options, time maximization, comfort, does it feel good, am I happy, entertainment, independence, instant gratification, skepticism, image, style, and control. In summary, he defines the beast as "self gratification".

Would you agree with this and why or why not?

Looking at each of the descriptions he gives, how do you see the "power of satan" behind each?

For most of us, we will not see the level of destruction as described in Revelation during that time: the killing of Christians, being used as torches at dinner parties while they burned alive, etc... That is not the way that Satan has seen to be most effective in our culture. But how is our "culture" being used to "destroy the church"?

In Revelation 13:4 ask the questions, "who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?" *How can you make war against the beast? What specifically can you do to wage war against "self-gratification"?*

In Revelation 13:10, John gives us great direction. *How can these words apply to you?*

Martin Luther tells us that "satan is but a servant of God. He can only do what God allows him to do." *In light of this, why would God allow Satan to do the things that he does?*

"Who is like the beast?" is the question asked in verse 4. But a greater question is "who is like the Lord?" *What are the ways that you have seen the Lord Jesus overcome the powers of the beast? The powers of Satan?*

What specifically would you ask the group to pray that you would have patient endurance and faithfulness around?
End your time by praying verse 10 over each person in the group.