

## The Beast from the Earth

*How Christians will recognize the Anti-Christ*

Revelation 13:11-18

### Introduction:

- A. 2 Thess 2:1-8 teaches us an order of events in regard to “the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him.”
- Two events must happen first before the “coming” of Christ and our “gathering” to Him (a clear reference to the r\_\_\_\_\_)
    - The apostasy (translated as rebellion and a f\_\_\_\_\_ away)  
- The Greek word literally means a s\_\_\_\_\_ away from
    - The revealing of the M\_\_\_\_\_ of Lawlessness
  - The Man of Lawlessness is the s\_\_\_\_\_ person as the beast from the earth (Rev 13:11), the anti-Christ (1Jn 2:18), and the false prophet (Rev 16:13; 19:20; 20:10)
- B. Some false fears Christians have:
- Being d\_\_\_\_\_ by the miracles of the beast
  - Being t\_\_\_\_\_ into taking the mark of the beast
- C. True believers in Christ will recognize this beast (popularly termed by modern day Christians as the anti-Christ).

### By his “m\_\_\_\_\_” (11-14)

- A. The beast (anti-Christ) described
- Resembles a l\_\_\_\_\_ (he is going to attempt to be the Savior)
  - Rains f\_\_\_\_\_ from heaven before people’s eyes as his proof of being a miracle worker.
    - This is in contrast to Christ’s miracles which did people good (e.g. h\_\_\_\_\_ people).
    - This is in contrast to Christ’s response to the demand to do a sign from heaven as p\_\_\_\_\_ of his identity (Matt 16:1-4 – an evil generation demands a sign).
- B. The success of the beast (anti-Christ)
- He will d\_\_\_\_\_ the world by his so-called miracles
  - The miracles are called f\_\_\_\_\_ wonders in 2 Thess 2:9 because they are trickery.
  - True believers will not be deceived but will recognize the “miracles” as false because they are not practical and they do not give glory to G\_\_\_\_\_ .

### By his m\_\_\_\_\_ ( 11b, 12, 15)

- A. The beast (anti-Christ) will speak like a d\_\_\_\_\_
- His message will be in accordance with S\_\_\_\_\_
  - His message will be in direct contradiction to God’s w\_\_\_\_\_

- B. One of the tests to determine whether a prophet is from God or not (Deut 13:1-3)
1. It does NOT matter if a “prophet” can perform s\_\_\_\_\_
  2. If a “prophet” c\_\_\_\_\_ God’s already revealed word, he is a false prophet.
- C. The tests of Deut 13 applied to the beast from the sea
1. The anti-Christ will not glorify God but the g\_\_\_\_\_ system.
  2. The anti-Christ will require people to make i\_\_\_\_\_ of the beast and worship it instead of the one true God.
  3. The anti-Christ will eventually e\_\_\_\_\_ himself above the one true God and call himself God (2 Thess 2:4).

**By his m\_\_\_\_\_ (16-18)**

- A. The purpose of the mark
1. To i\_\_\_\_\_ people as being a worshipper of the beast (Rev 14:9,10 states that all who receive the mark will suffer God’s wrath)
  2. To provide a license for people to b\_\_\_\_\_ goods or sell goods.
- B. The receiving of the mark
1. Every t\_\_\_\_\_ believer will refuse the mark
  2. Most who are Christians by religion and not by relationship will “stand away from” Christianity and take the mark becoming a\_\_\_\_\_ -Christian (this is *the apostasy or falling away* that 2 Thess 2:3 prophesies).
  3. There will be only two religious camps at this time – followers of Christ and followers of the Anti-Christ.
- C. The calculation of the mark
1. The mark is said to be the name of the beast or the n\_\_\_\_\_ of his name which adds up to 666.
  2. The ancient Greek system of numbers corresponded to the alphabet with a number value (e.g. alpha = 1; beta = 2); so everyone’s name had a numeric value
    - a. The name J\_\_\_\_\_ adds up to 694
    - b. The name Caesar N\_\_\_\_\_ adds up to 666 in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek!
    - c. Your name might add up to 666!
  3. Only those who have k\_\_\_\_\_ will be able to calculate the number of the beast (this refers to believers who are living in the time that this revelation if fulfilled) – so we should refrain from speculating.