

Revelation Chapter 13:

The chapter begins with the appearance of a powerful beast. His appearance was impressive and many men went after the beast to worship it.

The beast was given power for 42 months (3½ years). Once again, this means a brief period of time and not a literal 3½ year period. The beast blaspheme God, slandered God's name, dwelling place and people. He also was given power to persecute and rule. All which he does. All those who fail to worship Jesus Christ will follow after the beast. The beast in this description seems powerful and a force to be reckoned with, but we see that the beasts existence is only being tolerated and will come to an end. Since, this is the case, Christians must endure in their service to Jesus.

Another beast appears which works on behalf of the first beast. It also is effective in deceiving mankind. This beast places a telling mark on all who worship the beast and makes it difficult for those who serve Jesus to exist in the same world.

The main theme of this chapter appears to be that Satan will be effective through certain means. He will deceive and lead people astray. Christians will be persecuted. We are told to endure and remain faithful during the time of Satan's work. Exactly who the beasts are or who they represent, God does not make clear. The point of the matter is, if we are true to Christ and realize that any hardships or persecution is only temporary and that God is still in control, then we will see the day when Jesus is victorious and will rejoice!!!

STUDY GUIDE

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1. What came out of the sea first?
2. Describe the item that came out of the sea first.
3. How did man respond?
4. List all that the beast was allowed to do.
5. Who would worship the beast?
6. What does this call for on the part of the saints?
7. What came out of the earth, and describe it.
8. What did this creature, do?

BONUS:

1. What do you think of the two beasts and their power? How does this make you feel?
2. What should Christians learn from the existence of the '2' beasts? Do you think that they understand that?
3. What do you think Christians should concern themselves with, because of the existence of the beasts? Explain.