

## 'Satan & His Beasts'

Revelation 12:13-13:10

**Introduction & Review:** Satan's efforts after expulsion from heaven (12:7-12); pursuing God's people (12:13-17) and manifesting authority through evil emissaries - 2 beasts (13:1-18).

Revelation 12:13-17 – Satan pursues the woman (Israel) – Revelation 12:1-2, 5-6 are these events. (Exodus 19:4; Deuteronomy 32:10-11; Exodus 1:22; Isaiah 43:2; Exodus 15:12; Numbers 16:31-33; Romans 8:19-20)

**Conclusion:** Satan wants to kill God's children and God wants to protect them from the kind of death that Satan has in mind for them. (Psalms 139:7-12)

Revelation 13:1-10 - The Beast out of the Sea

His Appearance - Revelation 13:1-3a

His Status - Revelation 13:3b-5

His Actions - Revelation 13:5-7

His Worship - Revelation 13:8

God's Warning - Revelation 13:9-10

**Conclusion:** The Dragon and his beast will do everything that they can to disturb and destroy the life and livelihood of God's people; but our response to it must be of the Lord. Turn from the temporal and cling to the eternal.

Revelation 12 is a cosmic struggle and we are not the main combatants; we are 'collateral damage'. The combatants are God and Satan and God's people are 'collateral winners' of a battle that was won at the cross and Satan has been the loser since the foundation of the world.

The victory was won at the cross and my personal victory is won in daily surrender to the will of God, not in defeating Satan or in resisting what he may do to me; but in my faithfulness to God and full surrender to his will.

This beast is doing his best to appear as a 'savior'; Satan will always be deceptive (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12) This points to the beast as the antichrist; he is trying to mirror Jesus Christ.

There is another phrase that we should notice, "was given" (Revelation 12:14, 13:2b, 5, 7). The source of the authority and the actions that follow should tell us who is behind the event.