

The Two Horned Lamblike Beast

We now move into the last half of chapter 13. We need to keep in mind the big picture. The events described in verses 11-18 in one respect reveal what the prophets, even all Scripture has focused—the battle between good and evil, righteousness and sin. These events will bring about the Close of Probation, the Final Death Decree, the Time of Jacob’s Trouble and the Grand finale—the Second Coming of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

A few points for consideration in review before we jump into these verses. The entire book of Revelation, yea, the whole of the Bible is a revelation of our God, His plan in sending His only begotten Son into this world, and the power of the Holy Spirit to make effectual in the life of those who receive Him that which has been wrought out by our Redeemer. This final book—the last will and testament of Jesus—given us for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world have come is to prepare a people for the Coming of the Messiah, to fit us to live with our King, our Bridegroom, our Friend, our Saviour for ever and ever. In essence, the Revelation is about worship!

Whom will ye worship? Joshua 24:15 sums it up:

*“...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”*¹

When we serve the Lord, we worship Him. This comes through both in the Hebrew and Greek of the Old and New Testaments.

In God’s infinite wisdom, He has revealed the enemy’s strategy in this book in order that His people will be wise and discerning. We are told “there is nothing that the great deceiver fears so much as that we shall become acquainted with his devices.” (GC 516.3). Because chapter 13 follows 12, we can expect that “old serpent, the devil” to be active in using both these beasts—sea and land—to bring about the final crisis.

NEW INSIGHT

The Lord has given some new insight on last day developments which has emerged over the last few years but realized since our last presidential election. This insight came over this past week. It has to do with what we are studying in Rev 13, but also Rev 11. We can look forward to an interesting presentation on this subject in our next study time together.

1. It is interesting to note that Josh 24:14 & 15 are stylistic in nature, with Joshua focusing on the people choosing who to serve, to worship.

REVELATION 13:11-14

This theme of ‘worship’ in Rev 13 comes through five times, as we’ve noted in an earlier lesson. It is not by accident that the word ‘worship’ is also mentioned three times in Rev 14, two of which is to warn those from worshipping the beast and his image and receiving his mark (reference back to prior chapter). These receive the “wrath of God” for they have rejected His rest {Heb 4:9—a *gr. Sabbatismos* {keeping of the Sabbath}. Thus, they have “no rest” day nor night (Rev 14:11).

Those who worship the beast, are referred to as the “dwellers on the earth.”

The two-horned lamblike beast coming up out of the earth, eventually speaks like a dragon, according to verse 11. There is a link between the first beast and the second beast of this chapter. Note the pinnacle verses which link these two beasts together:

those who dwell on the earth worship the first beast {vs.8}
Book of Life records names of the Lamb slain from foundation of world
If any have an ear, let him hear {ie pay attention} {vs.9}

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity {vs.10}
He that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword

Here is the patience and faith of the saints
earth beast with two horns like a lamb, speaks like a dragon {vs.11}
the lamblike beast causes dwellers of earth to worship the first beast {vs.12}

Obviously, the sea beast will ‘go into captivity’ as she has ‘led into captivity’ untold millions down through the dark ages, and even over the last couple hundred years. But it is the lamblike beast which exercises all the power of the first beast which causes the ‘dwellers of earth’ to worship the first beast and will ultimately use it’s authority to ‘kill with the sword, as we will see later in the chapter. Thus, the link between the two beasts.

Lamblike Beast -- A lamb represents Christ as the Lamb of God (book of Rev. mentions this word ‘lamb’ more than 25 times.)

Lamblike Horns -- in profession pure, gentle and harmless [GC 442.2]

What does this phrase in verse 12 mean?

“he exerciseth all the power of the first beast.”

[Note: There are two answers in GC 442.2 and 443.2]

[442.2] _____

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Vs.11

The two horned lamb like beast coming out of the earth, refers to a nation that grows up from where? _____.

What else do the horns symbolize? [hint GC 441] _____.

The lamblike horns and dragon voice

“These attributes of the symbol [of this beast] point to a striking contradiction between the _____ and the _____ of the nation thus represented. [hint GC 442]

Have we not by the evangelical world been regarded as a ‘Christian nation’ for well over a100 years? Yet, in practice, how long has this Country (up until recently) put forth the notion that we are the “peace makers” around the world and the foremost promoters of freedom—both religious and civil liberty?

Vs.12

Remember the principle in 1 Cor 15:46. Based on this principle, are there any Bible verses or stories, illustrations, etc you could turn to that would give evidence to someone that this second beast, which comes out of the earth will exact legislation forcing its citizens to worship (contrary to the principle of freedom of conscience)?

What does the “speaking” of a nation mean? [hint GC 442.1] _____.

Vs.13

This passage is very intriguing. What do you think that fire might be that this ‘lamblike’ beast brings down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men?

Vs.14

It appears that the reference to miracles has something to do with the setting up of the “image to the beast.” What do these references have to do with the miracles mentioned above?

- GC 553-54 _____
- LDE 168 _____
- Mar 164 _____
- Mar 207.3,4 _____

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