

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Revelation 13:1–18

- 1 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten diadems, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names.
- 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

Revelation 13:1–18

- 3 *I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast;*
- 4 *they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?”*

Revelation 13:1–18

- 5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.
- 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, *that is*, those who dwell in heaven.

Revelation 13:1–18

- 7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.
- 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.
- 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

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- 10 If anyone *is destined* for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.
- 11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.

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- 12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.**
- 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.**

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- 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.**
- 15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

Revelation 13:1–18

- 16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,
- 17 and *he provides* that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, *either* the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Revelation 13:1–18

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

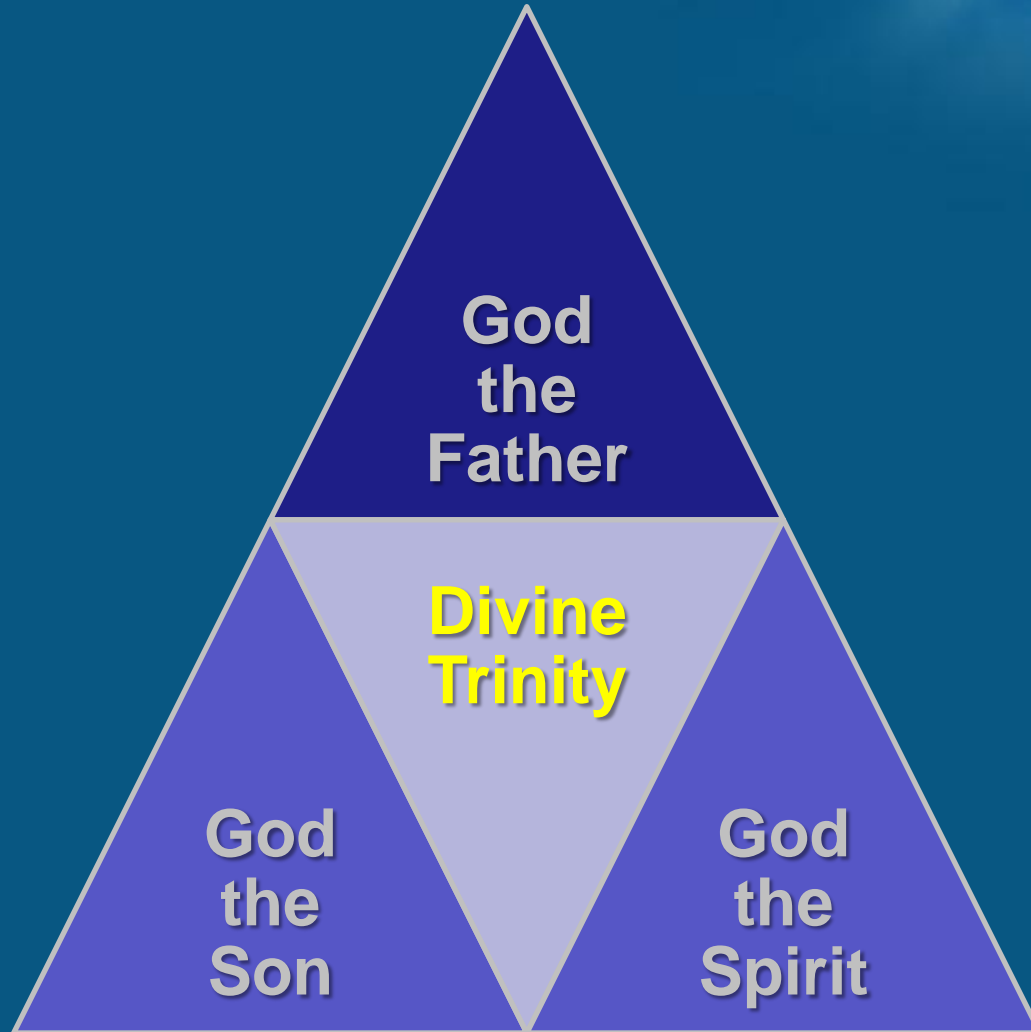




Place in the Book of Revelation

- I.** What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II.** What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III.** What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
 - A.** The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
 - B.** The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
 - C.** The Unholy Trinity (12:1–14:20)

Holy Trinity



Unholy Trinity



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- 1. The Two Signs in the Heavens (12:1–17)**
- 2. The Two Beasts on the Earth (13:1–18)**
 - a. 1st Beast: 2nd Person of the Unholy Trinity (13:1–10)**
 - **Identity of the 1st Beast (13:1–3)**
 - ✓ **His Association with the Dragon (v. 1)**
 - ✓ **His Origin (v. 1)**
 - ✓ **His Character (vv. 1, 2)**
 - ✓ **His Imitation (v. 3)**

Counterfeit Resurrection

1. King of the north attacks Israel (Ezek 38–39).
2. Man of Sin leaves Babylon to protect Israel (covenant; Dan 9:27) and the king of the north kills him (Rev 13:3).
3. King of the north goes on to spoil Egypt (Dan 11:42–43).
4. Satan resuscitates the Man of Sin (Rev 13:3).

Counterfeit Resurrection

5. King of the north hears the news in Egypt (Dan 11:44).
6. King of the north returns to Israel and God destroys him (Dan 11:45; Isa 31:8; Ezek 39:3–4).
7. Man of Sin claims the victory and sets himself up as God in the Temple at Jerusalem to establish a counterfeit Kingdom (2 Thess 2:4).

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 - ✓ World worships the dragon.**

Revelation 13:8

**All who dwell on the earth will worship him,
everyone whose name has not been written
from the foundation of the world in the book
of life of the Lamb who has been slain.**

Matthew 4:8–10

⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹ and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

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 - ✓ World worships the beast.**

Revelation 6:2

I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

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 - **Idolatry of the 1st Beast (13:4–5)**
 - ✓ World worships the dragon.
 - ✓ World worships the beast.
 - ✓ Beast's blasphemy.
 - ✓ 42 months for period of idolatry.

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 - Ideology of the 1st Beast (13:6–10)
 - ✓ *Religion*: anti-God, anti-believers (Israel), and anti-Christ.
 - ✓ *Government*: bent on conquest and oppression.

Question for Discussion

**How does the Bible
identify the first beast
in other passages?**

First Beast

- The Beast—Revelation 11:7; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2, 10, 13; 17:3–17; 19:19–20; 20:4, 10
- Man of Sin/Lawlessness—2 Thessalonians 2:3
- Son of Perdition/Destruction—2 Thessalonians 2:3
- Little Horn—Daniel 7:8
- Prince who is to come—Daniel 9:26
- The king who will do as he pleases—Daniel 11:36

True believers refuse to worship the beast (vv. 8–10)

- **Those who oppose him are written in the Lamb's book of life (v. 8).**
- **Those who oppose him listen to the words of God (v. 9).**
- **Those who oppose him wait for God to destroy him (v. 10; 19:20).**

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 - Description of the 2nd Beast (13:11–12)**
 - ✓ His Origin**
 - ✓ His Character**

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 - Deception of the 2nd Beast (13:13–15)**
 - ✓ Counterfeit signs**
 - ✓ Making the image live**

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 - Demarcation of the 2nd Beast (13:16–18)**
 - ✓ People receive the mark**
 - ✓ Number of the name: 666**

Question for Discussion

**How is
the second beast
like the Holy Spirit?**

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus came as a human being.
- Jesus performed the will of the Father.
- Jesus did not blaspheme—as God, He did the works of God.
- Jesus was given all authority in heaven and on earth.
- Jesus is worthy of worship.
- Jesus really did rise from the dead at His resurrection.

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus gives life.
- Jesus did not perform signs to deceive.
- The Holy Spirit causes people to worship Christ and the Father.