

I. Introduction: John sees a vision of two beasts, the Antichrist and his false prophet, who will rule over the world politically, militarily, and religiously in the tribulation.

- A. In the end times, people will search for a strong, charismatic, and authoritative leader. He will appear, on the surface, to be everything that people want in a leader.

II. The False Christ and False Prophet (Rev 13:1-18).

A. The False Christ (**vv. 1-10**).

1. The Antichrist arises out of the pit of hell, demanding worship as god. He will be killed and will come back to life in a false resurrection from the dead.

B. The False Prophet (**vv. 11-18**).

1. The false prophet comes “up out of the earth” (**v. 11**). He is like John the Baptist, preparing the way for the exaltation and worship of the false messiah.

III Conclusion: Satan, the antichrist, and the false prophet will rule the world in the end times, demanding that people worship them in place of the real messiah, Jesus.

Questions About: The False Christ and False Prophet

1. Who is someone you look up to as a leader? A parent? Pastor? Elder? Evangelical leader? Teacher? Politician? Why do you think people tend to deify their leaders?
2. Where does the beast come from? (**Rev 13:1-6**) What does the sea symbolize? (**v. 1**) What is the significance of the horns? (**Dan 7:7-8, 23-24**) What about the heads? (**Rev 17:9-11**)
3. Where does the beast get his authority? (**Rev 13:1-6**) Why are people amazed by the beast? (**v. 3**) How is he injured? (**Rev 13:3, 12, 14**) Does he resurrect from the dead or not?
4. How is the beast arrogant? (**Rev 13:5-10**) What does Antichrist do to the saints? (**v. 7**) Who worships the beast? (**v. 8**) What familiar phrase is repeated here? (**v. 9**)
5. Who is the second beast that comes up out of the earth? (**Rev 13:11-18**) What does he look like? By what other name is he referred to in Revelation? (**Rev 16:13; 19:20; 20:10**)
6. What does he make people do? (**Rev 13:11-12**) How does he deceive the world into worshiping the beast? (**Rev 13:13-14**) How is he able to perform signs?
7. What does the false prophet tell the people to do? (**Rev 13:14-15**) How does he bring it to life? (**v. 15**) What does he do to those who refuse to worship the image? (**Rev 13:15, 20:4**)
8. What does he force people to do, in order to buy and sell? (**Rev 13:16-18**) Are you marked by God or the world? What is the number of the beast? (**v. 18**) What is its significance?

Prayer

1. Will you pray that God might help you to put your hope in Jesus and not in human leaders?
2. Will you ask God to help you to be marked by Him and not by the world?