***REVELATION***

**Ch. 13**

**I. The beast rising from the sea** Vs. 1-10

A. John's vision of a beast rising from the sea **Vs.** **1**

1. Rises from the sea---Jewish people felt the sea was a wild, dangerous place

2. Similar to the Dragon of Chapter 12, but different----“Beast”----- **Revelation 11:3**

1. Seven heads---mountains and kings---**Rev. 17:8-13**

2. Ten horns---Ten kingdoms that have not come into power at that time

B. The Antichrist

1. The prefix anti may mean "the opposite of" or "instead of."

2. He has ten crowns instead of the 7 that the dragon had:

a) 7 crowns of the dragon expressed his strength and power,

b) The ten crowns of the beast express his rule over a group of ten nations.

c) A similar beast was seen by Daniel--- **Daniel 7:7**

3. Each head has a name that speaks against God---**v. 1**

4. The Beast is a man

a. Worshipped as a god

b. The Beast has a name and a number

c. He goes to Hell--- **Revelation 17:11; 20:10**

d. He is called the son of perdition ---**2 Thessalonians 2:3**

5. He is satanically empowered---**vs. 2; 4**

6. He ascends out of the bottomless pit ---**Revelation 11:7, 17:8**

7. He is wounded---**Vs.** **3**

a. The recovery of the beast increases his fame and authority

b.This recovery is mentioned twice in connection to the Beast’s worship and devotion---**Rev. 13:12; 14**

8. Causes people to worship Satan ---**Vs. 4**

9. Commits Blasphemy **Vs.** **5-6**---Notice, he speaks against those taken in the rapture

10. Persecutes Believers--- **Vs.** **7-8**

C. The False Prophet---13:11-18

1. The 2nd Beast is the head of the one world church---a religious leader, rather than a political leader

2. He is called the “False Prophet” elsewhere in Revelation (**16:13; 19:20; 20:10**)

3. They are different….

a. They are different in origin, because one comes out of the sea, the other out of the earth.

b. They are different in rank---the second is subordinate to the first----**Revelation 13:12**

c. They are different in appearance

1) The second has a mild, "lamb-like" appearance----wolf in sheep’s clothing?

2) 2 horns---Dual Authority---Kingly and priestly offices

3) He comes from the Earth---Possibly referring to him being Jewish

d. He has immense power

1) All the power of the First beast---**vs. 12**

2) Signs and wonders---**vs. 13**

3) Points them to worship the beast---**Vs. 14**

4) Brings the image of the beast to “Life”---**vs. 15**

5) Implements the Mark of the Beast--- **vs.16**

a. No one may buy or sell without it

b. Most likely a number or numeric code--- **vs.18**