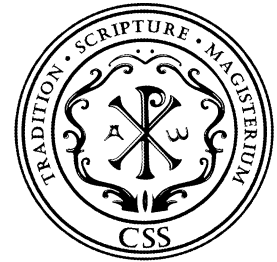


## Lesson 12 . . . The Beasts from Sea and Land

# Revelation

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### **Notes from the Podium**

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***These notes are intended to augment your own reading and study of the lesson. Please use as an aid to help document the main message of the lecture.***

### **Revelation 12:1-13**

- I. Typology - God uses persons, places of things to prepare his people to receive the fullness of a particular revelation
  - A. A lamb in the Old Testament prepares for the Lamb of God
  - B. 2 kinds of "types": Types of Fulfillment and Types of Contrast
  - C. More on Types of Contrast
    - 1. Foil characters, Eve and Our Lady
    - 2. Can be seen as "types" and "antitypes"
- II. Antitype - Antichrist
  - A. Antitype: like a film negative, you can make out the image but it is full of darkness
    - 1. Christ, the new Adam overturned the disobedience of the first Adam
    - 2. The Antichrist will be like the original Adam but with the face of Christ
      - a. Like the first Adam, he will reach out and grasp at equality with God in his disobedience.
      - b. Because he will look like Christ many will mistake him for the Savior.
- III. The Beast from the Sea
  - A. 10 horns and 7 heads (recall the dragon from Rev. 12 representing an image of Satan and his minions - the Herodian Dynasty and Rome)
  - B. Blasphemous names
    - 1. Blasphemy is the opposite of adoration
    - 2. Describes the Caesars of Rome
      - a. The Caesars assumed names for themselves that were proper to God alone.
      - b. They reached for equality with God
  - C. Leopard, Bear, and Lion
    - 1. Dan. 7:1-7 - The prophet has an image of 4 beasts, the 4th being too hideous to describe
    - 2. John combines the 1st 3 beasts (leopard, bear, and lion) into one image of the 4th - Rome
  - D. Rome is a pawn of the dragon: It is given power and authority by the dragon
  - E. 1 of the 7 heads has a mortal wound that is healed
  - F. The whole earth followed it with wonder.
- IV. Beast vs. Man
  - A. Beast and Man both created on the 6th day.
    - 1. Man created for the 7th day - for worship, to be the one who offers God all of the created order, to dwell in the temple.
    - 2. Man is the natural priest, the liaison between matter and spirit - he is at once like the beast and like God
    - 3. If man refuses his lofty office, he becomes beastlike - and even worse because he has intelligence.
- V. Nero and the Beast from the Sea
  - A. Epitomized beast - one of the most brutal Caesars of Rome
  - B. The mortal wound that is healed may point to Nero

## ***Notes from the Podium (cont)***

1. Myth that after his suicide he would return from the dead
2. Nero left no heir so after his death there was chaos in Rome
- C. Nero persecuted for 3 1/2 years or 42 months
- VI. "Who is like the Beast..." and "...who can fight against it?"
  - A. Exodus 15:11 - words spoken to God, "Who is like to you, oh Lord?"
  - B. Note references to "likeness" and "image" (type and antitype)
    1. We were created in His image and likeness
    2. Ironically the temptation in the garden was "You will be like God"
    3. The danger is always in confusing the likeness for the one who it is like, the Creator.
  - C. Archangel Michael
    1. fights and defeats Satan in Heaven
    2. "Michael" means "who is like God"
    3. His very name says to all those who seek equality with God - "Who is like God?" - repeating the words of Exodus
- VII. Allowed to Conquer
  - A. Christ did not come to save us from persecution; he comes to save us from eternal death.
  - B. The only weapon used in Revelation is the Word; peace will not be established by war.
    1. War is the very scourge of God
    2. Few wars are just
  - C. If we suffer for righteousness sake (the truth), then we have aligned ourselves with the Lamb and we are blessed.
  - D. Satan makes war on the Saints because he couldn't touch the Woman or the Child.
- VIII. A Call for the Endurance and Faith of the Saints
  - A. 2 Kings 21:1-18 - The Reign of Manasseh, the worst of Davidic Kings
    1. He worshipped Baal who required child sacrifice
    2. He offered incense to foreign gods in the temple
  - B. Jeremiah is sent to warn Manasseh
    1. Manasseh's son repented and reformed the temple, but it was too late
    2. God tells Jeremiah, "tell them not to pray to me.....they will be blotted out"
    3. Jeremiah stopped praying and declared that their situation was hopeless.
  - C. God always forgives, but they were beyond the point of turning their hearts back to God.
    1. A scourge was necessary to bring them back.
    2. "Those who have ears to hear let them hear", none in Jeremiah's time could hear.
    3. They were leveled
  - D. John, in calling for endurance and faith of the Saints, is saying that these things are going to happen and there is no stopping it. Jerusalem is going to be destroyed, so now is the time for endurance.
  - E. In regards to our own time:
    1. God have mercy if we haven't gotten to this point of no return yet.
    2. Pray, Fast, Sacrifice
    3. It is difficult to imagine that the evils of Jeremiah's time were any worse than ours today, especially in regards to child sacrifice.
- IX. The beast from the earth (the land)
  - A. Rome is used by the dragon, but so too are the persons of the promised land, Jerusalem.
  - B. Behemoth is his name
  - C. 2 horns, like a lamb
    1. not the Lamb, but it looked like the Lamb (identifying him as Christ Himself)
    2. Looks like a lamb, but speaks like a dragon (with a forked tongue)
    3. Has all authority of the first beast in it's presence
    4. It makes all of the earth worship the 1st beast whose mortal wound is healed.
- X. Beast will destroy Beast

## ***Notes from the Podium (cont)***

- A. Rome is going to destroy Jerusalem, but both work for the dragon, Satan. (Isn't this how we experience war?)
  - B. The enemy is Satan who is using pawns, who have freely given themselves over to him, to destroy each other, to destroy the people of God.
- XI. The beast works great signs:
- A. Fire comes down from heaven to earth in the sight of men.
  - B. Background:
    1. James and John ask Christ to call down fire but are refused.
    2. Elijah, in mockery of idolaters, called down fire to consume a sacrifice that was intended for Baal.
    3. James and John were denied their request by Christ because *The Fire* had already come down to earth in the person of the Son of God.