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## Revelation 13:11-18

11Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. 12It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence,<sup>c</sup> and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. 13It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, 14and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. 16Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, 17so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. 18This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

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## Sermon Outline:

- I. The Beast from the Earth Revealed (11)
- II. The Works of the Beast (12-15)
- III. The Mark of the Beast (16-18)

## Life Group Leader Notes:





- In the introduction, Pastor Scott referenced several popular books that focus on the end times. These books have sold millions of copies. He said that evangelicals are drawn to books like *Left Behind* like moths to a flame. Why do you think this is? Have you ever been drawn to one of these popular opinions? What does our "need to know" mentality say about us?
- Why is it necessary that we remember this book is apocalyptic, image-driven literature?
- When you consider Satan's attempts to overcome God's people, what makes his strategy so evil? How is this consistent with his character? Share examples from Scripture and history.
- What is the significance of the 'divine passives' in these chapters (12:9,14;13:5,7,14)? What do these teach you about Satan? About God?
- In Matthew 7:15 (the Sermon on the Mount), Jesus warns his disciples of false prophets in sheep's clothing. What are some examples of false teachings/prophets disguised as 'sheep' or 'light' (2 Cor. 11:14) that have infiltrated the church at some point?
- Consider Romans 14:8-12. How do these verses encourage us to live? What promise does it hold?
- There have been endless predictions on the meaning of 666. Instead of adding one more opinion to the conversation, Pastor Scott essentially said that we will know the meaning of the number when we need to know. It will be clear to believers. Is this satisfying to you? If not, why? Discuss the wisdom in this approach.
- These past two sermons on the beasts from the sea and earth have been difficult to study. There will be widespread deception and inescapable persecution. And yet, as difficult as they are to process, there is a clear strand of hope for believers who have ears to hear (Rev. 13:9). End your discussion by identifying that strand of hope. Encourage one another and spend some time praying for greater faith and endurance.

