



REVELATION

SESSION 6 DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET

Summary - Revelation 13 (24 minutes)

Two beasts emerge, one from the sea and one from the land, and they are the Antichrist and the False Prophet (Revelation 13:1-14).

The False Prophet will initiate a program in which people can only purchase if they receive a mark on their foreheads or on their right hands. The mark of the beast is the number of his name - 666 (Revelation 13:16-18).

Discussion Questions - After discussing what you learned from the teaching, use the following questions to have further conversation.

1. Pastor Drew reminded us of some of the other names for the Antichrist:
 - The lawless one—see 2 Thessalonians 2:8.
 - The man doomed to destruction—see 2 Thessalonians 2:3.
 - The man of lawlessness—see 2 Thessalonians 2:3.
 - The foolish and worthless shepherd—see Zechariah 11:15-17.
 - The king—Daniel 11:36.
 - A contemptible person—Daniel 11:21.
 - The ruler who will come—Daniel 9:26.

He also said instead of trying to figure out who is the Antichrist, it's better to discover what kind of person he will be, and why he will have such an influence on so many people. Describe what this person will be like, and why he will be so influential.

2. The second beast, the one “coming out of the earth,” is known as the False Prophet, and it's his task to unite the world to worship the Antichrist. It's curious to see worship and religion playing such a crucial role even during the end of the world. Why is that and what does it say about humanity?
3. In what sense is the “unholy trinity” of the Dragon, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet so very different from the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

THE SEVEN BOWLS

Summary - Revelation 15-16 (20 minutes)

Before John sees the Seven Bowls, he witnesses worship in Heaven and the singing of the Victory Song (Revelation 15:1-4).

John then sees seven angels bringing the Seven Bowls. These Seven Bowls will complete God's judgment and mark the end of history as we know it (Revelation 15:5-8).

The Seven Bowls unleash severe trials and destruction upon creation (Revelation 16:1-16):

- First Bowl - Festering, open-wounded sores.
- Second Bowl - Ocean turns to blood and death of all sea life.
- Third Bowl - All freshwater sources turn to blood.
- Fourth Bowl - Poured on sun causing atmospheric disturbances/solar flares, and humanity is scorched.
- Fifth Bowl - Poured out on the throne of the beast, bringing darkness, misery, and pain.
- Sixth Bowl - Drying up the Euphrates River allowing for the kings from the East to gather for the battle of Armageddon.
- Seventh Bowl - to be described later.

Discussion Questions

1. The scene in Heaven saw them singing the Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb (or as we called it this week, the Victory Song). As you read this song again in Revelation 15:3-4, identify key truths that would encourage and strengthen you as you worship God through its reading and singing? How have you recently seen “God’s righteous deeds revealed” (Revelation 15:4)?
2. How are the Seven Bowl judgments different from the earlier Seven Seals and the Seven Trumpets?
3. What is your key takeaway from this lesson? How have you been strengthened in your faith from this lesson?

Homework: Before the next class, be sure to prepare by reading chapters 17-19.