

**The Book of Revelation: Where
Heaven, Hell & Earth Collide —
Session 6: Dragon, Beasts,
Protection & Judgment**



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A Woman & A Dragon

“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.”

Revelation 12:1-2

Compare Genesis 37:9, Song of Solomon 6:8-10; Isaiah 26:17-19; 62:3-5; Luke 21:25, among other texts



A Woman & A Dragon

Three Primary Views

- Mary
- Israel
- 'Messianic' Community



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“Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.”

Revelation 12:7

Compare Daniel 10:13, 20-21; 12:1; Jude 9, Matthew 25:41



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“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah....'”

Revelation 12:10, see the entire hymn in vv. 10-12

Interpreting and confirming 12:1-9



Two Beasts

“The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.”

Revelation 13:2

Daniel's Four Beasts combined into one!



Two Beasts

This First Beast...

- Is wounded but healed (13:3)
- Is followed and worshipped (13:3-4)
- Blasphemes for 42 months (13:5-6)
- Wages war against and conquers both God's people and the whole world (13:7)



Two Beasts

“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. Whoever has ears, let them hear... [paraphrase from Jeremiah 15:2; 43:11] ... This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God’s people.”

Revelation 13:8-10



Two Beasts

This Second Beast...

- Serves the first beast (13:12)
- Performs signs (13:13)
- Deceives (13:14)
- Enforces worship of the first beast (13:14-15)
- Mandates the 'mark of the beast' (13:16-17)



Two Beasts

A Summary Statement

“This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.”

Revelation 13:18



Two Beasts

666: Three General Categories of Interpretation

- Numerical clue for particular political leaders (Nero, Hitler, etc.)
- Indicates length of an empire (Roman, Islam, Papacy, etc.)
- General symbol for Antichrist, “antichrists,” or evil world powers



The Lamb & 144,000

“Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.”

Revelation 14:1

Again, compare Ezekiel 9, in contrast to the ‘mark of the beast’



The Lamb & 144,000

- Their 'new song' (14:2-3)
- Their purity (14:4-5)



Three Angels

“Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.’”

Revelation 14:6-7

Recall the judgments of the 1st four trumpets, and the three ‘woes’, 8:2-9:12



Three Angels

“A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,” which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.””

Revelation 14:8

Compare Isaiah 21:9; Jeremiah 51:7-9;
Daniel 4:28-32



Three Angels

“A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice:
‘If anyone worships the beast and its image and
receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand,
they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has
been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath.’”

Revelation 14:9-10a




Three Angels

“They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”

Revelation 14:10b-11

Describes endless, conscious torment



The Son of Man Returns

“The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.”

Revelation 14:19-20

Note 1,600 stadia ≈ 180 miles

Compare Isaiah 60-63; Joel 3:11-14