



The Signs to Look For:

- **#1 – The Woman = Israel**
 - We take this sign for granted but they were scattered around the world from 70 AD until 1948 AD. This was truly a miracle in the minds of John's readers because the Israel was no more when he wrote down the words.
- **#2 – The rise of dragon = Satan**
 - Satan has been active on the earth, but he will become more active
- **#3 – The birth, life, and ascension of Jesus**
 - Christ has come and now the apocalyptic clock can start!
- **#4 – Michael and the angelic war**
 - The final war is yet to come.
- **#5 – God's protection of the fleeing remnant**
 - The fleeing is yet to come.
 - 5a) The rebuilding of the temple (Rev. 11:1-2)
 - 5b) The ACD – the abomination that causes desolation (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:13)
 - 5c) The appearance of the two witnesses (Rev. 11)

I. The Beast from the Sea (13:1-2)

Verse 1

And the dragon stood
on the shore of the sea.

And I saw (horao)

a beast (therion = wild, dangerous animal)

Sign #6 to look for – The Rise of an Anti-Christ figure.

1) coming out of the sea. (sea = chaos/evil)

2) He had ten horns (Like the dragon; Rev. 12:3)

Daniel 7:7,24 3) seven heads, (Like the dragon; Rev. 12:3)

4) with ten crowns (diadems; unlike the dragon)
on his horns (Unlike the dragon)

5) and on each head

Daniel 7:25 —————> a blasphemous name. (something new)



Verse 2

The beast I saw

- 6) resembled a leopard
- 7) but had feet like those of a bear
- 8) and a mouth like that of a lion.

Referring to Daniel 7 and the list of kingdoms
This beast has attributes of all of the four prior kingdoms including the 10 horns or Rome.

9) The dragon gave the beast

- i) his power (dynamis)
- ii) and his throne (thronos)
- iii) and great authority. (exousia = right to rule)

It becomes clear that this beast is empowered (possibly possessed by Satan himself. The beast accepts Satan's offer (Matt. 4:8-10)

II. The Beast's Deception (13:3-8)

Verse 3

- 10) iv) One of the heads
of the beast
seemed (hos) to have had
a fatal head wound, (sphazo = slain)
but the fatal wound
had been healed.

- 11) The whole world (world wide audience)
was astonished (thumazo = to wonder)
and followed (opiso) the beast (sea)

The appearance of a miraculous healing – leads the world to come behind the beast and follow his lead. Again, Satan's method is to mimic God and Christ and use this to deceive people.

The idea of an Anti-Christ

- The word “Anti-Christ” only appears in four verses:
 - I John 2:18
 - I John 2:22
 - I John 4:3
 - 2 John 7
- There are three options for the idea of an “Anti”
 - One who is opposite – looks, acts, believes opposite another
 - One who opposes – works to destroy and undermine another
 - One who is instead of – sets themselves up at the better alternative
- There are solid connections with other names from the Bible:
 - Daniel 7:8 – “The little horn”
 - Daniel 8:23 – “The king of fierce countenance”
 - Daniel 9:26 – “The prince that shall come”
 - Daniel 11:36-45 – “The willful king”
 - John 5:43 – The one who “comes in his own name”
 - 2 Thess. 2:3 – “son of perdition”, “man of sin”, “the lawless one”



Verse 4

**Men worshipped the dragon
because he had given authority
to the beast,**

The world makes a clear connection between the dragon and the beast from the sea with the dragon being the leader.

**and they also worshipped the beast
and asked,**

This worship is due to the healing of the head wound

“Who is like the beast?

Who can make war against him?”

The world is in chaos because of the judgements of God so the beast and dragon appear to be messiah figures.

Verse 5

**12) The beast was given a mouth
to utter**

Daniel
7:25;11:36

i) **proud** (megas = selfish) **words**

ii) **and blasphemies** (slandorous/unholy)

iii) **and to exercise authority**

for forty-two months. (3 1/2 years)

Blasphemer may be a more accurate title than “Anti-Christ”

Referring back to Daniel 7:25 – this is the actions of the accuser who will be given limited authority by God for a time then will be destroyed by God’s people along with Satan and his team. (Daniel 7:26)

Verse 6

13) He opened his mouth

i) **to blaspheme God**, (theos = God’s person)

ii) **and to slander his name** (God’s authority)

iii) **and his dwelling place** (skene = tabernacle)

iv) **and those who live in heaven.** (God’s representatives)

This disregard for God, Israel, the temple, and the heavenly realm is an obvious proof of who this person is to those who have discernment based on his words.

The sheer scope of the hatred and slander points to the level of his anger toward God and anything or anyone connected to God.

Verse 7

14) He was given power (poieo = the ability)
to make war
against the saints (hagios)
and to conquer (nikao) **them.**

Another obvious mark of the Anti-Christ is his hatred for the Christian church and the believers in Jesus Christ.

15) and he was given authority (exousia)
over every

tribe,

people,

language,

and nation.

} World-wide
oppression

Verse 8

16) All the inhabitants (kateoikeo = love) **of the earth**
will worship the beast (demand and receive)

- all whose names have

not been written in

the book of life (Rev. 20:12,15; Phil. 4:3)

belonging to the Lamb

that was slain

from the foundation

of the world.

} God’s
Eternal Plan

The “book of life” is mentioned 7 times in Revelation and one time outside Revelation is a book with the names of the redeemed listed there.

III. The Warning (13:9-10)

Verse 9

**He who has an ear
let him hear:**

Taken back to the seven churches! Listen carefully!

Verse 10

*“If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity he will go,
If anyone is to be killed
with the sword,
with the sword he will be killed.”*

This can be seen two ways: 1) retaliation or 2) relaxation

This calls for patient endurance (hypomone)

and faithfulness (pistis) **on the part of the saints.**

IV. The Beast from the Earth (13:11-15)

Verse 11

Then I saw

another beast, (similar to first beast from the sea)

Sign #7 of things to watch for.

- 1) coming out of the earth. (human origin)
- 2) He had two horns (not kings – just like a lamb)
- 3) like a lamb, (image of humility)
- 4) but he spoke like a dragon.

Second beast is called the “False Prophet”

(Rev. 16:13, 19:20, and 20:10)

Despite his humble appearance, his message is like the first beast and exalts the dragon. This is the final part of the unholy trinity! The Dragon, the Anti-Christ, and the False Prophet .

Verse 12

- 5) He exercised
all the authority of the first beast (sea)
- 6) on his behalf (enopion = in the face) ,
- 7) and made the earth
and its inhabitants
worship the first beast (sea),
- 8) whose fatal wound
had been healed.

His purpose is clear – to represent the first beast and to be the activist that forces people to worship the first beast and uses his miraculous healing as a chief proof of the messiah ship of the first beast.

Verse 13

- 9) And he performed
great and
miraculous signs,

The false prophet has ability to do false signs as well!

- i) causing fire to come down
from heaven, (the Elijah effect)
in full view of men. (mass media)

Even in the days of Christ, men looked to signs to establish authority and power (Matt. 12:39;16). Even though Christ did many signs and wonders, the Jews would not believe. Once again men beg for signs and wonders and this time it leads them astray.

Verse 14

- 10) Because of the signs
he was given power to do
on behalf of the first beast,
He deceived (Matt. 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9)
the inhabitants of the earth.
- 11) He ordered them
to set up an image (Nebuchadnezzar effect)
in honor of the beast (sea)
who was wounded by the sword
and yet lived.

An image (eikon = likeness) to honor and worship. The other abomination to God is to lead a nation into idolatry!

Verse 15

- 12) He was given power
to give breath to the image
of the first beast (sea),

so that it could speak (laleo = converse)
and cause all who refuse to worship (the image)
to be killed.

This will be a modern form of idol that can communicate!

The first part of the strategy of the enemy is to threaten those who do not worship the beast with death. Once again a throw back to the tactics of Nebuchadnezzar. This could be the ACD spoken of by Daniel and Jesus.

V. The Beast's Strategy (13:16-18)

Verse 16

- 13) He also forced everyone,
 - i) small and great,
 - ii) rich and poor,
 - iii) free and slave,to receive a mark (charagma = from to trench – to stamp or engrave)
 - i) on his right hand
 - ii) or on his forehead. (mimic's God's seal)

Verse 17

So that no one
could buy or sell
unless he had the mark,

which is the name (onamos) of the beast
or the number (arithmos) of his name.

The purpose of the mark is made clear – to control the population of the earth. They threaten and oppress in order to manipulate any dissenters.

Verse 18

This calls for wisdom (sophia) .

Wisdom is always available (James 1:5)

If anyone has insight (nous = understanding) ,

let him calculate (psephizo = explain using numers)

the number (arithmos) of the beast,

for it is (a) man's (anthropos) number.

His number is 666.

Greek letters correspond to numbers. For example,

Jesus is 888. Jesus name

I H S O U S = iota (10) +

eta(8) + sigma (200) +

omicron (70) + upsilon (400) + sigma (200) = 888.

α	alpha	1	ι	iota	10	ρ	rho	100
β	beta	2	κ	kappa	20	σ	sigma	200
γ	gamma	3	λ	lambda	30	τ	tau	300
δ	delta	4	μ	mu	40	υ	upsilon	400
ε	epsilon	5	ν	nu	50	φ	phi	500
ς	stigma	6	ξ	xi	60	χ	chi	600
ζ	zeta	7	ο	omicron	70	ψ	psi	700
η	eta	8	π	pi	80	ω	omega	800
θ	theta	9	Ϟ	koppa	90	Ϡ	sampi	900



Prayer Concerns