

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #78 - December 28th., 2025

Moderator: It's been two whole years since we started this class and we have only covered 13 chapters! (and we skipped over chapters 2 & 3). It's been a whole month since our last lesson, so I want to summarize what we covered so far in Chapter 13. I'll start with Chapter 13:11:

Revelation 13:11-18 “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

Moderator: Now we'll back up and concentrate on Revelation 13:14-15:

• #1 THE PEOPLE SHOULD MAKE AN IMAGE TO THE BEAST (Rev. 13:14)

Revelation 13:14 “And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

Moderator: We see the two beasts working in tandem to convince the world to worship the Anti-christ. I believe this “image” will be built right next to the rebuilt Temple. We have to remember that the central focus of the Tribulation period is the nation of Israel. We have no idea what this image is made of.

We also know from Daniel how Nebuchadnezzar had built an enormous statue. It was very large considering the technology of that day. However the image spoken of in Revelation 13 is most likely the largest man-made structure ever constructed, most likely visible for miles around it! To see it speak will be mindblowing! It will probably be very loud to frighten men into worshipping the Antichrist. We know from the Bible how God says idol statues have no voice and are dead, however, THIS statue will be different, it will APPEAR to be alive, with lips that move and facial expressions that will fascinate (and frighten) anyone who sees and hears it!

Modern technology has advanced so much that we shouldn't even think of the old adage of “I won't believe it till I see it with my own eyes!”. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made the unreal, seem...REAL! Like many things, there is some good things this technology can do, but along with this...some terrible things are also enabled.

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Moderator: One last point: back to Revelation 13:15:

- #1 THE FALSE PROPHET HAS POWER TO CAUSE THOSE WHO REFUSE TO WORSHIP THE BEAST TO BE KILLED (Rev. 13:15)

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