

Today's Theme

“Take The Mark Now”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

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1. A *second* beast (SB) is *introduced*.

(1) This beast came *out* of the *earth*.

Rev 13:11 Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. . . .

(2) SB had 2 *horns* on its *head* as does a lamb.

Rev 13:11 . . . It had two horns like a lamb, . . .

(3) SB *sounded* verbally like a *dragon*.

Rev 13:11 . . . but it spoke like a dragon.

2. SB with his *power* sets up the *deception*.

(1) SB had *power* similar to the AC.

Rev 13:12 It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, . . .

(2) SB's *target* was for people to *worship* AC.

Rev 13:12 . . . and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

(3) SB performed amazing *miracles* regularly.

Rev 13:13 And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people.

(4) SB used miracles to *wow* & *impact* people.

Rev 13:14 Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. . . .

(5) SB *demand*ed people to *idolize* the AC.

Rev 13:14 . . . It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

3. SB makes his goal *public* - The *Mark*.

(1) SB goes to the *next* level in *pushing* the AC.

Rev 13:15p The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

(2) SB *pressures* people to take the *mark*.

Rev 13:16 It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,

(3) This mark came with an *agenda* to *control*.

Rev 13:17 so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

(4) The Mark came with *great consequences*.

Rev 13:18 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.