

THINGS TO COME | THE TWO BEASTS
REVELATION 13:1-18

Satan is a master counterfeiter. John wrote about him in his Gospel. In John 8, Jesus rebuked the Jewish leaders and described Satan's character: "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44, ESV) In Revelation 13, we see Satan's deception behind the rise of two beasts. He will empower both to do evil and blasphemous things. While many speculate about this chapter's future fulfillment, we are challenged to draw close to the authentic Trinity, as we view the imposters. Who are the beasts and what should be our response to their rise?

1. The first beast is the _____ and will counterfeit _____ in his person, kingdom, resurrection, and authority and speech.

2. The second beast is the _____ and will counterfeit the _____ and point people toward the Antichrist.

3. _____ empowers the two beasts in their rebellion against God and attacks on His people, while counterfeiting _____, the _____.

4. In the church age, we should focus less on _____, and more on _____ Christ, _____ Him more closely, _____ others to Him, and _____ for our Savior.