



BIG IDEA: Satan offers counterfeits to distract people from knowing the truth.

THE BEAST FROM THE SEA (Revelation 13:1-10)

The sea often refers to Gentiles.

The dragon gives this beast power and authority.

The Preterist view:

The beast represents Nero. (*Revelation 17:9-10*)

The healed mortal wound was Nero committing suicide and Vespasian taking the throne.

The Futurist view:

The beast represents a future Antichrist.

The healed mortal wound is the destroyed Roman Empire being revived in the future.

This beast will persecute the saints.

THE BEAST FROM THE LAND (Revelation 13:11-18)

The earth (land) often refers to Israel.

The Second Beast is the false prophet. (*Revelation 16:13; 19:20; 20:10*)

Some say this is an unholy trinity—Satan, the Antichrist, and the false prophet.

The second beast points others to worship the first beast.

The number of the beast (the number of a man) is 666.