



The False Prophet

Revelation 13:11-18

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ESV 11 Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. 12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. 13 It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, 14 and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15 And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. 16 Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, 17 so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. 18 This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.



Takeaways:

Not all miracle-performers are from God.

John 8:44-45; Matt 24:24-25; 2 Thess. 2:9-12; 2 John 7-8;11

Don't justify even a "small" sin; evil is behind it.

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Even today, you must decide whose mark you will wear.

Eph. 4:29 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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LifeGroup Study Guide

Symbolism. We see the symbol of 10 horns and seven heads in Rev 12:3, referring to the Dragon; in Rev 13:2, referring to the Anti-Christ, and in Rev 13:11 we see the beast out of the earth has two horns like a lamb, yet spoke like a dragon. What do these horns and heads mean, and what does it mean that the False Prophet is like a lamb and a dragon?

Evil Work. What is the main job of the False Prophet? 13:13

What supernatural work will he do to persuade people? 13: 13-14
What real prophet of God does he mimic?

What impact will this supernatural work have on the inhabitants of the earth? 13:14

What does he order people to do? Why do you think he does this? 13:14
Compare this to Daniel 9: 27; 11:31, 36-39. What do you learn from these prophecies?

Evil Power. What is the source of the False Prophet's power? 13:15

What supernatural work will he be able to do?
Are all miracle workers from God? Why or why not?
Compare Matt. 24:24-25; Exodus 7:10-13; 19-24; 8:6-8; 8:16-19; 9:10-11

Evil Mark. What is the significance of the mark that the False Prophet forces people to take?

Apply it. With what are we marked/sealed? Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:29.

What difference should this make in our lives?

How can we identify false prophets today?
What is the best way to know, think, and live the truth?