

Revelation 13:1–10 — Participant Outline

The Beast from the Sea: Empire's Borrowed Power

Big Idea: What looks like unstoppable power is a temporary, puppet performance staged by a defeated dragon running out of _____.

I. The Beast Appears (13:1–2)

1. The beast rises out of the _____, echoing Daniel's vision of _____ beasts rising from a churning sea.
2. The beast has _____ horns, _____ heads, and wears crowns on his _____ (v. 1) — a sign that authority has spread outward into an entire _____ / _____, not just one ruler.
3. The dragon gives the beast his power, his _____, and great _____ (v. 2).

Takeaway: *The beast's authority is not **original**. It is **borrowed/delegated**.*

II. The Wound That Healed (13:3–4)

1. One head has a wound that was _____ but then _____ — the exact same language used of the _____ in Revelation 5:6.
2. The whole earth is _____ and _____ / _____ the beast.
3. The nations ask, "Who is like the beast?" — deliberately echoing Israel's worship language for the _____ alone (Exodus 15:11).

Takeaway: *Evil is often most persuasive exactly where it looks most **impressive/resilient/invincible**.*

III. Boundaries on the Beast's Reign (13:5–8)

1. Four times in this section, the beast "was _____" his authority — a mouth, power, permission to make war. Evil is real, but never **autonomous**/_____.
2. The beast's reign lasts _____ months — the same period as the _____ days from chapters 11–12.
3. Verse 7 says the beast "_____ " the saints. Compare 12:11, where the saints "_____ " Satan. Same Greek verb — two different definitions of _____ / _____.
4. Whose names are written in the book of life?

Takeaway: *Those who belong to the Lamb, written there from before the foundation of the world — as opposed to those who worship the beast.*

IV. The Call to Endurance (13:9–10)

1. "Let anyone who has ears to hear, listen" — the same refrain that closes each of the _____ letters in chapters 2–3.
2. The appropriate response to the beast is not retaliation or compromise, but _____ and _____ (v. 10).
3. Why can the saints afford to endure rather than fight back?

Takeaway: *Because the beast's authority is bounded and temporary (42 months), while the saints' standing before God — sealed in the Lamb's book of life — was settled before the world began.*