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# The Book of Revelation: Session 18

## Revelation 13:1-18

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**YouTube:** “Verse by Verse Teaching | Revelation 13:11-18 | Gary Hamrick”  
(taught on November 4, 2020 | 48:01 minutes)

### Notes:

*Revelation 12:* The explanation of God’s redemptive plan through a “woman” and a “child.”

↳ *Revelation 13:* The opposition to that plan by the “dragon,” the “beast out of the sea” and the “beast out of the earth.”

↳ *Revelation 14:* The proclamation of that plan by three angels.

1 John 2:18 – “...the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come.”

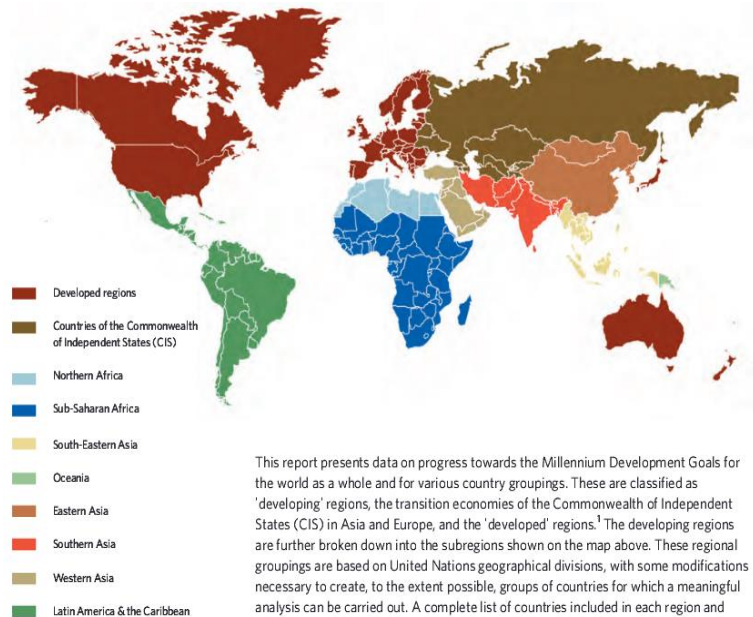
### Names/Titles for “the Antichrist”:

- “The Beast”: mentioned 28 times in Revelation
- “Man of Lawlessness” or “Son of Perdition”: 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- “The Foolish Shepherd”: Zechariah 11:15-17
- “The King who exalts himself”: Daniel 11:36-45

### The False Prophet:

- His Purpose (v. 12): In charge of one world religion, dictating worship of the Antichrist
- His Power (vv. 13-15): “great and miraculous signs”
- His Plan (vv. 16-18): “forced everyone ... to receive a mark ... 666”

### The United Nations’ Ten Regions of the World



## Questions:

1. Read Revelation 13:1-10. A beast comes out of the sea. John MacArthur explains: “Since Revelation 11:7 and 17:8 state that the Beast comes up out of the Abyss, it is best to equate “the sea” with “the Abyss,” ... the realm of satanic activity.” This Beast’s appearance should remind us of four beasts that Daniel saw (in Daniel 7). John Walvoord comments: “In Revelation 13:2, the Beast was seen to gather in the symbolism of the three preceding empires – Greece (the leopard of Daniel 7:6), Medo-Persia (the bear of Daniel 7:5), and Babylon (the lion of Daniel 7:4). This symbolism suggests that the Antichrist of the future Tribulation will embody the sum total of all the world empires that opposed God and His people throughout history. He will be directly empowered by Satan himself, acting as the ultimate dictator and leading the mother of all empires.” Though Satan empowers this Beast, who ultimately allows this all to occur? Read Daniel 7:9-14. How does it impact you to know how the story ends, and Who wins?
  
2. Read Revelation 13:11-18. This second beast comes “out of the earth.” John MacArthur helps us once again: “In the ancient world, “the earth” was less mysterious and foreboding than “the sea.” That the false prophet arises “from the earth” suggests that he will be subtler, gentler, less overpowering, and less terrifying than the Antichrist. He will be winsome and persuasive, the epitome of wolves in sheep’s clothing.” Read 2 Thessalonians 2:9-15. Our world is full of lies. According to Paul, how can we work with God, ensuring that we don’t fall prey to “powerful delusions” seeking to lead the world down the path of destruction?

“The message of this passage is clear. Let the monstrous Beast from the Abyss do his worst. Let Satan and his demon hosts have their hour. God controls the future and believers belong to Him. ... We will triumph on that glorious day when “the kingdom of the world becomes the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever (Rev 11:15).” – John MacArthur

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Want to dig deeper? Engage with these sermons by John MacArthur, taught in 1993:

- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-44/the-beast-out-of-the-sea-part-1>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-45/the-beast-out-of-the-sea-part-2>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-46/the-beast-out-of-the-sea-part-3>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-47/the-final-false-prophet-part-1>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-48/the-final-false-prophet-part-2>