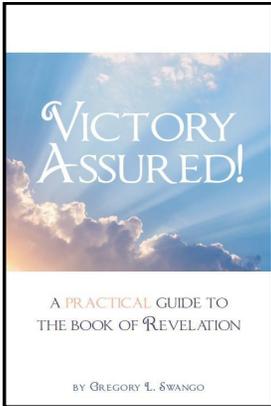


Victory Assured! -- Victory Over Worldliness



Overcoming False Religion (Rev. 13:11-18)

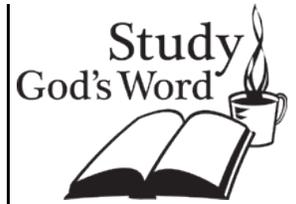
Important Sections:

Lesson 10

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Scripture References

Rev. 13:11-18
Rev. 14:1

Col. 2:8
1Jn. 5:21

2Cor. 11:14
Rev. 19:19,20
Mk. 16:20
Jn. 3:2
Acts 2:43
2Cor. 12:12
Heb. 2:4

2Th. 2:8-12
Mt. 24:24

2Pet. 3:17,18
2Tim. 2:15
1Pet. 3:15

Rom. 13:1-7
1Tim. 2:1,2
1Pet. 2:13-17

Two Beasts.

The sea beast (13:1-10) is Roman empire.

The earth beast (13:11-18) is religious enforcement of sea beast worship.

Another view is that:

one is pagan Rome, and the other is papal Rome.

The Earth Beast (13:11-18).

1. This beast is described as lamb.
2. The purpose of the earth beast is to get people to worship the sea beast.
3. The earth beast performs great signs.
4. The earth beast is trying to look like the real thing;
act like the real thing; and
perform like the real thing, but
it is not the real thing.

The Mark and the Number.

The earth beast is to give those who worship the sea beast a mark.

It allows the bearer to buy and sell in the marketplace.

This helps explain the third seal of 6:5,6.

This mark is not social security numbers, PINs, swastikas, or computer passwords.

John gives the sea beast a number: 666 or 616.

Seven is the perfect number, so God the Father, Son, and Spirit is 777.

The number of the beast is that of a man, not God.

Put It into Practice!

1. Have you ever been persecuted for your faith by discrimination?
2. What do you think the early Christians did to work through this problem?
3. Discuss the powerful symbolism of numbers in the book of Revelation.
4. How involved should a Christian be in government so that the problems of Rev. 13 won't happen?
5. Discuss the "mark of the beast" (13:16,17) and the "mark of the faithful" (7:3; 14:1; Gal. 6:17?).

