

Antichrist - Impersonator

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Rev. 13:1 - He is some type of animal, a beast. Jesus was a type of animal (or beast), a Lamb (See Rev. 5:6). Although it “seems” as though we should be able to easily identify the difference between these two beasts we will see that it may not be that easy.

Rev. 13:1 – The beast looked like the one before Him, just as Christ looked like the One before Him (John 14:7).

Rev. 13:1 - The beast rises up out of the sea, just like Jesus came up “out of the water,” both to start their ministries (See Matthew 3:16). One is a ministry of peace, love, and restoration; the other is a ministry of animosity, hate, and destruction.

Rev. 13:1 - The beast has 10 horns, as Jesus was seen with 7 horns in Rev. 5:6.

Rev. 13:1 - The beast has 10 crowns on his horns, which are upon his head, and it is said of Christ “on His head were many crowns” (See Rev. 19:12).

Rev. 13:1 - The beast has the name of blasphemy written on him. Christ has the name “King of kings, and Lord of lords” written on Him (Rev. 19:16).

Rev. 13:2 – The beast looked like a leopard. Christ portrayed Himself as a leopard (Hosea 13:7).

Rev. 13:2 – The beast looked had the feet of a bear. Christ portrayed Himself as a bear (Hosea 13:8).

Rev. 13:2 - The beast has the mouth of a lion. Christ has the mouth of the “Lion of the tribe of Juda” (Rev. 5:5).

Rev. 13:2 - The dragon gives the beast his power, seat or throne, and great authority, just as the Father gave Jesus His power, seat or throne, and great authority (Matthew 28:18).

Rev. 13:3 - One of the beast’s heads was wounded to death. Christ also was wounded to death, “even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8).

Rev. 13:3 - The beasts deadly wound was healed, just as Christ’s deadly wound was healed (Matthew 28:5-6).

Rev. 13:3 - All the world wondered after the beast, just as all the world wondered after Jesus (John 12:19).

Rev. 13:4 - "They worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast." We worship the Father, which gave power unto Jesus.

Rev. 13:4 - "Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with Him?" These questions I have... Who is like unto Jesus? Who is able to make war with HIM? (See Exodus 15:3)

Rev. 13:5 - As the beast speaks great things, so also does Christ. One speaks blasphemy and the other speaks blessings.

Rev. 13:5 - In his ministry, the beast continued for the space of 42 months, which equals 3 ½ years. Jesus also continued 42 months, or 3 ½ years in His ministry.

Rev. 13:6 - One blasphemes and the other blesses God, His name, tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

Rev. 13:7 - The beast made war with the saints, Jesus made war with Satan, and was able to overcome him...

Rev. 13:7 - He had power over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. He had a universal target. Jesus has the same power given Him in Matthew 28:18, and His target is also universal.

Rev. 13:8 - All that dwell upon the earth shall worship the beast, and the same will happen with Christ (Philippians 2:10-11).

Rev. 13:10 - The beast leads into captivity, and Christ has and will lead the beast into captivity.

Rev. 13:10 - The beast kills with the sword, and Christ kills with the sword that "proceeded out of His mouth" (Rev. 19:21).

Rev. 13:9 - "Whoever has the faculty of attending and understanding, let him use it" (Lex).

2 Corinthians 11:14 - The devil will try with all of his strength and effort to deceive; let us not be surprised if he would even have the gall to appear on this earth as the Messiah Himself.

Matthew 24:24-26 - Christ Himself said that there would be those who would try to "impersonate Christ." The Lex. puts it this way, "One who falsely lays claim to the name and office of the Messiah." Let us watch and be sober... God wishes to save us from the deceptions of the devil, but there are traps on every side. Let us watch and pray.