

## **“The 1<sup>st</sup> Beast & The Dragon”**

### **Revelation 13:1-10**

#### **Intro:**

- \* Talk about 2 characters in a story who are completely intertwined with each other.
- \* Illustration: Book or a movie
- \* Revelation 13 is actually about 3 characters who are intertwined in God’s end time story (plan).

**Reflecting on the Word:** What do we see about the Beast & 1<sup>st</sup> Dragon & how they are intertwined in God’s end times story?

#### **1. The Identity of the 1<sup>st</sup> Beast (13:1-4)**

**1** And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.---; **Revelation 11:7; 13:14-15; 15:2; 16:13; 17:3, 7-13; Daniel 7:2-8, 17, 19-27; Daniel 9:24-27; Daniel 11:36-45; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10; 1 John 2:28; Matthew 24:15-23**

**2** And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.---**Revelation 16:10**

**3** I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

**4** they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?”---**Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 46:5**

#### **2. The Interaction of the 1<sup>st</sup> Beast (13:5-8)**

**5** There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.

**6** And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.---**Revelation 7:15**

**7** It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

**8** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

### **3. The Instructions concerning the 1st Beast (13:9-10)**

**9** If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

**10** If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.---

**Isaiah 33:1; Jeremiah 15:2; 43:11; Revelation 14:12**

**Responding to the Word:**