

Revelation 13:1-10
"The Beast from the Sea"

Intro: Virtues that must be on display in our Christian lives

- The virtues of endurance and faith: Always go together.
- The 'perseverance of the saints': Traceable to God's preservation of His saints.
- The dragon, who pursued God's people in chapter 12: Recruits two helpers in chapter 13.

God's people must heed the call to _____ and to walk by _____ so they might overcome the _____ and his _____.

- The 12th chapter of Revelation: Closed with the dragon standing by the sea.
- The two beasts of Revelation 13: Might borrow in part from the two beasts mentioned in Job chapters 40 and 41.
- The 'beast from the sea' in Revelation 13: No doubt borrows from the imagery of Daniel chapter 7.

- The beast from the sea in Revelation 13: Is a combination of the four beasts from Daniel chapter 7 and bears a striking resemblance to the dragon.
- The counterfeit, unholy trinity: Made up of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.
- The first beast: Certainly would have included the Roman Empire, but it cannot be restricted to the Roman Empire.
- The evil one: Loves to use evil governments to persecute God's people.
- The likely reason for the beast appearing to have a mortal wound: The beast is made in the image of the dragon, who did receive a mortal wound with Jesus' death on the cross.
- One way in which the state oftentimes seeks worship: By demanding the people's ultimate loyalty and allegiance.
- The evil emperors of the first century Roman Empire: Uttered all kinds of haughty and blasphemous words.

Personal Application:

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