

Revelation 13:11-18
 “The Beast from the Land”

Intro: The preterist, the futurist, the historicist, and the idealist

- The preterist: Regards the mark of the beast as an obvious reference to Emperor Nero.
- The futurist: Regards the mark of the beast as a literal mark on the right hand or forehead.
- The historicist position of Irenaeus: He regarded the mark of the beast as referring to a ‘Latin man’, which led to the belief that the Pope of Rome was the antichrist.

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

- The beast from the land: The third member of the counterfeit, unholy trinity.
- The beast from the land in chapter 13: Referred to as ‘the false prophet’ in chapter 16.
- The beast from the land: Appears to be ‘lamb-like’, but speaks like a dragon.

- The bad fruit that comes from the second beast: Promoting the idolatrous worship of the first beast.
- The second beast: Looks to imitate the work of the Prophet Elijah.
- The first century Christians: Would have heard of the image of the first beast and thought of the images of the Roman Emperors and their demands to be worshiped.
- False signs and wonders: Usually acts of deceit or trickery.
- The mark of the beast: Not a tattoo or a barcode or an implanted microchip.
- The opposite of having the word of God as your infallible rule for faith and practice: Having the devilish ways of the world as your rule for faith and practice.
- The beast’s number: Just the number of man, who is infinitely-less than the Almighty God.
- What marks out the counterfeit, unholy trinity: Not perfection, but absolute imperfection.

Personal Application:

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