

Reflection Questions for Chapter 13

For the next session on February 4th, please read Chapter 13, pages 221-238 in *The Revelation* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "Lord Jesus, help me to be a better disciple: to forgive more easily, to pray more gratefully, to help more spontaneously, to live my faith more openly, and to love more fully. Amen."

<https://www.heartofthenation.org/daily-prayers> Your reflections will be shared **February 4th** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

In this chapter we meet the Beast from the Sea (1-10) and the Beast from the Land (11-18).

The First Beast: Antichrist (1-10)

1. (v. 1-3) While Daniel saw four beasts, John records his beast having all the features in one creature; it could be called a chimera. *What physical characteristics of the beast from the sea are mentioned?*

2. (223-225) *How did the world respond to the beast from the sea?*

3. (v. 1-4) *What do you think the "beast" of our day is? What effects can you see of this "beast" in the world?*

4. (v. 8-10) According to verse 8, every person in the world whose name is not written in the book of life will worship Satan. True believers will not worship him. Believers will need to depend on Christ. (John 15:5) We need to stay connected to Jesus' power. *How can believers stand firm against the persecution we read about here?*

St. Therese Adult Study Series
The Book of Revelation with Father Andrie

The Second Beast: False Prophet (11-18)

5. (v. 11-12) This second beast is somewhat like a lamb, but its speech is from the dragon. The unholy trinity is seen in the dragon, the first beast, and the second beast—Satan, the antichrist, and the false prophet. *What is the false prophet's main mission?*

6. (v. 13-14) *How does the second beast seek to mislead and deceive people?*

7. *How can we guard ourselves against cunning teachings and in being misled by signs and wonders?* Read also John 4:1-3, Corinthians 11:13-15, and Timothy 4:3-4.

8. (v. 16-17) We are all marked at our baptism and sealed with the Holy Spirit. We remember this every time we pray the Sign of the Cross. *What do you think about the mark that will be forced upon the world?*

9. (v. 18) "Wisdom is needed here..." *What are some of the stories you have heard about the number 666? How has the author helped you to better understand it?*

What else stood out for you in these chapters?

For your personal prayer:

Active prayer and strong roots in Scripture will be essential. How can you better keep your focus on Jesus this week?