**The Book of Revelation 13:1-10**

**Basic Facts**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were on the horns of the beast with seven heads.
* The beast John saw in Revelation 13 was like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* All the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worshipped the dragon that gave authority to the beast.
* Authority was given to the creature to continue for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* If anyone will kill with the sword, he must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Phrases**

* *A beast*: Literally “a monster”, this describes a vicious, killing animal. In this context, the term represents both a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Rising up out of the sea*: The sea represents the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the haunt of demons.
* *Seven heads and ten horns:* This description is like that of Satan in 12:3. The heads may represent successive world empires – Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The final one is made up of all the kingdoms represented by the horns. Ten is the number that symbolizes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assisting the beast (Antichrist) as he controls the world.
* *Leopard*: This is a metaphor for ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, alluding to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ swiftness and agility as their military moved forward in conquest, particularly under Alexander the Great.
* *Bear*: A metaphor for the ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empire, depicting that kingdom’s ferocious strength, combined with its great stability.
* *Lion*: A metaphor for the ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empire, referring to the Babylonians’ fierce, all-consuming power as they extended their domain.
* *His deadly wound was healed*: This statement could refer to one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that was destroyed and revived (that is, the Roman Empire). But more likely it refers to a fake death and resurrection enacted by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as part of his lying deception.
* *World marveled*: People in the world will be astounded and fascinated when the Antichrist appears to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Forty-two months*: This is the final three-and-one-half-years – 1,260 days – of the “time of Jacob’s trouble” and Daniel’s seventieth week, known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Make war with the saints:* The Antichrist will be allowed to massacre those who are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Lamb slain:* The Lord Jesus who died to purchase the salvation of those whom God had chosen was fulfilling an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plan.

**Discussion Questions**

1. How have the changes in our culture and society influenced conspiracy theories?
2. What is the danger in a Christian/non-Christian trying to identify who the antichrist is?
3. What are some practical ways our technological advancements seem to be pointing towards what John is seeing in Revelation 13?
4. What is the danger of focusing too heavily on how the world changing enables us to experience the things prophesied about in Revelation 13?
5. How does the world view destiny? How is the world’s view of destiny different than what the Christian’s view of destiny should be? How do we balance destiny with free-will when it comes to the last days?
6. How do we apply this text to our daily lives?