## MAPLE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - The Revelation - Sunday September 26, 2021

"The Beast from the Sea & the Beast from the Earth" - Revelation 13

This Chapter describes the ruthless world leader we know as the AntiChrist, and his deceptive propagandist, the False Prophet, who will, with Satan's power, persecute God's people and rule the entire world. This Chapter is broken down into two main sections, each beginning with John's observation of two different beasts.

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A.	The Beast From The Sea (The AntiChrist) – vv 1- 10
	1.` His Ancestry (v. 1)– The beast is summoned by the we met in Chapter 12. The word "beast" here is the word used to describe a
	Compare the beast to the description of Satan in Revelation 12:3.
	2. His Authority (v. 2) – The is the source of AntiChirst's power.
	3. His Acclaim (v. 3) –He will have what looks like a fatal wound to the head, but it will be healed and he will be brought "back to life." Most believe this event will be staged as part of the "lying wonders" that will accompany the AntiChrist as described in 2 Thessalonians 2:9.
	4. His Adoration (v. 4) –2 Thessalonians 2:4. What is the implied answer to the question raised in this verse
	5. His Arrogance (vv.5-6) – Daniel predicted that AntiChrist would be characterized by proud, arrogant, blasphemous words. Daniel 7:8;11;20; 25 & 11:36
	6. His Activity (v. 7) - who ultimately gives him authority to

7. His Admirers (vv. 8-10) – Who will worship him? Who will not?

act?

- B. The Beast From The Earth (the final False Prophet)— vv 11- 18
  - 1. His Person (v. 11) This beast is "another," meaning he is also a man, just like the beast. He comes from the earth, which to the Hebrew writer would have referred to the flaming depths of the Earth, but the earth was not as terrifying to them as the sea. He's not as mighty he only had two horns like a lamb. He seems harmless as a lamb.

He will be the \_\_\_\_\_ director – He will usher everyone into the worship of the beast.

- 2. His Power (vv. 12-14) –He'll exercise all the authority of the first beast in the presence of the AntiChrist.
- 3. His Plan (vv.15-18)

He'll give breath to the image of the beast so that it may	speak -	_
what could that mean?		

As part of his plan, he will require all categories of unbelievers to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. John says it will either be the name of the beast or the number of his name. Those with understanding will be able to calculate it then – and it will be 666.

What will the "safe" and "easy" thing to do be? Worship the beast. But, this will be a tragic mistake with disastrous consequences. Jump over to Revelation 14:9-11 for just a moment.

This was not meant to be a source of endless speculation because that detracts form the true purpose of the passage – to warn us. To equip us to warn other people – non-believers – who may be faced with this choice.