

Sermon Guide - Sunday, October 11, 2026

Current Series: The Revelation

The Antichrist. Armageddon. The Beast. 666. For centuries, the book of Revelation has fascinated, frightened, and confused Christians, but what if we've been so focused on decoding its mysteries that we've missed its main message? *The Revelation* is a 3-month journey through the Bible's final book, exploring its controversial prophecies, warnings to the Church, and breathtaking vision of the future. Along the way, we'll separate Scripture from speculation and discover that Revelation wasn't written just to make us afraid of what's coming. It was written to reveal **Jesus Christ** - the King who reigns over all other powers, the Lamb who conquers evil, and the Savior who promises that pain, death, and darkness won't have the last word. **The future belongs to Jesus, and that should change how we live right now.**

Today's Message: Part 9 - The Unholy Trinity

If the Gospel is "good news," why is there so much "bad news" in the Bible?

The UNHOLY "Trinity" of Revelation 13

1. The _____ (_____)

Rev. 12:17 - ...the dragon was enraged... and went off to wage war against... those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

What do we know about the dragon? (Genesis 3, 1 Peter 5:8, John 8:44)

Revelation 13:1 - The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

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2. The _____ (_____)

What is significant about the beast's appearance?

What is Satan's favorite strategy to deceive the world?

Rev. 13:2-4 - The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

Rev. 13:5-8 - The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast - all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

What do these passages reveal about the beast's role in the End Times? What kinds of things will he do?

What else does the Bible say about the Antichrist? (2 Thessalonians 2:3-9, Rev. 13:16-17, 1 John 2:22)

Rev. 13:11-17 - Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the

first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

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3. The _____ (_____)

What sort of figure will the “second beast” be, and what will he do?

What does Revelation 13 suggest will be Satan’s weapon of choice to wield against the world in the Last Days? How does this fit his “M.O.” throughout the rest of the Bible? (John 8:44, 2 Cor. 11:3, 14, 2 Cor. 4:4, Rev. 20:10)

What makes the Enemy’s deceptions so believable?

How have you seen yourself and/or others fall for the Enemy’s lies and deception?

BATTLE PLAN: 3 Ways to Combat the Enemy’s Lies Today

1. _____ the lies (even if everyone else believes them)

1 John 4:1-3 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

Your Notes:

2. _____ the lies (even if it costs you something)

Acts 5:29 - Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!

Rev. 13:10 - This calls for *patient endurance and faithfulness* on the part of God’s people.

Your Notes:

3. _____ the lies (with the Truth of God’s Word)

John 8:31-32 - To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Rev. 13:18 - This calls for *wisdom*.

Your Notes:

How, specifically, can you prepare yourself and your family now to recognize, reject, and replace the Enemy’s lies?