

Wordless Bible Study #6
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Note: During the fourth trumpet, the first beast in Revelation 13 will "rise up" from within a unified world of fear-filled people. This beast represents a "crisis government" set up by the religious and political leaders of the world to appease God's wrath. The second beast in Revelation 13 represents the devil who will be released from the Abyss (spirit realm) at the fifth trumpet. The behavior of the second beast (Lucifer) has two phases. The first phase occurs during the fifth trumpet. There will be five months of amazing miracles and deception. The second phase begins with the sixth trumpet. Once Lucifer has convinced a large number of people that he, in fact, is Almighty God, he will become a dictator. He will order (command) that a "likeness" or image of the composite beast be created. Because the first beast will be a global union of church and state, Lucifer's image will be a theocracy with one Lord, one faith and one baptism. The devil will rule over the world as king of kings and lord of lords. The image in Rev 13 is also described as the great whore in Rev 17. During the sixth trumpet, Lucifer will divide the world into groups of 1,000 and after appointing a captain, he will kill 333 people within each group. This will leave 666 people from each group belonging to the devil (the beast), the man of lawlessness.

First Beast

- Rev 13:1 And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.
- Rev 13:2 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.
- Rev 13:3 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 astonished and followed the beast.
- Rev 13:4 Men 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 make war against him?"
- Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.
- Rev 13:6 He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.
- Rev 13:7 He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.
- Rev 13:8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

Second Beast

- Rev 13:11 Then I saw another beast coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.
- Rev 13:12 He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.
- Rev 13:13 And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men.
- Rev 13:14 Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.
- Rev 13:15 He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.
- Rev 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,
- Rev 13:17 so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.
- Rev 13:18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

- Rev 9:1 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.
- Rev 9:2 When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.
- Rev 9:11 They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.
- Rev 11:7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.
- Rev 17:8 The beast, which you [John] saw, once was [visible], now is not [visible], and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they [visibly] see the beast because he once was [visible], now is not, and yet will come [from the Abyss and be visible].
- Rev 19:19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.
- Rev 19:20 But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.