

Review & Background: *Nero Redivivus*

The Sea Beast (13:1-10)

“The beast is a symbol of the perpetual deification of secular authority. Even more, he represents the powers of evil which lie behind the kingdoms of this world, and which encourage in society, at any moment in history, compromise with the truth and opposition to the justice and mercy of God.” – Stephen Smalley, *The Revelation to John*

The Land Beast (13:11-18)

The Image of the Beast (14-15)

“If Adam and Eve are fashioned in the image of God, who breathed life into them at the creation, so the second beast fashions a false image *of what it means to be human*, enticing men and women to exchange their God-given glory for a cheapened form of existence.”

– Joseph Mangina, *Revelation*

The Mark of the Beast (16-18)

The Army of the Lamb

So What?

The Power of the Lamb

“God’s electing purpose is eternal, and it *intends history* – precisely the history enacted at Golgotha and in the lives of Jesus’ followers, whose names are written in his book of life. It is in this sense that the Lamb has never not been slaughtered, even if his life-giving death takes place on a particular Friday afternoon outside the walls of Jerusalem.”

– Joseph Mangina, *Revelation*

To Whom are You Bearing Witness?

Next Week

Read Revelation 14-16!

What similarities do you see to what's already happened in Revelation?

In light of what's happening so far in this vision (chapters 12-22), how does this fit in?

What's confusing? What's clear?

BONUS: What do the two harvests in 14 represent?