

REVELATION Chapter 13:11-18
The Third Vision: The Beast Out of the Earth

Summary of this vision: *The Church will have enemies who will try to destroy her, but God will keep his elect safe in the midst of all danger.*

11 This threat to the church poses as whom? (“two horns like a lamb...”)
Why can we see through his deceit? See 5:6. The real Lamb had _____.
Why is this beast’s treachery not well hidden?
With whom does he reveal himself to be an ally?
Clues to his identity...

12 How does this enemy demonstrate that he is in league with the beast from the sea?
What did Jesus say about those kinds of enemies? Matt. 7:15-16
What is the fruit of a false prophet?

Clue #1 _____

13-14

Clue #2 _____

These activities correspond to what description of Paul’s in 2Thess. 2:3?

15 Clue #3 _____

Who is this beast?

two horns like a lamb
spoke like a dragon

As what does Satan often appear? 2Cor. 11:14

In a broader sense this beast represents all _____ which undermines
the _____ and serves the _____ purposes.

In our time, we can recognize the dragon’s voice in _____,

_____.

Which beast is a far greater threat to the church? Why?

12 he exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf

What power and authority does the first beast have?

1. 13:4

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3. 13:5

4. 13:6

5.

6. 13:7

What did Paul say false teachers would proclaim? I Tim. 4:1

Papal activity.....

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6. II Thess. 2:8

- 7.
8. II Thess. 2:9-10
- 9.
- 10.

16-17 receive a mark

What did the mark in 7:2-3 indicate?

Why are these people marked?

What does the mark give them the right to do?

buy or sell=

18 the number of his name “name” often means _____

How is this beast known?

What message in this world masquerades as religion, is preached by false Christs and government alike, impresses the majority, destroys the gospel, and leads to the persecution of Christians?

mark, name, number

666 it is the man’s number

12=

10=

4=

7=

6=

man’s number=

man’s religion=

the devil’s lie=

Two Great Allies Against The Church

1.

2.

if anyone has insight

Our Lady of Lourdes is the name used to refer to the [Marian apparition](#) that appeared before various individuals in separate occasions around [Lourdes, France](#). The apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes began on 11 February 1858, when [Saint Bernadette Soubirous](#), a 14-year-old peasant girl from Lourdes admitted, when questioned by her mother, that she had seen a "lady" in the cave of Massabielle, about a mile from the town, while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend.^[1] Similar appearances of the "lady" took place on seventeen further occasions that year. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized as a saint, and many Christians believe her apparitions to have been of the Blessed Virgin Mary. [Pope Pius IX](#) authorized the local bishop to permit the veneration of the Virgin Mary in Lourdes in 1862.

Marian apparition is an event in which the [Blessed Virgin Mary](#) is believed to have [supernaturally](#) appeared to one or more persons. They are often given names based on the town in which they were reported, or on the [sobriquet](#) which was given to Mary on the occasion of the apparition. They have been interpreted in [religious](#) terms as [theophanies](#).

Marian apparitions sometimes are reported to recur at the same site over an extended period of time. In the majority of Marian apparitions only a few people report having witnessed the apparition. Exception to this include [Zeitoun](#), and [Assiut](#) where thousands claimed to have seen her over a period of time.

In 1858 in the grotto of Massabielle, near Lourdes, France, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old peasant girl. She identified herself as The Immaculate Conception. She gave Bernadette a message for all: "Pray and do penance for the conversion of the world." The Church investigated Bernadette's claims for four years before approving devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. Lourdes has since become one of the most famous shrines, attracting more than a million pilgrims each year. There have been thousands of miraculous cures at this shrine.

A Medical Bureau was established in 1882 to test the authenticity of the cures. The doctors include unbelievers as well as believers and any doctor is welcome to take part in the examination of the alleged cures. As many as 500 medical men of all faiths or no faith have taken advantage of the invitation each year. Many books and movies tell the story of Lourdes. Even Hollywood made a movie of this remarkable event in the 1940's entitled "The Song of Bernadette" which won six academy awards.

No one leaves Lourdes without a gain in faith. Moral and spiritual cures are more marvelous than physical cures. Some go to Lourdes with lifetime prejudices, yet their minds are cleared in a sudden manner. Frequently skepticism gives way to faith; coldness and antagonism become whole hearted love of God. Again and again those who are not cured of bodily pain receive an increase of faith and resignation – true peace of soul. The story of two outstanding miracles that occurred at Lourdes are told below.

<http://www.olrl.org/stories/lourdes.shtml>