If you were to tell a Christian, we are going to study Revelation, they would immediately turn to the back of the Bible.

* If you would say the same thing to a Jew, where would he turn
  + He would turn to Exodus 19.

God descended on Mt. Sinai, touched down, and betrothed His people Israel along with the mix multitude.

* All who had come out of Egypt by way of the blood of the Lamb.
* God revealed Himself to the people, “revelation”
  + We see a basic repeat of this in the final book, “Revelation.”
* Moses is called up the mountain to where God has descended.
  + John is called up to where God is.
* Both are shown the throne.
  + We look for parallels and patterns.

**Rev 12:3**  Another sign was seen in heaven: there was a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven royal crowns.

**Rev 13:1**  and I saw a beast come up out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads. On its horns were ten royal crowns and on its heads blasphemous names.

* 7 Heads = empires
  + Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Meds & Persians, Greece, Rome, The Final One
* 10 Horns = Kingdoms that will come together to make this final empire.
  + Each with a crown = a kingdom.
* “…on its heads blasphemous names.”
  + All will stand in opposition to God.
    - How do the stand in opposition of God?
      * Egypt through Rome were persecutors of Israel.
* The enemy has always and continues to try to keep the Jewish from living in the land.

**Rev. 13:2** The final empire will be satanic in origin,

* Satan will manifest himself in way greater than he ever has before.
  + He will do signs and wonder to deceive people.

Rev. 13:3 Because of supernatural power people will be deceived.

* 2 Th. 2:10-12 He will enable him to deceive, … they will believe the Lie.
  + Only those that are in a covenant relationship with the Father, understanding, following after and seeing the truth, will not be deceived.

Rev 13:4 Those deceived will …

* Satan will have a supernature power here on the earth.
* People will mistake this supernatural power to be from God.
  + People who are not knowledgeable in the scripture.
  + People who have not been prepared to refuse to prepare.
  + These will be easy targets for the enemy.
* Remember the Adversary has been kicked out of heaven at this point and he is going attempt to bring as much death and destruction to the earth as possible.
  + The enemy delights in the suffering of people.
* "Who is like the beast? Who can fight against it?"
  + People feeling a feeling of helplessness, who can win? Who can fight?
  + He is supernatural …
    - Remember our battle is not with flesh and blood.
      * Eph. 6:11-19 ,,, Always carry the shield of trust, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.

Rev. 13:5-6

* This beast, empire is given authority 42 months
  + Rev. 11:2 the Gentiles trample the Holy City 42 months.
* blasphemies against God to insult his **name**… God tabernacle … those living in heaven.
  + To defame the character of God.
    - God’s character must be our character.
    - People should see God’s character in our lives.
    - And the adversary stands against this
  + The defame God tabernacle, God dwelling place.
  + Those who are in covenant and part of the kingdom of God.
    - **Mar 1:15**  "The time has come, God's Kingdom is near!

Rev 13:7  **it was allowed** to make war on God's holy people and to defeat them; and it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. (CJB)

* + - **it was allowed** to make war on the saints (ESV)
    - **it was given unto him** to make war with the saints, (KJV)
* Who are God’s Holy people, saints?
  + Followers of Yeshua (Rev. 12:17)
* And to overcome them. (KJV)
  + You will be put to death,
    - Mat 24:9  At that time you will be **arrested** and handed over to be **punished** and **put to death**, and all peoples will hate you because of me.
  + If our flesh dies, is that defeat? NO
  + 1Co 15:50  Let me say this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot share in the Kingdom of God, nor can something that decays share in what does not decay.
* Do not worry about the flesh, be greatly concerned about the soul.
  + The Adversary may kill the flesh, just as he did with Yeshua, but he can never touch your spirit or your spiritual eternity.
* and it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.
  + A one world government.
  + This beast/empire will rule over the nations.
  + This can will happen as a result of instability in the world, difficult times.
    - **Matthew 24:6-14 (Rev. follows the same pattern)** A setup for a one world government (Mark 13:7-13, Luke21:9-19)

Rev 13:8  Everyone living on **earth** will **worship** it except those whose names are written in the Book of Life **belonging to the Lamb** slaughtered before the world was founded.

God has called us to **worship** Him, to study His word, to Shema, to hear and do, put His instructions into practice.

* + John 4:24  God is spirit; and **worshippers** must **worship** him spiritually and truly."
    - Wisdom is putting truth into action.
    - Living a pleasing life to Yeshua.
    - Surrendering ourselves to His will.
    - Humbly walking before our Father in heaven.
      * When we walk and trust this way, the things coming upon the earth will not have dominion over us. No fear…
    - We must have a desire to **worship** Him and not … ourselves, other gods, …
  + The Adversary knows that God desires for us to **worship** Him,
    - this why the Adversary tries so hard to get us off track, distracted, and fights against our **worship** of God.
    - Mat. 4:9-10 Yeshua tested in the wilderness, ("All this I will give you if you will bow down and worship me.")
* Everyone living on earth …
  + Those who hearts are set on the things of the earth.
  + Dwelling in the earthly kingdom.
  + Their focus, desires, thoughts, lusts of the flesh are the ones that live on the earth.
  + Not walking by God’s instruction, disobedient …
    - These are the ones that will worship the beast.
    - The beast will tickle their ears with prosperity, security, comfort, making it easy for people to do what is right in their own eyes.
* Later in his rule he will be revealing of his “true colors” (Antiochus Epiphanes)
  + - A world ruled by the dragon, the Serpent, …

Isaiah 14:3-14

* :13 You thought to yourself, 'I will scale the heavens, **I will raise my throne** above God's stars.
  + Satan desired to be enthroned and **worshiped** like the Most High.
  + He will deceive many, those who “dwell on the earth” “worldly”
  + Those who do not have a personal relationship with the LAMB, Messiah Yeshua.

You will/can overcome by the blood of the Lamb.

* We are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.
* Our sins are atoned for by the blood of the Lamb.
* Our minds are renewed when we are born again
  + Romans 12:2 “keep letting yourselves be transformed”

We should not be deceived then, those who have the testimony of Yeshua, belonging to Him, those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

* Because your mind has been renewed, you will be able to discern who he is, by his nature and character. His way of deceiving.
  + Dan 3:6  Whoever does not fall down and **worship** is to be thrown immediately into a blazing hot furnace."

Rev 13:9  **Those who have ears, let them hear**!

* This passage is stated to each of the 7 churches (Rev. 2&3)
* Each of these epistles written to each of the 7 assemblies ended with this statement
  + He who has an ear, let him hear …
* John is connecting for us that chapter 13 is for the believing community.
  + churchG1577
  + ek-klay-see'-ah - a calling out
    - Those who have been called out of this world and called into the Kingdom of Heaven
    - You have been called out but this is not your home,
    - This temporary – sukkah – a sojourners here in this world.
* John is saying this message is for the believers and the called-out ones.
  + Church is not mentioned here but John is saying just as the messages in chapters 2 & 3 were for the church this message here is for the churches as well.

Rev 13:10  "If anyone is meant for captivity, into captivity he goes! If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be killed!" This is when God's holy people must persevere and trust!

* Rev. 2:10 … the Adversary is going to have some of you thrown in prison …
  + Don’t worry about being taken captive, don’t worry bout laying down your life …
    - We are called to endure, persevere, trust … have faith
    - … Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.
      * Saint – someone who set apart, sanctified, willing to die for your faith.
* Rev 3:10  Because you did obey my message about persevering, I will keep you from the time of trial coming upon the whole world to put the people living on earth to the test.
* Matthew 24:9-14 … you will be arrested, punished, put to death, hated…

Rev 13:11  Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. It had two horns like those of a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon.

* This beast comes out of the earth.
* Out of the chaos that will be taking place on the earth,
* The evil empire that is in control will bring forth one and put in power, leadership.
  + two horns like those of a lamb…but doesn’t speak the words of God
  + He speaks the words of the dragon/Satan.

Rev. 13:12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast

* Simply he will rule over the empire.
* He brings the ones that dwell in/on the earth to bow down to the first beast/empire.
  + the one whose fatal wound had been healed.
    - This is the 2nd time this is mentioned in this chapter.
  + An empire that was destroyed but is revived again …
    - Evil, destructive, wicked, an empire the world feared,
    - The world will be in shock and in wonder of this empire and its power,
    - Supernatural power,
    - Feeling hopeless to stand against.
      * The inhabitants of the earth are made to **worship** the first beast.