



The End wk9: Unholy Trinity

Introduction: As the dragon wages his war on Christians, John gives us some insight into what he uses and we are introduced to 2 beasts. These represent evil personified and they give marks to show who you belong to. The question everyone will have to answer is, “Who do you belong to?” It will be obvious.

Discussion Questions

1. In the 8th video Shane begins to get to the application of this book. What does he see as the big message? What does God demand and desire; where do we see that play out in Revelation? What are the messages in the seal, trumpets, and bowls?
2. The 9th video talks about the beasts and the “Mark of the Beast.” When you hear or see the number 666, what emotions have you experienced or what reactions have you witnessed? Shane says that this isn’t a number or mark that you will receive by accident. What do you think of his explanation?
3. Read **Revelation 13:1-10** The dragon’s first “agent” is the beast from the sea. This beast has many similarities with the 4 beasts that Daniel describes in Daniel 7. In Daniel, we know the beasts represented different kings and kingdoms. Does it make sense to make the same connection? On one hand, John is pretty clearly thinking about Rome; on the other this can be a metaphor that plays out with any kingdom of this world. In what ways did Rome and have other governments/kings/leaders demanded worship/loyalty/ultimate allegiance?
4. Read **Revelation 13:11-2, 16-18, 14:1** Do you think the original readers would have understood who was referenced by the number? In the sermon Jeremy said that John is showing battle between 2 trinities; the unholy trinity mimics or mocks the first. How does that help us understand the roles of the 2 beasts?
5. Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-8** This verse is where the practice of “phylacteries” comes from, the binding of boxes of scripture to a forehead. How does that help us understand the marks at the end of 13 and beginning of 14?
6. Both Shane and Jeremy said that who you serve and belong to will be as plain as the marks on your forehead. How is it obvious who you serve? Is it more than just appearances?

Shaping Your Mind – *Revelation 13:10b This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God’s people*

Moving Forward – When you have to pick a side, how will it be known what side you're on?