

The End Part 10

Key Scriptures

Revelation 13

¹⁶ And he requires everyone - small and great, rich and poor, free and slave-- to be given a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark: the beast's name or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom: The one who has understanding must calculate the number of the beast, because it is the number of a man. His number is 666.

1 Pet. 2:20-21 ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

Key Point: Our world is moving quickly toward fulfilling prophecy. We can't change the terrible things that are set to happen, we can trust in our Sovereign God.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- If you have a tattoo, what made you decide to get one? Do you regret it? If you do not have a tattoo, would you ever consider getting one? Why or why not?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

Before working through the questions below, take some time to read through Revelation 13 in your group.

- It has been said that Satan always counterfeits what God does. We also see this in the name “antichrist” (in Greek, Anti means both “in place of”, and “against”) In what ways do you see Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet in Revelation 13 imitating God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? (example passages on the Holy Spirit: John 16:13-14, Acts 10:38)
- While we rightly use the term “Antichrist” as another name for “the Beast,” it is actually used only four times in Scripture. What insights and characteristics do you see in these passages?
1 John 2:18
1 John 2:22
1 John 4:3
2 John 7

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Revelation 13 speaks of how savagely hostile the Beast will treat followers of Christ. Why are passages like 1 Peter 2:20-25, and 3:13-18 difficult to follow?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray for patient endurance and faithfulness in the midst of a God-denying world.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- What are the things that test your allegiance to God in this world? How do you need to respond to them, and seek God's help in this?