

末世預言進階課程 Prophecy Course Level 2

第六課：大災難中的主要人物 (2)：敵基督與假先知

Lesson 6: Central characters in the Great Tribulation (2): Antichrist and the False Prophet

課前預備 Lesson Preparation

經文：啟示錄第 13 章

Passage: Rev 13

怎樣預備 How to study

1. 研讀上述經文，嘗試了解關於啟示錄第 13 章的重點。不要放過任何你認為有趣或不解的細節。寫下所有你發現的問題。
Study the above passages. Try to figure out the main points concerning Revelation 13. Don't let go any details you find interesting or confusing. Write down all the questions you have.
2. 閱讀並思想「一頁聖經研究」，看看它有否解答你寫下的問題。閱讀後，你可能有更多的問題，也把它們寫下來。
Read the One Page Bible Summary and ponder on it. See if it answers your questions written. Write down any additional questions you have after your reading.
3. 找出在下面「思考問題」的答案。若你認為有些問題太過困難，可以跳過不答。
Answer the Questions to Ponder below. If you find some of them too difficult, you can skip them.
4. 若你發現這段經文不易理解，或是下面的問題不容易回答，不要沮喪。你可以把你的問題帶到課堂時詢問，你也可以在課堂之前，以電郵詢問你的問題。
If you find that the passage/ questions are not easy, don't feel frustrated. You can ask your questions/ what you do not understanding during the lesson. You can also ask your questions via email before the lesson if you wish.

思考問題 Questions to Ponder

1. 啟示錄 13:1-2 中所說的「七頭十角的獸」是從哪裡來的 (1 節，參考啟 11:7 及 17:8)? 這對牠的根源有何啟示 (參考啟 9:1-2 及 12:7-9)?
Where does the "beast with seven heads and ten horns" in Rev 13:1-2 come (see v1, cf. Rev 11:7 and 17:8)? How does this hint its origin (see Rev 9:1-2 and 12:7-9)?

The beast is from the sea, which represents the abyss, a place where evil power comes.

2. 從啟 13:1-10，試找出這獸的特徵和牠的作為。

In Rev 13:1-10, find the features and the works of the beast.

- It has seven heads and ten horns, representing kings and kingdoms it controls (v1).
- It is like leopard, bear and lion, representing its strength (v2).
- One of its heads was wounded but healed, representing a fake resurrection. (v3)
- Its power and authority come from the dragon, Satan (v4).
- It blasphemes God and has power for three and a half prophetic years (v5-6).
- It persecutes God's saints (v7).
- It is worshipped by the whole world (v8).

3. 這七頭十角的獸是指甚麼? 你的答案有甚麼根據?

To what does this beast with seven heads and ten horns refer? Are there any supports for your answer?

- It represents both the Antichrist and the kingdom he controls. The beast resembles the one in Dan 7 and also the one in Rev 17, which both represents Antichrist and the kingdom he controls.

4. 這獸的權柄一時無兩，啟 13:10 對此有甚麼評論? 這对你今日的生活有甚麼意義?

The power and authority of the beast is horrific. How does Rev 13:10 comment on this? What is its implication to your life now?

- The beast will be destroyed finally, and the saints have to keep their faith and wait. Today we may face oppositions or even persecution from the world, but God will handle these finally and we should wait in faith.

5. 啟 13:11-18 所提及的另一個獸，又有甚麼特徵和作為?

What are the features and the works of another beast mentioned in Rev 13:11-18?

- The another beast is the false prophet (cf. 16:13). It
 - is like a lamb (gentle and seems to be like Christ) (v11)
 - speaks like dragon (evil but powerful) (v11)
 - makes people worship antichrist, even makes an image of antichrist for worship (v12, 15)
 - perform miracles (v13)
 - deceives people (v14)
 - establish the mark of the beast, without which no one can trade (v16-18)

6. 你能想像在末世，「不得做買賣」(11:16-17)的生活是怎樣的嗎? 這對在末世的人有何影響?

Imagine the life of “unable to buy or sell” (11:16-17) in the end times. How will the life look like and how does it affect the people in the end times?

- People nowadays depend greatly on trade for living, and without trade one’s life must be very hard if they have to survive. This is a very great persecution to Israel and believers in the Great Tribulation.

7. 讀畢啟示錄 13 章，你認為主再來的日子近嗎? 為甚麼?

Do you think the Second coming of Christ is very close after reading Rev 13? Why?

- Very close because nearly all things in Rev 13 can happen with existing technology e.g. union of different European countries under EU (v1-2), global communication through Internet (v3-4), chips for trade which can be implanted in human bodies (v16-18), etc.

8. 今次查考預言，你對神和祂的計劃多了甚麼認識? 這對你今天的生活有甚麼影響? 寫下兩個你在今次查經想到的應用。

What do you know more about God and His Plan in this study? How would this affect your life? Write two applications of your Bible Study.

Any application in line with the truth in the Scripture