

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for April 14, 2013**

**The Beast from the Sea**  
**Revelation 13:1-2**

- I. The appearance of the beast from the sea (Revelation 13:1).
  - A. We must understand the present illustration regarding the beast (Revelation 13:1).
    1. He is described as a beast.
    2. He is described as coming up out of the sea.
    3. He is described as having seven heads.
    4. He is described as having ten horns.
  - B. We must understand the previous instruction regarding the beast.
    1. We are instructed regarding his aliases.
      - a. He is called antichrist (1 John 2:18).
      - b. He is called man of lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:3).
      - c. He is called son of destruction (2 Thessalonians 2:3).
      - d. He is called little horn (Daniel 7:8).
      - e. He is called the prince who is to come (Daniel 9:26-27).
    2. We are instructed regarding his attributes.
      - a. He will possess intelligence (Daniel 7:8).
      - b. He will appear to be peaceful (Daniel 9:27).
      - c. He will be arrogant (Daniel 7:8, 25).
      - d. He will be deceitful (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).
      - e. He will be belligerent (Daniel 7:21).

- f. He will be powerful (Daniel 11:36; 2 Thessalonians 2:4).
- 3. We are instructed regarding his activities.
  - a. He will sign a covenant with Israel (Daniel 9:27).
  - b. He will rise to world dominance (Daniel 7:8; Revelation 6:2; 13:7).
  - c. He will demand the world's worship (2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 13:4).
  - d. He will persecute the saints (Daniel 7:21; 25; Matthew 24:9; Revelation 13:7).
- II. The administration of the beast from the sea (Revelation 13:2).
  - A. The administration of the beast is seen in his depiction.
    - 1. He is depicted as a leopard.
    - 2. His feet are depicted as those of a bear.
    - 3. His mouth is depicted like the mouth of a lion.
  - B. The administration of the beast is seen in his dominance.
    - 1. He has been given the dragon's power.
    - 2. He has been given the dragon's throne.
    - 3. He has been given the dragon's authority.

May we strive to be imitators of Christ, living our life in such a way that people will recognize Christ living in and through us.