

THE UNHOLY TRINITY

Revelation 13

📖 John 12:12–13 (NIV84) “The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the King of Israel!”

📖 Revelation 7:9–10 (NIV84) “After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

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1. THE FATHER OF LIES: [The Devil](#)

📖 Revelation 12:9 (NIV84) “The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”

📖 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV84) “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

📖 Revelation 12:12b (NIV84) “...woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

2. THE COUNTERFEIT CHRIST: [The Antichrist](#)

📖 Revelation 13:1–3 (NIV84) “And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. ² The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.”

📖 Revelation 13:4–8 (NIV84) “Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?” ⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. ⁶ He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander His name and His dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷ He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation. ⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.”

📖 Revelation 7:13–14 (NIV84) “...one of the elders asked me, ‘These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?’ ¹⁴ ...And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

3. THE DEVIL’S HELPER: [The False Prophet](#)

📖 Revelation 13:11–14a (NIV84) “Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. ¹² He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. ¹³ And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. ¹⁴ Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth.”

📖 Revelation 13:14b–15 (NIV84) “...He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.”

📖 Revelation 13:16–18 (NIV84) “He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man’s number. His number is 666.”

📖 Revelation 14:9–10 (NIV84) “A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, ¹⁰ he, too, will drink of the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of His wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb.”

📖 Revelation 20:4b (NIV84) “...I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

Digging Deeper: In today’s message, is there a promise to trust, a command to obey, a truth to embrace, a warning to heed, or an encouragement to rest in?  What did you learn about God, about yourself, or about the world today? Is there one verse or thought that stands out?