

(1) Read Daniel 7:1-7 and then Revelation 13:1ff. What similarities do you see? What has John done with the vision of the four beasts in Daniel and how does this help us in understanding who or what the Beast of Revelation 13 is?

(2) On the assumption that my understanding of the Beast is correct, what expressions or manifestations of this anti-kingdom power have you seen in the past? What expressions or manifestations do you see in the present world? Consider the impact globally of radical Islamic fundamentalism, the pro-abortion movement, and religious liberalism, just to mention a few. In what ways might these be expressions of the Beast of Revelation? Be specific.

(3) Read 1 John 2:22; 4:3; and 2 John 7. What does John say about the “Antichrist”? Is the Beast of Revelation the Antichrist of the Johannine Epistles?

(4) How or in what concrete ways is the Beast worshipped today?

(5) In what ways is the presence and influence of the Beast felt by Christians today? Can you identify specific ways in which the church in OKC is influenced or persecuted by the Beast?