

## I. Introduction

The purpose of spiritual warfare differs fundamentally between Jesus and Satan.(John 10:10)  
In chapter 13, Satan launches his attacks using worldly power, false religion, and economic disadvantage as his primary weapons.

Today's text specifically highlights the onslaught brought through worldly power.

Satan empowers and authorizes worldly powers to carry out these attacks.

The beast rising out of the sea represents none other than the power of this world.(v.1)

## II. Main Points

The Beast Rising Out of the Sea: Five Characteristics of Worldly Power

1. Worldly power that opposes God utters blasphemies against Him (vv. 1, 5-6).
  - A representative historical figure is Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 BC).
  - He proclaimed himself a god, desecrated the Temple, and persecuted those who worshipped the Lord.
2. The beast from the sea possesses formidable power and strikes fear into people (v. 2).
  - This terrifying beast is rooted in the imagery of the beasts found in Daniel 7 (v. 4).
  - Throughout history, these "beasts" have emerged as powerful and fearsome entities, demanding worship and total allegiance from the masses.
3. The beast rising out of the sea counterfeits and imitates God and Jesus.
  - It mimics the Resurrection of Jesus through its miraculous recovery from a fatal wound (v. 3).
  - It imitates the Holy Trinity by forming a "Satanic Trinity" consisting of Satan (the Dragon),
  - Worldly Power (the First Beast), and False Religion (the Second Beast).
4. The beast rising out of the sea appears to triumph over the saints (v. 7).
  - When powerful and ruthless regimes persecute the church, it may seem as though the saints are being defeated.
  - Consequently, all whose names are not written in the Book of Life worship the beast (v. 8).
  - Examples include those who bowed to Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:7, 16-17) and those who idolize and worship the Kim dynasty in North Korea today.
5. The power of the beast to persecute the saints is limited and remains under God's sovereign control (v. 5).
  - No matter how invincible it may seem, the beast operates only within the specific timeframe permitted by God.
  - Upon the return of the Lord, these powers will be judged and cast into the lake of burning sulfur.

## III. Conclusion

- Overcoming Worldly Power

To fight against worldly power and emerge victorious, we must not be afraid of death.

- The Necessity of Endurance and Faith (vv. 9-10):

Securing this victory requires the patient endurance and faithfulness of the saints.

- The Distinction Between God's Judgment and the Saints' Suffering:

We must distinguish between the judgment God inflicts and the suffering the saints endure. The plagues poured out upon unbelievers are fundamentally different from the persecutions the faithful endure to protect their faith.

- A Witness of Martyrdom:

This distinction is beautifully illustrated in the martyrdom of Pastor Joo Ki-chul and the perspective of Mrs. Ahn Yi-sook as she witnessed it.

- Our Core Attitude:

Therefore, let us rejoice in the persecutions and hardships we face for the sake of the Lord.

**Bible Memorization**

**A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints. (Revelation 13:10)

**Bible Reading**

6/8(Mon)	6/9(Tue)	6/10(Wed)	6/11(Thur)	6/12(Fri)	6/13(Sat)	6/14(Sun)
Ezra 7-9	Ezra 10 Nehemiah 1-2	Nehemiah 3-5	Nehemiah 6-8	Nehemiah 9-10	Nehemiah 11-13	Esther 1-3

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**Quiet Time Passage**

6/8(Mon)	6/9(Tue)	6/10(Wed)	6/11(Thur)	6/12(Fri)	6/13(Sat)	6/14(Sun)
1 Cor. 13:8-13	1 Cor. 14:1-12	1 Cor. 14:13-25	1 Cor. 14:26-40	1 Cor. 15:1-11	1 Cor. 15:12-19	1 Cor. 15:20-28

**Sharing Questions**

1. Share one new truth you learned or one particular blessing you received from today's sermon.
2. What are the worldly powers or temptations around us today—such as culture, materialism, and worldly success—that deceive people by mimicking the power of God and ultimately blind them spiritually?
3. The beast utters proud, blasphemous words, slandering God and His dwelling place (vv. 5-6). When the name of God is treated lightly or rejected in our daily lives—whether in the workplace, through media, or within personal relationships—how should we, as Christians, guard our hearts and respond?
4. Today's scripture concludes in verse 10 by stating, "There is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints." What are the specific areas or situations in your life recently where you must endure through the eyes of faith to preserve your convictions? Let us share our concrete prayer requests and pray for one another.