

THE WAR IN HEAVEN



REVELATION 12-14

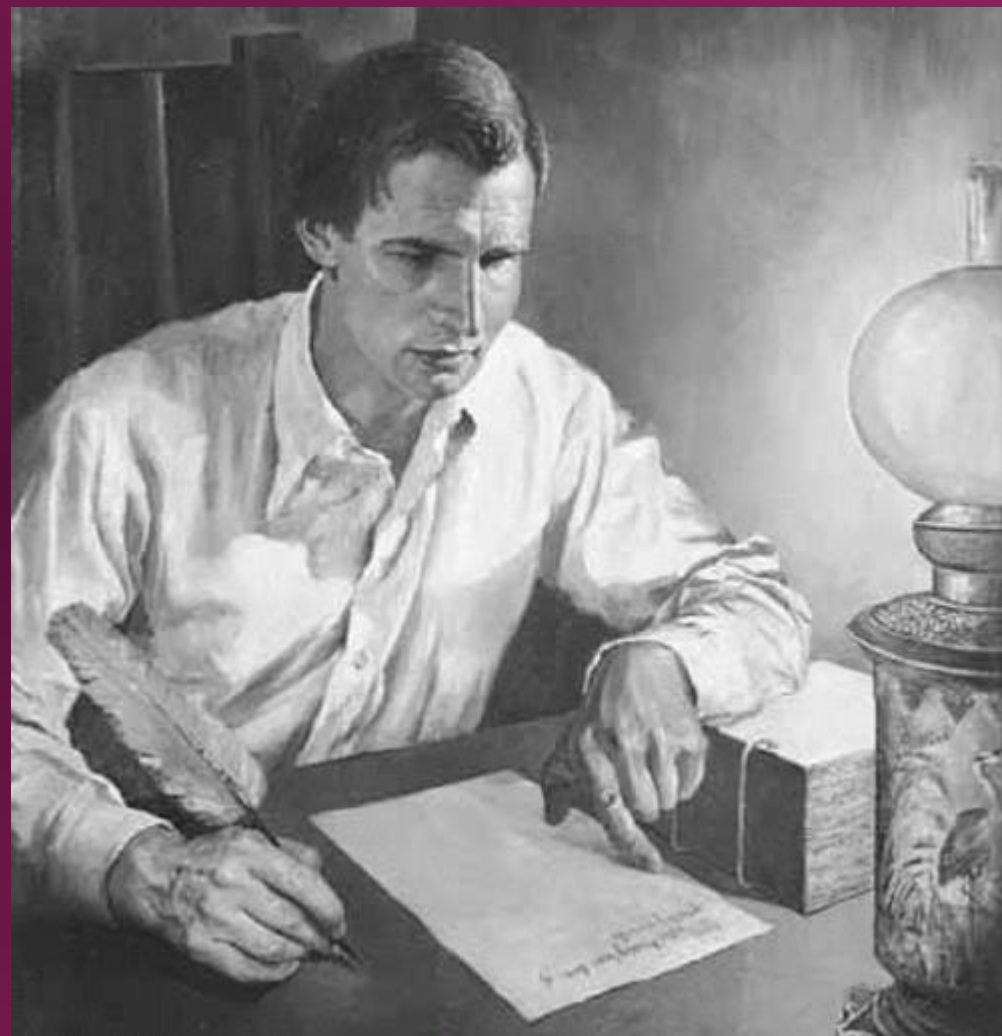


SYMBOLISM

Symbol	Cross-references	Meanings
Woman	JST, Revelation 12:7, D&C 5:14	Christ's Church
Twelve Stars	JST, Revelation 5:6	The Twelve Apostles
A child "who is to rule all nations"	JST, Revelation 12:3; D&C 65:5-6	Christ reigning personally on the earth
Dragon	D&C 88:110	Satan or Lucifer
Third part of stars being drawn away by the dragon	D&C 29:36-38	Satan drawing away a third of the spirits
Rod of iron	1 Nephi 11:25	The Word of God
Woman fleeing into the wilderness	Amos 8:11 D&C 86:1-3	The Church being withdrawn at the time of the Great Apostasy

INTERESTING SIDE NOTE

Joseph Smith made more changes in Chapter 12 than any other portion of Revelation



WOMAN – CHRIST'S CHURCH



What happened to the woman?

She gave birth to a son “who was to rule all nations”

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

A Wonder—a great sign in Heaven to the world. Celestial Glory (Church of Christ) with Terrestrial world under her dominion, and governed by a ruling power of Priesthood Authority.

Crown of 12 stars—
power and Apostles

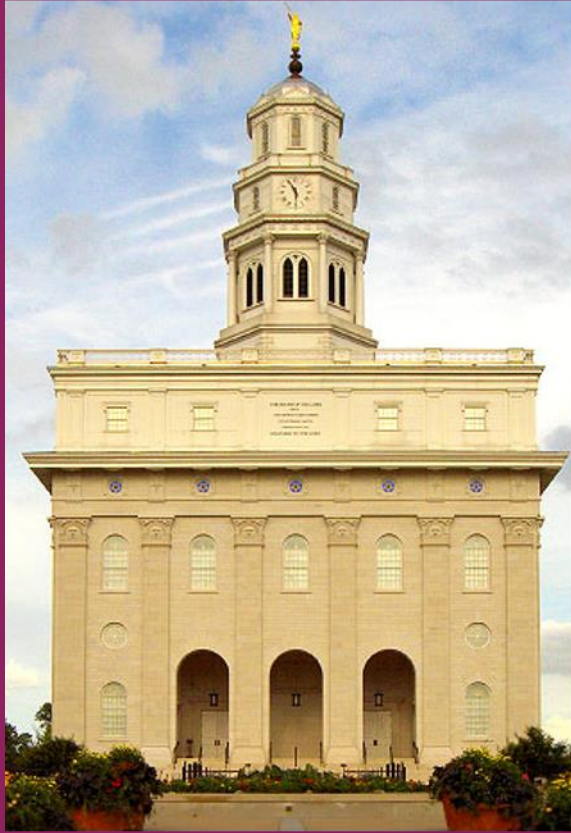
Sun and Moon—
beauty and glory



Woman—The Church
of Jesus Christ

Clothed with the sun— “having been
clothed” a protection from God

SYMBOLS IN NAUVOO



Moon at the bottom, sun, then
12 stars at the top

CHILD – KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS CHRIST

Zion or political kingdom of God

Travailing—labor pains—There was labor and pain involved in bringing forth the kingdom of God. (Isaiah 54:1)

JST 12:3

Zion which has the power to lift man to a higher plane.
(Isaiah 66:7-9)

Child caught up to God/throne—the early church tried to establish Zion but were unsuccessful.

God removed its authority

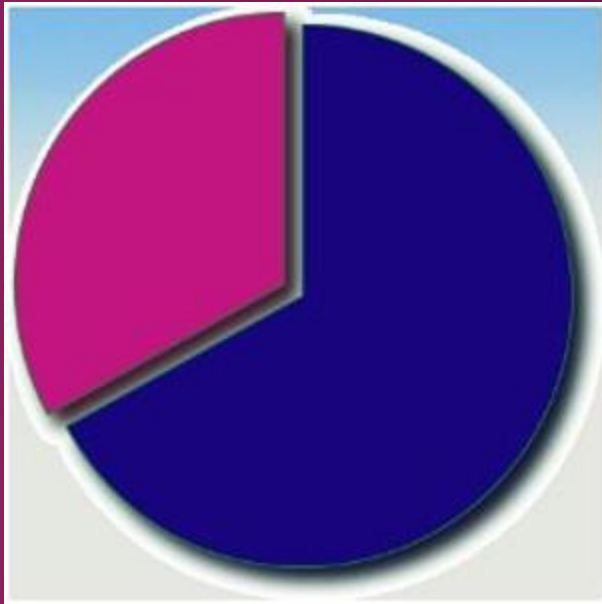


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DRAGON--SATAN

Red—violent—accomplishing his (Satan's) work

7 heads and 10 horns--Satan has great power



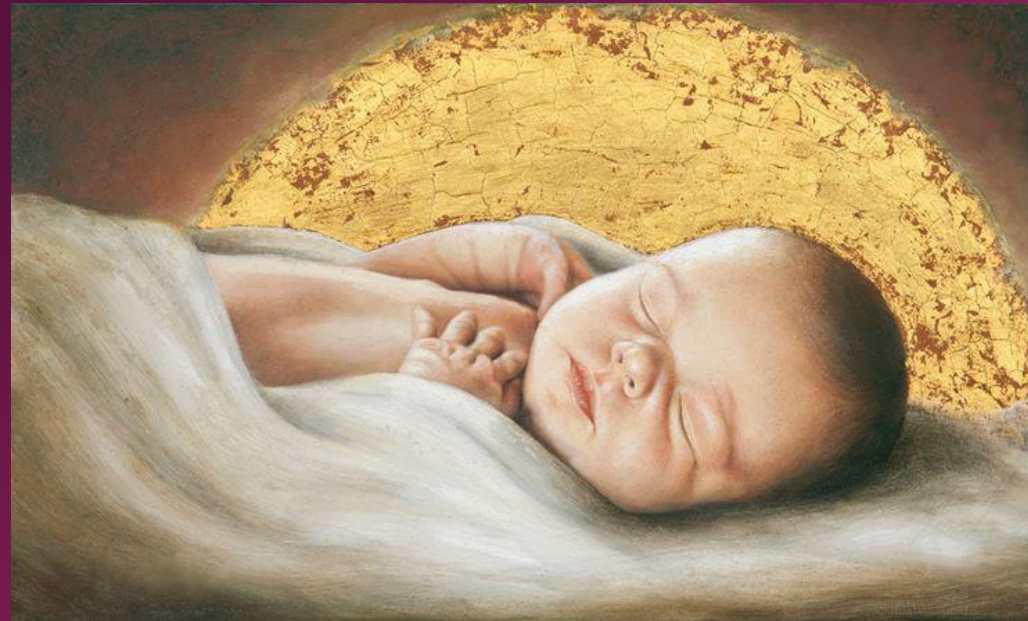
Tail drew away 1/3 part—End result in the War in Heaven (significant number of children chose to follow Satan).

Devour--Satan is waiting to destroy Zion

RULE ALL NATIONS



The child would use the rod of iron,
which may symbolize the gospel, the
priesthood, and the word and power of
God, to righteously govern the nations
of the world (2)



Jordan Jones

IRON ROD AND APOSTASY

Man Child—The Kingdom of God and
His Christ rules with the Iron Rod--
With the Word of God



“Michael and his angels” = Adam and other
righteous spirit children of God



Woman flee into wilderness—The Church
authority was taken from the earth
1,260 years—Time of Apostasy
JST 12:5 changes days to years

Read D&C 86:3

WAR IN HEAVEN

Between Satan and the Saints of God

War of Words, opinions, truth, error, light, darkness and so forth.



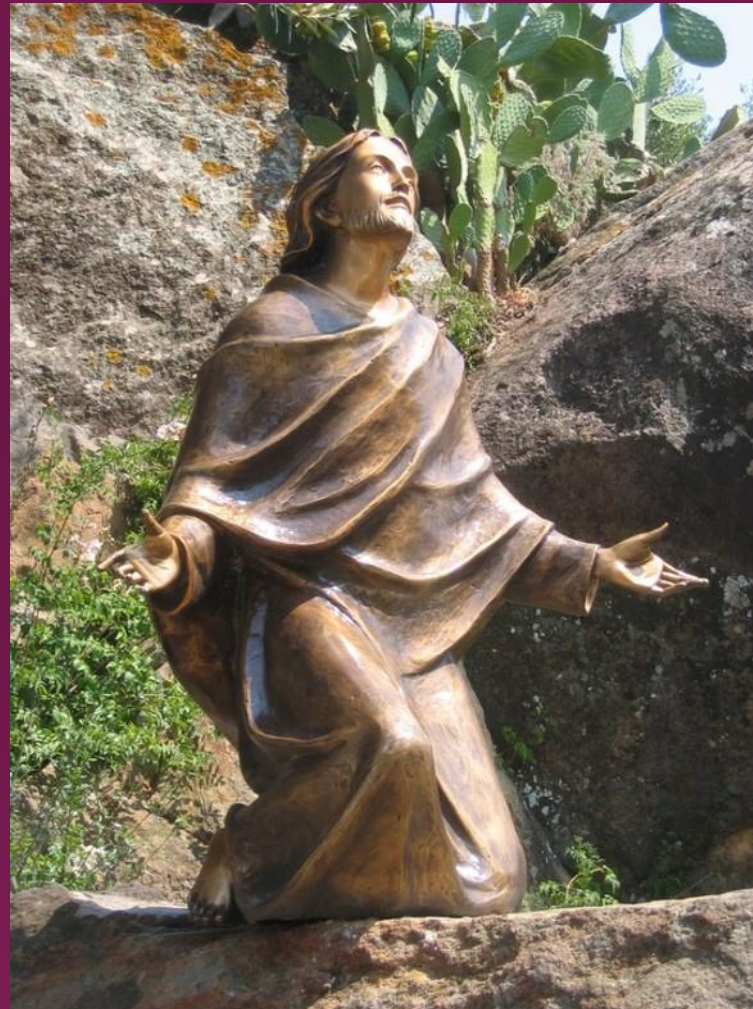
Michael and angels fight against dragon—Satan and his followers—Cast out

OVERCOMING SATAN

By the Blood of the Lamb—the Atonement of the Savior

Righteous overcame by:

1. Faith in the Atonement
2. Their testimony and willing to proclaim it to all who would hear
3. Undo death—willing martyrs



We can overcome Satan's influences through the Savior's Atonement and by remaining true to our testimonies of the gospel

“Reserved to come forth in these last days and labor for our Father and His Son are some of the most valiant and noble of our Father’s sons and daughters. Their valiance and nobility were demonstrated in the pre-earth struggle with Satan. ...

“With God’s kingdom restored to the earth and your entry into the world, Satan knows that ‘he hath but a short time’.

Therefore, Satan is marshalling every resource at his disposal to entice you into transgression. He knows that if he can draw you into transgression, he may prevent you from serving a full-time mission, marrying in the temple, and securing your future children in the faith, all of which weakens not only you but the Church.



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He knows that nothing can overthrow God’s kingdom ‘save it [be] the transgression of [his] people’ [Mosiah 27:13]. Make no mistake about it—the focus of his war is now on you.”

(3)

PERSECUTION

Satan persecutes the Church of Jesus Christ.

But the woman or truths were found in small ways in the monasteries and kingdoms through the art works, cathedrals and writings of Europe.



WINGS OF AN EAGLE

Ability to move—(Deut. 32:10-11)
and (Isaiah 40:31)

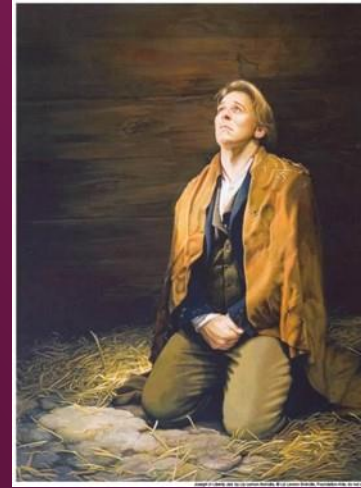


Wilderness—spiritual refuge—a place of
safety, a place to wait on God.

Where is your spiritual refuge?

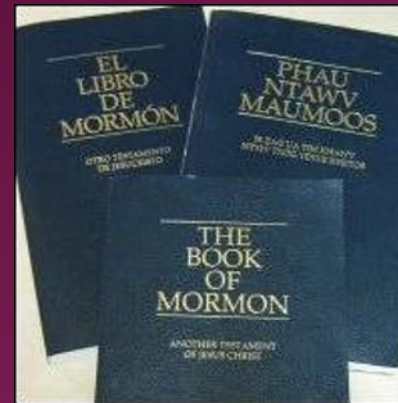
CASTS WATER OUT

Satan, the father of lies, tries to drown Christianity with a deluge of lies and deceptions.



Could also be a flood of tribulation and persecution. Satan attempts to seduce and threaten, or wear out the true Saints.

The earth is to be flooded with the Book of Mormon to counter Satan's flood.



DRAGON MAKES WAR

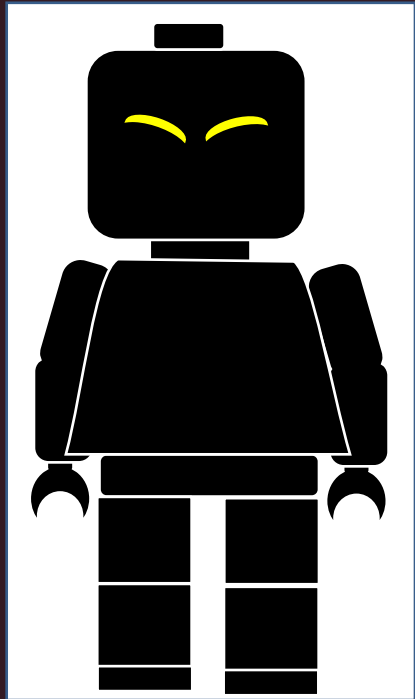
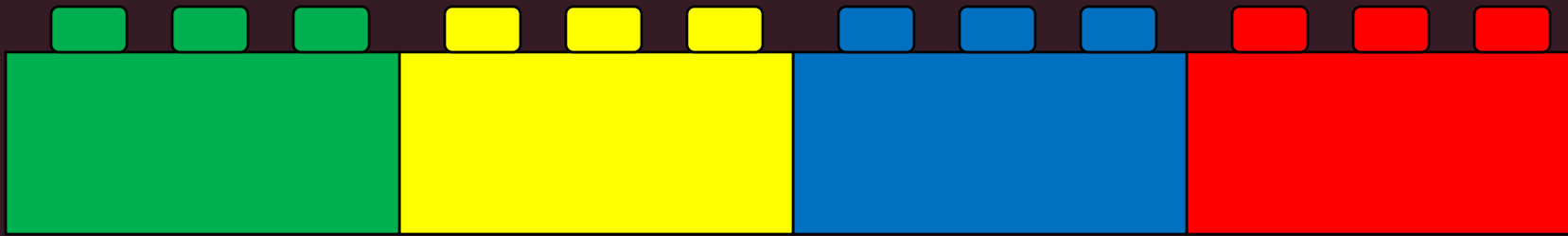
Satan makes war on those who are the spiritually begotten of Jesus Christ. (D&C 76:50-53)



The Dragon may seem fierce yet he is not real.

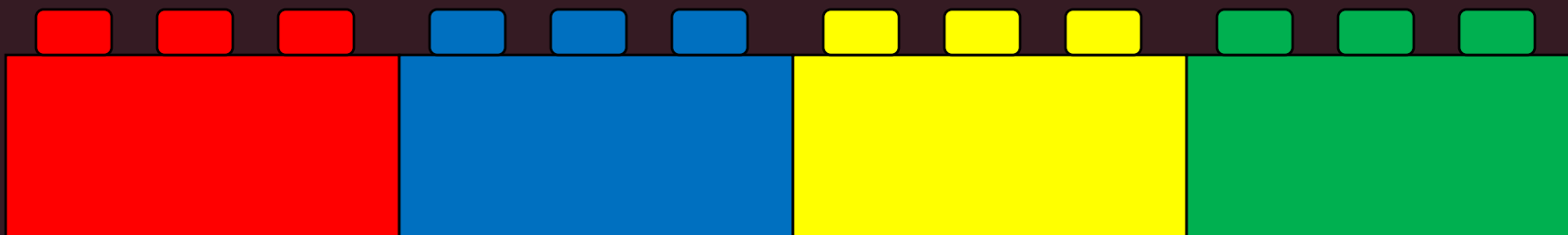
Satan has no power over you unless you give him permission





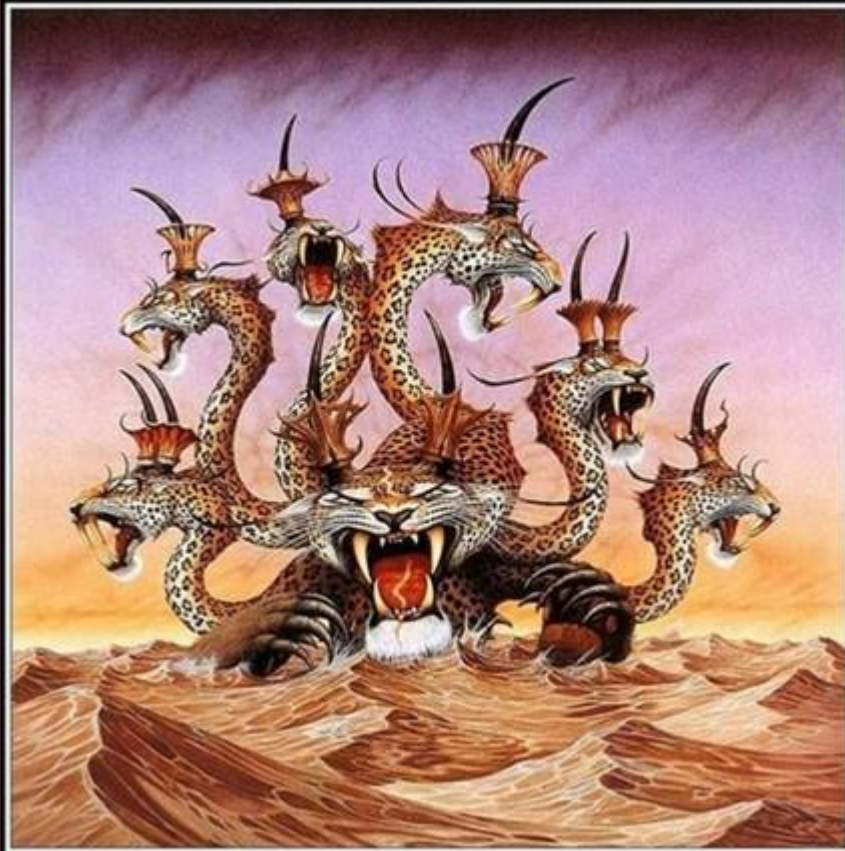
Satan Has the Power to Deceive

Revelation 13



The Image of the Beast

Beast coming up from the sea
See also: (Daniel 7:3-5)



Characteristics of
a Beast:

Murderers,
corrupt,
carnivorous,
and brutal in their
dispositions

Revelation 13:1

Sea of Humanity

Dragon--Satan

Crown= power
over the Kingdom



7= complete, fullness of evil

10= Power, but incomplete, just short of 12
(Authority)

Note: At first glance the image is that of the dragon, but there is a difference. This beast has 10 crowns placed upon its horns not his heads. The beast's crowns suggest that its power rests upon brute force. The beast actually has less power than the dragon.

Leopards...bears...lions

“Oh my”

Beasts of Prey



The Beast receives his power and authority from the Dragon

However

The Beast gets approved power from us



Changing our Hearts

How do you kill the Beast?

Alma 5:7

By changing our hearts so the beast has no more power over us.



Revelation 13:3



The Majority of the world will admire and desire wickedness in the last days.

Admiration and Worship

This gives power to the Beast

Satan gives the beast his power and authority just as the Father does the Son.

Not only does the beast wear the name of blasphemy upon its heads, but it pretends to be God for the unseeing world.

Admiration of:
Crudeness
Filth
Cruelty
Violence
Sexual immorality
Disloyalty to commitments
Unfaithfulness
Political corruption



Temporary Victory

Since the beast receives power from Satan and Satan is restricted by God, the beast is actually allowed to do his work within bounds God has set.



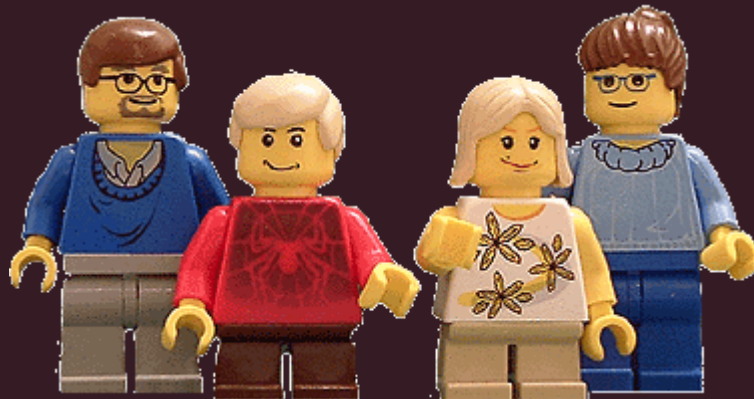
God uses the beast in his own grand strategy.

Worship

Satan and followers will mock
God and all that is sacred.



Worship God of War and force



Or

Inviting a God of Peace and gentleness?

Defending in Holy Places

All that take the sword—
All that endure and not
fight against Satan

Home



Church



Temple

Stay away from Satan's turf

1st Presidency of Satan

Another beast—appears harmless

Testifies of 1st beast



False Lamb
False Prophets
False Doctrine
Antichrists
Propagandist—media
influences



2 witnesses

Jesus has his two witnesses—to Testify of Christ



The Dragon also has his two monsters—to testify of the first beast



Great Wonders

2nd Beast performs miracles



Satan will do all he can to get all people to follow him, to “worship” him by living wickedly in the last days.

Power to Give Life

To make it real or to endow it with influence and power.



Idols—can take over lives and cause them to die spiritually as well as physically in wars, plagues, etc. Also the wicked can cause great trouble, temporarily for the righteous.

Mark in the Forehead

Forehead—symbolic of “loyalty”



“phylacteries”
worn on
foreheads

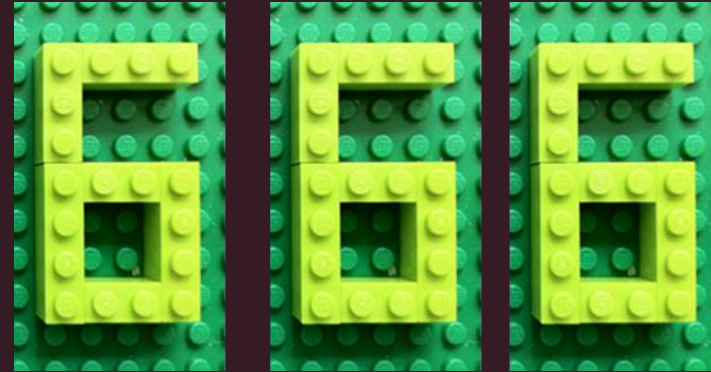


Rev. 14:1

144,000 righteous who have the “Father’s
name written in their foreheads”

Number of a Man

“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six Hundred threescore and six.”



666—We don't know what the number means.

“Yea, verily I say unto you, in that day when the Lord shall come, he shall reveal all things

—D&C 101:32

Sources:

Suggested Hymn: #60 *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

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Fierce Looking Beasts Revelation 13:

Apart from the knowledge that the beasts represent worldly kingdoms, we do not have any interpretation from the Lord concerning the beasts. While speaking about the mysteries of the book of Revelation, the Prophet Joseph Smith said the following:

“Whenever God gives a vision of an image, or beast, or figure of any kind, He always holds Himself responsible to give a revelation or interpretation of the meaning thereof, otherwise we are not responsible or accountable for our belief in it. ...

“... Never meddle with the visions of beasts and subjects you do not understand” (in *History of the Church*, 5:343, 344).

Lamb Slain Revelation 13:8:

The phrase “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” refers to Jesus Christ and His Atonement. “From the foundation of the world” refers to the premortal life, before the world was created. Therefore, we can understand from this verse that the effects of the Savior’s Atonement were in place before Jesus was even born. For example, people who lived before the time of Christ could exercise faith in Christ, repent, and have their sins forgiven through the power of His Atonement, even though the Savior had yet to be born (see D&C 20:25–26).

Attempting to identify the Beast Revelation 1-12:

Rather than attempting to specify an exact identity of the beast, it may be more profitable to note the following general characteristics about the beast: It had power over many nations (see Revelation 13:1, 7); it opposed God and blasphemed against Him (see verses 5–6); the power it wielded was like the power that predatory animals have over their prey (see verse 2); Satan gave it power (see verses 2, 4); people of the world worshipped or followed the beast (see verse 4); and it was able to overpower many, including the Saints (see verse 7). It could be said that any kingdom or government that exhibits these characteristics manifests the spirit of the beast. Revelation 17:8–12 contains additional information about the beast, including its ultimate destruction. New Testament Institute Manual Chapter 55

The War With the Saints Revelation 13:7:

“Satan is waging war against the members of the Church who have testimonies and are trying to keep the commandments. And while many of our members are remaining faithful and strong, some are wavering. Some are falling. Some are fulfilling John’s prophecy that in the war with Satan, some Saints would be overcome.” President Ezra Taft Benson (“The Power of the Word,” *Ensign*, May 1986, 79).

The Book of Life Revelation 13:8:

“the book of life, or Lamb’s book of Life, is the record kept in heaven which contains the names of the faithful and an account of their righteous covenants and deeds. Elder Bruce R. McConkie *Doctrinal New Testament Commentary*,

“We are not going to be saved in the kingdom of God just because our names are on the records of the Church. It will require more than that. We will have to have our names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, and if they are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life then it is an evidence we have kept the commandments. Every soul who will not keep those commandments shall have his name blotted out of that book” President Joseph Fielding Smith (in Conference Report, Oct. 1950, 10; see also Alma 5:57–58).