

# How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 28 – Picking back up after our break]

**\*(Revelation)\***

- Opening Scripture:
  - **Revelation 13**
    - **The Beast**
      - From the sea
      - From the earth
    - **The Mark**
- ✓ ONGOING FOCUS: **Symbolism in Prophetic & Apocalyptic Literature**
  - ✓ This week: History repeats itself. Actual, Historical Events & How They Replay Themselves (metaphorically).
    - **The beast of the sea (antichrist?)**
      - Appearance & symbolism
        - Horns, heads, crowns, blasphemous names
        - Leopard, bear, lion (Babylon, Persia, Macedonia – ROME?)
        - Fatal wound
    - **The beast of the earth (the false prophet)**
      - “Mouthpiece of the first beast”
        - Period of authority (42 months)
        - Military and economic power (violence against the saints, deception of those who don’t yet believe)
        - Religious/philosophical deceit (corrupted signs & miracles)
          - Idolatry
          - Slander/Desecration (of The Temple?)
    - **The Mark of the Beast**
      - Placement (same as phylacteries...inversion of the holy/blasphemous)
      - Numerological significance
        - 6 (versus 7)...number of humanity (versus divine/perfect number)
        - Alphanumeric symbolism (“spells” “Nero”?)
- **CONTINUING KEY WORDS:** *Hermeneutic; Semiotics; Transmission; Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase); Psuedopigrapha; Inspiration; Divine Superintendence; Textual Reliability; Exogesis/Isogesis; Anthropomorphism, Polytheism/Henotheism & Monotheism; Eschaton &/or Parousia; Millennialism/PRE-Millennialism/POST-Millennialism/ A-Millennialism; Dispensationalism; Covenant Theology; Type, Archetype & Metatype. Antagonist & Protagonist*

**NEXT SESSION : Revelation 14 – The Lamb, Mount Zion, The 144,000; The Gospel; prophecy of consolation for the saints; prophecy of final battle/judgement.**