



The Counterfeit Trinity:

Combating Spiritual Corruption Monsters

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A. Counterfeiting

Satan's Method: Rev. 13:1

Satan (12:3)

- ◆ **Dragon**
- ◆ **7 heads**
- ◆ **10 horns**
- ◆ **Crowns on heads**
- ◆ **Pattern**



Assistant (13:1)

- ◆ **Beast**
- ◆ **7 heads**
- ◆ **10 horns**
- ◆ **Crowns on horns**
- ◆ **Reflected image**



Imaging

◆ God
the Father

Christ
the Son (Col. 1:15)

◆ God

Adam



Counterfeiting



◆ Dragon

Beast (Rev. 13:1)

Pattern

Reflected Image

Counterfeit Trinity

Original

- ◆ **The Father**
- ◆ **Christ
the Son**
- ◆ **Spirit**

Function

- originates**
- executes**
- witnesses**

Counterfeit

- ◆ **Dragon**
- ◆ **Beast**
- ◆ **False Prophet**

The Beast Counterfeits Christ

Christ	Feature	Beast
19:12	Diadems	13:1
19:11,12,16	Name	13:1
12:5,10	Power	13:2
1:18	Resurrection	13:3,12
1:6	Worship	13:4
Exo. 15:3,11-12	Praise	13:4
14:1; 7:3	Seal	13:16
5:9	Nations' allegiance	13:7-8

Eschatological War

Christ



Beast

**Divine Holy
Warrior (19:11-16)**

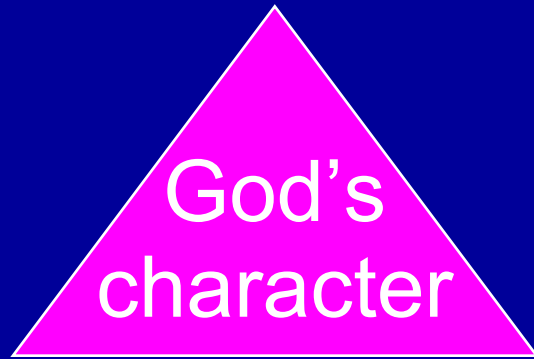
**Abyssal Unholy
Warrior (13:1-8)**

Lessons from Counterfeiting

- ◆ You are either for God or against him.
- ◆ Satan as a creature must imitate God (2 Cor. 11:14).
 - Danger in passing off the counterfeit
 - Satan is not the Creator/Originator
- ◆ Repulsiveness of the counterfeit.
- ◆ Fit punishment for followers is to be under the Beast.
- ◆ God controls Satan and all history, Job 1-2; Ps. 76:10; Rom. 8:28.

B. Satan's Role

Satan's Repeated Pattern



Satan's Pattern



Nothing new here.



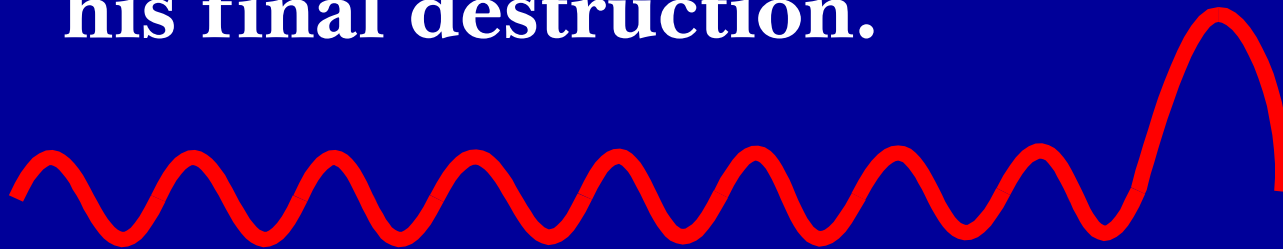
- ◆ Satan cannot create; he must imitate.
- ◆ Satan always follows the same pattern.
- ◆ Spiritual war shows a constant pattern.
- ◆ Satan suffers repeated defeats.

Repeated Defeat of the Dragon

- ◆ Exodus from Egypt. Isa. 51:9-10; Ps. 74:13-14?
- ◆ Restoration from Babylon. Isa. 51:9-11
- ◆ Babylon destroys Egypt. Ezek. 29:3-6; 32:2-5
- ◆ Time of fulfillment. Isa. 27:1
- ◆ First coming of Christ. John 12:31; Luke 10:18; Rev. 12:9; Rev. 20:2?
- ◆ Second coming of Christ. Rev. 20:2? Rev. 20:10

Summary of Defeats

- ◆ **Spiritual war throughout history**
- ◆ **The dragon is repeatedly defeated**
- ◆ **The pattern of defeat leads up to his final destruction.**



Repeated
defeats

Final
destruction

Application of Satan's Defeat to Us

- ◆ Satan has been decisively defeated Col. 2:15, Rev. 12:7-12.
- ◆ Christ's crucifixion and resurrection accomplished it, Rev. 1:18.
- ◆ We do not fear death, Rev. 1:18.
- ◆ We can endure momentary injustices.
- ◆ Satan's final defeat is guaranteed, Rev. 20:10.