

Intro: The dragon, Satan, lost his war in heaven and was hurled to the earth (Rev. 12:9). He could not—and cannot—overthrow God, which was his ultimate goal. So, he takes out his rage on earth, striving to take as many souls as possible with him—away from God.

*The ♥ of the matter is always a matter of the ♥.*

- I. The Dragon's Desire
  - a. Overthrow God
  - b. Displace/replace God the Father
  
- II. The Dragon's Fury
  - a. Against all humanity (created in God's image)
  - b. Rages especially against God's holy people: believers
  
- III. The Beast from the Sea
  - a. Symbolic of the dragon and the beasts in Daniel 7
  - b. Represents the kingdoms & empires of the world
  - c. Mimics—blasphemes—the Son of God
  
- IV. The Beast from the Earth
  - a. Mimics—blasphemes—the Holy Spirit of God
  - b. Represents ideologies that become religion to people
  
- V. The Inhabitants of the Earth (Unbelievers)
  - a. Worship the dragon & the first beast
  - b. Receive the mark of the beast—*not* a seal
  
- VI. God's Holy People (Believers/Inhabitants of Heaven)
  - a. Worship the Lamb who was slain
  - b. Patiently endure the dragon's war

Close: The dragon will never enter heaven again, and his days on earth are numbered. "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7