Revelation 13- The Two Beasts One of the More Mysterious Chapters of Scripture.

In order to understand much of Revelation we must know our Old Testament; particularly Chapter 13. This morning Pastor Holst will refer to the following passages:

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- A. Job 40: The Behemoth- a beast of the land.
- B. Job 41: The Leviathan- a beast of the sea.
- C. Psalm 74:13&14: God the King breaks the heads of the Leviathan, as His people struggle.
- D. Daniel 7:3-14: Daniel's vision of four terrifying beasts coming up out of the abyss of the sea. In Dan 7:12, when the first three beasts were killed their strength was given to the fourth.

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- A. Rev 11:7: Beast that ascends wars against the witnesses and kills them.
- B. Rev 16: 13: "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."
- C. Rev 17:3-13: The Beast (singular) described- almost identical terms to the beast of the sea.
- D. I John 2:18,22; 4:3, II John 7; II Thess. 2:1-12. These passages present anti-christ forces & psyche/spirit, present at differing times to differing degrees and (according to many fathers in the faith) fully realised in one end times figure.