# God's Revelation of the Future

The Woman and the Dragon

The First Beast

The Second Beast

### Revelation 13

- The visions in this chapter describe two beasts.
  - A beast from the sea = the Antichrist (with his kingdom)
  - A beast from the land = the False Prophet

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