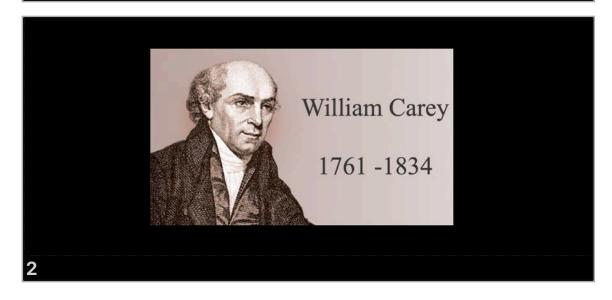
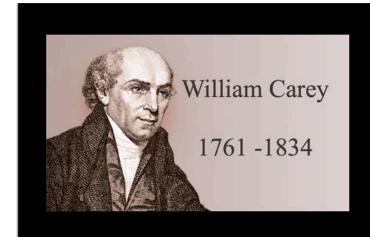
# Learning How To Plod

Revelation 13:1-10

#### **1** Group





"I learned how to plod."

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## Revelation 13

(11) This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.

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### Revelation 13:1-7

The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

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### Revelation 13:1-7

The beast...opened its mouth to blaspheme God, ... It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them

## Chapter 12

### Chapter 13

The Dragon (Satan)

A beast from the sea

A beast from the land

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### Revelation 13:1

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea...(2) The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

## Daniel 2

(2) Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were ...four great beasts, each...came up out of the sea.

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#### Daniel 7 (Four Beasts From the Sea)

Beast 1 - Leopard

Beast 2 - Bear

Beast 3 - Lion

Beast 4 - Terrifying animal/iron teeth

### Daniel 7 (Four Beasts From the Sea)

Beast 1 - Babylon

Beast 2 - Persia and Medes

Beast 3 - Greece

Beast 4 - Rome

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### Revelation 13

(1) It had <u>ten horns</u> and <u>seven heads</u>... (2) The beast I saw resembled a <u>leopard</u>, but had feet like those of a <u>bear</u> and a mouth like that of a <u>lion</u>

### Revelation 13

(5) The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months

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#### So who is the beast?

A powerful force that opposes God and those who serve Jesus Christ His Son. It is a force known as the Antichrist

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## 1 John 2

(18) Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

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#### Revelation 13

(6) It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name ...(7) It was given power to wage war against God's holy people...

#### Antichrist

An organization made up of demonically controlled people.

A system which combines political and cultural forces working together to oppress the followers of Christ.

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#### Daniel 3

King Nebuchadnezzar builds 90 foot idol

Demands people worship it or die

### Revelation 13:3,4

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Nero dies A.D. 68

(uprising by zealots in Judea)

Vespasian puts down uprising

Titus and Domition reign harshly

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#### Revelation 13

(5) The beast ...opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

## Blasphemy

Wherever the character and purposes of God are intentionally dishonored

Wherever lies about God are intentionally communicated to deceive

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### Revelation 13

(4) "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

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Christians are increasingly going to have to choose between obedience and comfort. The next decades will not bring apathy to the gospel, but antagonism.

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#### 1 Samuel 17

(45) "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

#### Revelation 13

(7) It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

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#### Revelation 13

(8) All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

### Revelation 13

(9) Whoever has ears, let them hear. (10) "If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity they will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword they will be killed."

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#### Revelation 13

(10) This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.







Bruised and battered.... but safe forever.