The Two Beasts of Revelation 13

A Quick-Reference Comparison — Revelation Chapter 13

Feature	First Beast (from the Sea)	Second Beast (from the Land)
Origin	Rises out of the sea.	Rises out of the earth.
Description	Resembles a leopard, with feet like a bear and a mouth like a lion; has seven heads, ten horns, and ten crowns.	Has two horns like a lamb, but speaks like a dragon.
Source of Power	Given his power, throne, and authority directly by the dragon (Satan).	Exercises all the power of the first beast on his behalf.
Role	A global political and military ruler who receives worldwide worship.	Often identified as the False Prophet; a religious deceiver who directs worship toward the first beast.
Key Actions	Survives a fatal head wound, blasphemes God, and makes war with and overcomes the saints.	Performs miracles (including calling down fire from heaven), creates a speaking image of the first beast, and enforces the mark of the beast.
Duration	Permitted to act and blaspheme for 42 months.	Not explicitly stated; his activity is tied to the first beast's reign.

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." — Revelation 13:18 (KJV)