

“The Coming Antichrist & False Prophet”
Revelation 13:1-18
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Introduction

- Title of the Message is: “The Coming Antichrist & False Prophet”

- **You Know We Are Near to the Return of Christ When?!**

- **7 Things**
- **1st Evil Is Called Good – Good Is Called Evil**

Isaiah 5:20 (NKJV)

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

- Pastors Being Arrested for Church
- Criminals being Released
- Riots Okay
- Church is EVIL

- **Show Pic x 2 Celebrating Sin – Pastor Arrested**

- **2nd The Is Church is Moving Away from Truth to Deception (Apostasy)**

2 Timothy 4:1–5 (NKJV)

1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 Thessalonians 2:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

- **3rd Global Identification Is Required**

- Revelation 13 – Which we will Study tonight

- **Show Pics x 2 – Covid Passports**

- **4th Global Economy**

- DAYMOND DUCK
- In Jan. 2021, Biden stopped construction of America's Keystone XL oil and natural gas Pipeline, putting about 11,000 people out of work on the pipeline itself and about 42,000 people out of work in businesses producing supplies for the pipeline. (23 states are suing Biden for illegally undoing an act of Congress that will benefit the citizens of the U.S. Biden also halted oil and natural gas leases on federal lands.)
- In Mar. 2021, Biden imported more than a million barrels of Iranian oil that was on a seized Iranian tanker that was violating U.S. sanctions.
- In May 2021, Biden waved U.S. sanctions on Russia, allowing Putin to finish construction of Russia's Nord Stream 2 pipeline to Germany.
- On June 1, 2021, it was reported that Biden has temporarily (but probably permanently) blocked drilling for oil in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

- Biden is helping Russia and Iran produce and sell oil and natural gas at the same time that he is blocking U.S. companies from producing and selling oil and natural gas.
- Biden deliberately approved the employment of thousands of Russians and deliberately put thousands of U.S. citizens out of work about the same time on the same kind of jobs.
- Perhaps, Biden was telling the truth on Feb. 19, 2021, when he declared he was replacing Trump's "America First" agenda with "Globalism First."
- This self-proclaimed "good Catholic" does not realize it, but God intends to use the Tribulation Period to bring an end to the "Globalism First" agenda.

○ **5th Families Turn Against Each Other**

- Matthew 10
- Happening at an Alarming Rate
- Illustration
 - Millennials – YOUTH
 - Met with a group of Pastor the other day – CONCERN Youth and them leaving the church
 - Huge PULL to the World

○ **6th Race Wars**

Matthew 24:6 (NKJV)

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

- It's All over the NEWS

○ **7th Israel is the Problem**

Zechariah 12:2 (NKJV)

2 *“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.*

- Just turn on the NEWS
- Anti-Semitism is Everywhere

- **Review**

- **Revelation 12**

- **The Characters – so far**

- The Woman = Israel
- The Dragon = Satan
- The Man-Child = Jesus.
- The Angel Michael = Head of the angelic host.
- The Offspring of the Woman = Gentiles who come to faith in the Tribulation.

- **The WAR**

- With Israel
 - Satan has been at war with Israel since Gen. 3:15
 - Replacement Theology
- War in Heaven = Satan kicked out
 - Between Michael the Archangel and his angels...and the devil and his demons
 - We saw that the devil and his demons were CAST OUT of heaven to the earth

- **Now To Chapter 13 Overview**

- **1st Satan brings 2 world leaders to power**
 - Our next 2 Characters
 - One Political
 - One Religious
 - Both are called “BEASTS”
 - One “Rising up out of the Sea” = ANTICHRIST (Rev. 13:1)
 - One “Coming up out of the Earth” = FALSE PROPHET (Rev. 13:11)
- **2nd These 2 Characters Reveals what Satan is all about... COUNTERFEIT**
 - Satan is a master at Counterfeit = NO Originality
 - **1st Counterfeit of the Trinity**
 - We worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - The Father sent His Son.
 - The Son died and rose from the dead.
 - The Holy Spirit comes to glorify the Son.
 - The Satanic trinity is the devil, the antichrist, and the false prophet.
 - The devil empowers the antichrist with his power.
 - The antichrist has a “deadly” wound and is healed.
 - The false prophet glorifies the beast.
 - **2nd The Gospel**
 - WE HAVE the REAL Gospel
 - Admit your sinner
 - Repent & believe
 - You turn from your sin...and turn to Christ

- Satan has a counterfeit gospel
 - An easy “BELIEVISM”
 - That says you can believe in Whatever of Whoever you want
 - So long as you are SINCERE
 - Live however you want to live & you will eventually end up in heaven
 - “All Roads lead to God”
 - “Believe in Something”
 - Sadly this lie is working
 - Most people believe that they will go to heaven...68% of Americans

• **Now let's look at this these 2 World Leaders**

- 2 Main Points
 - The Worlds Political Leader – The Anti-Christ vs. 1-10
 - The Worlds Religious Leader – The False Prophet vs. 11-18

The Worlds Political Leader – The Anti-Christ vs. 1-10

• **First: The Identity of the Beast vs. 1-3**

- **1st The Association Of This Beast With The Devil v. 1**
 - **1st Then I stood on the sand of the sea v. 1a**

Revelation 13:1 (NKJV)

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

- Many people today love the Sea - I love the sea
- BUT To the Jewish people in Biblical times
 - They regarded the sea as a Wild, Untamed, Frightening place.
 - It was a figure of evil and chaos that seemed to resist God, though the resistance was unsuccessful

Psalm 74:12–13 (NKJV)

12 *For God is my King from of old, Working salvation in the midst of the earth.*

13 *You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.*

Isaiah 57:20 (NKJV)

20 *But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.*

- **2nd And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea v. 1b**

Revelation 13:1 (NKJV)

1 *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.*

- **From the Sea**

- The place identified with Evil and Chaos and Resisting God
- Nation or Person
 - Nation
 - Some say the definite article Sea means Mediterranean
 - Means Nation around the Mediterranean Sea
 - Sea = Humanity

- **A Beast comes forth**

- The Greek Word =
 - Has the idea of a Wild, Dangerous Animal
- NOTE the Differences from the Dragon and the Beast
 - In chapter 12:3
 - The dragon was described as
 - “Having Seven Heads and Ten Horns, and Seven Diadems (crowns) on his heads.”
 - The difference between the dragon & the beast is
 - The dragon had crowns on his heads
 - The beast has crowns on his horns
 - Power - Revelation 13:2 tells us the dragon gave the beast “his power, his throne, and great authority.”

- **Who is this BEAST**

- This Person is known as the Antichrist
 - The “beast” is a man who comes to power and influence in the world through the direct help of Satan himself
 - This person has captured the imagination of many people...
 - People who don't know anything about the Bible will often know about the antichrist

- But many are ignorant about this person called the Antichrist, except what they have learned from movies...
- The Word Antichrist
 - Only appears in the Bible 5 times in 4 verses
 - (1 John 2:18, 2:22, 4:3, and 2 John 7)

1 John 2:18 (NKJV)

18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

- The prefix anti may mean
 - "The Opposite of" or "Instead of."
- The Antichrist is the "opposite Jesus"; and "instead of" Jesus.
- Most people have focused on the idea of the "opposite Jesus."
 - This has made them think that the Antichrist will appear as a supremely evil person
- But at First he will appear as Instead of...
 - As good, bring peace
 - Of course later he will declare himself to be god and then all hell breaks loose
- **The Bible gives him many names or titles - He is also known as**
 - The Little Horn - Daniel 7:8.

- The Prince that Shall Come - Daniel 9:26.
- The Willful King - Daniel 11:36-45.
- The one who comes in his own name - John 5:43
 - Whom Israel will receive as a messiah.
- The Son of Perdition, The Man of Sin, The Lawless One - 2 Thessalonians 2:3.
- **2nd The Authority Of This Beast v. 1c**

Revelation 13:1 (NKJV)

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

▪ **In Revelation 17 More Detail**

- **Basically, it's A PICTURE OF WORLD HISTORY & FUTURE**

Revelation 17:9–12 (NKJV)

9 “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

10 There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.

11 The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

12 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

▪ **The Seven “Heads” have 2 different meanings to them**

- **1st They are a picture of seven “mountains”**

- The seven “mountains” may refer to the “seven hills of Rome”.
- The ancient city of Rome was built on seven hills.

- There is a tie between the antichrist's kingdom and the ancient kingdom of Rome.
- **2nd They are a picture of seven “kings”.**
 - The seven “heads have a second meaning and represent seven kings.
 - The book of Daniel, focus on four world empires, one of which seems to pass away and reappear at the end of time.
 - Those empires were...
 - Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greece, and Rome
 - With the Roman Empire re-emerging at the end of time.
 - But Daniel doesn't deal with the other 2 great, world empires already mentioned in the Bible...
 - Which were Egypt and Assyria.
 - If you put them all together, it works like this:
 - The 5 fallen empires include
 - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persian, and Greece.
 - The empire that “is” = is the Roman Empire 6 & 7
 - The empire that's to come is a form of the revived Roman Empire.
- **The Ten “Horns” represent ten “kings” that will rule with the beast.**
 - These ten kings are ten horns that are on the last of the seven heads.

- They are going to be some kind of confederacy
- Which will form to create the last world empire, and they will give the beast his kingdom.
- The European Union?
- 10 regions on the Earth?

○ **3rd The Attitude Of This Beast v. 1d**

Revelation 13:1 (NKJV)

1 *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.*

- He will blaspheme God and His name
- His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV)

4 *who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

○ **4th The Appearance Of This Beast v. 2**

Revelation 13:2 (NKJV)

2 *Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.*

- The Image of a...
 - Leopard, bear, and lion comes from (Daniel 7:3-8)
- Daniel 7
 - Adds a 4th beast with ten horns that seems identical to Revelation's
 - This is a Symbolic description of the final government

- A confederacy of ten kings out of which comes the Antichrist
 - Again Many Believe a revived Roman Empire
- Review Daniel's Beast
- **1st The Lion**
 - Daniel speaks of a great beast like a lion with eagle's wings
 - The Wings are plucked off.
 - The result was that the lion began to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it
 - The lion is a symbol of the empire of Babylon
 - In particular of one of its greatest kings - Nebuchadnezzar
- **2nd The Bear**
 - The bear in Daniel's vision was raised up on one side and had three ribs in its mouth.
 - The bear symbolized the Medo-Persian empire and their huge lumbering armies
 - The bear "raised up on one side" could be a reference to the fact that the Persian side of this empire dominated the side of the Medes
 - The 3 ribs seem to be a reference to 3 major conquests
 - The Lydian kingdom in Asia Minor (in 546 B.C.)
 - The Chaldean Empire (in 539 B.C.)
 - The Egyptian Empire (in 525 B.C.)

- **3rd The Leopard**

- Daniel saw a leopard that had four wings on its back
- The leopard was a symbol of the Grecian empire and the swiftness of Alexander the Great in conquering the world
- The four wings points to the four kings and kingdoms into which the Grecian Empire was divided after Alexander

- **5th The Attraction Of The Beast v. 3**

Revelation 13:3 (NKJV)

3 *And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.*

- 2 Major viewpoints are expressed over this wound of the beast that was healed:

- **1st It refers to a Particular Person**

- Refers to the Antichrist, the coming world political leader

Zechariah 11:17 (NKJV)

17 *“Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded.”*

- The evidence for this view is rooted in the fact that the beast is worshipped and referred to as an individual
- Just imagine if this is what happens and the Antichrist and survives a fatal assassination attempt
- People would think it's a miracle
- PLEASE MAKE NOTE ONLY JESUS can RAISE A PERSON from the DEAD
 - If this is an Person / it will only be a perceived Miracle

- **2nd It refers to a world government - Revival of Rome**
 - The “heads” of the beast could be seen as nations.
 - The Roman Empire declined in stages, the Western Empire ending in 476, the Eastern Empire ending in 1453.
 - We’ve already talked about the antichrist’s kingdom being a form of the Roman Empire.
 - I believe it could mean both
- **3rd And all the world marveled and followed the beast.**
 - Attracting the peoples of the world who are tired of international conflicts and economic difficulties
 - The WORLD is being SET UP for this
 - They will accept any attempt to solve the world's tensions and bring peace and order to this troubled planet
 - The term “new world order” is still quite the buzz!
 - Whole political parties have this goal in mind
 - World Economic Forum

• **Second: The Influence Of The Beast vs. 4-8**

○ **1st The Adoration He Will Receive V. 4**

Revelation 13:4 (NKJV)

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

- “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”
 - Apparently there will be reasons for such claims
 - And they will get their ANSWER very soon

○ **2nd The Arrogance He Will Manifest v. 5**

Revelation 13:5 (NKJV)

5 *And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.*

▪ MR. Big Mouth

- Daniel 7:8 says this coming world leader will have “a mouth speaking pompous words”, and will ultimately direct those pompous words “against the Most High” (Daniel 7:25)

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV)

4 *who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

- He will attack the concept of the one true God and deny His existence
 - Which is happening today!

○ **3rd The Anger He Will Display Toward Believers vs. 6-7**

Revelation 13:6–7 (NKJV)

6 *Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.*

7 *It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.*

▪ **This Antichrist’s blasphemy against “those who dwell in heaven”**

- **1st Could refer to all the believers of the past who’ve died**

- It is possible he will argue that there is no such place as heaven nor are dead believers with the Lord

- **2nd ANOTHER POSSIBILITY is that he is blaspheming those who are raptured**

- Why would he blaspheme those who dwell in heaven?
- It could be that the mysterious disappearance of millions of believers needs to be explained?

- **Will “make war with the saints”**

- These are the Tribulation Believers

- **4th The Affiliation Of Those Who Worship The Beast v. 8**

Revelation 13:8 (NKJV)

8 *All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

- He will be worshipped by those whose names are NOT written in the Book of Life
 - Those who will one day be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15)
- No true believers will be worshipping the Antichrist

- **Third: The Instruction to Us vs. 9-10**

Revelation 13:9–10 (NKJV)

9 *If anyone has an ear, let him hear.*

10 *He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

- **1st The invitation “if anyone has an ear, let him hear”**

- Is a challenge to all of us who read these prophecies
- Are they having any effect upon us now?
- Are we listening carefully?

- Have we committed all to Jesus Christ, or are we messing around?
- **2nd The words “he who leads into captivity shall go into captivity, He who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword”**
 - Speak of divine retribution and revenge
 - Sin will be paid for; no one gets away with anything
 - It is also an encouragement to believers who will be taken into captivity and killed
 - The statement “here is the patience and the faith of the saints”
 - Can be understood as an exhortation not to take revenge or retaliate
 - Patience means to bear up under a load or a burden, and faith would emphasize the importance of confidence in God and His purposes
 - Both will be greatly needed by believers during the tribulation period

The World Religious Leader – The False Prophet vs. 11-18

• First: The Description of This Religious leader vs. 11-12

- **1st His Association With The Antichrist v. 11a**

Revelation 13:11 (NKJV)

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

- The word “another” means ‘another of the same kind’
- The word “beast” is the same used of the first leader
- This religious leader has the same beastlike character and attitudes as the world political leader...they are two of a kind

○ **2nd His Appearance v. 11b**

Revelation 13:11 (NKJV)

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, **and he had two horns like a lamb** and spoke like a dragon.

- The lamb is a RELIGIOUS SYMBOL, used in sacrifices
 - His likeness to a lamb simply confirms his “Religious Character”
 - Remember Satan is not anti-religion / he is anti-God
- Satan will use Religion to deceive the masses
 - Illustration
 - A DUMBING down of the church
 - False Teaching being accepted
 - I BEG of you!!! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE BE a BEREAN

○ **3rd His Attitude v. 11c**

Revelation 13:11 (NKJV)

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and **spoke like a dragon.**

- This beast spoke like a dragon (devil)
- The primary communication of the dragon is deception
 - It's important to realize that the devil is not against religion
 - He uses it for his own ends and purposes
 - He deceives with religion as surely as with any other method

○ **4th His Authority v. 12a**

Revelation 13:12 (NKJV)

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

- The wording here implies that world government
 - Is in control of world religion at this stage of world history
 - According to verse 2, the dragon gave the first beast his authority
 - Now, satanic authority is given by the first beast to the second beast, the false prophet
 - This religious leader does nothing without approval from the political leader
 - He exercises his authority “in his presence” of the first beast
- **5th His Aim v. 12b**

Revelation 13:12 (NKJV)

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

- His purpose is to get people to support and Worship the
 - World Government, The Antichrist
- We should be wary of all attempts to promote world government
 - Either through economics, politics, or religion
 - According to Bible prophecy, it's satanic
 - Without the rule of Jesus, world government will not work

- The only world government blessed and approved by God is the one Messiah Himself will set up during the millennium, the thousand years of Messiah's reign over the whole earth
- There will be no real peace and justice for all until the Prince of Peace sets up His kingdom (Isaiah 9:6-7)

• **Second: The Deception of This Religious Leader vs. 13-15**

○ **1st The Performance Of Miraculous Signs V. 13**

Revelation 13:13 (NKJV)

13 *He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.*

- Now these signs are deceptive...meant to deceive

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (NKJV)

9 *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,*

- It may be that these are fake lying wonders
- Or maybe they real...and if that's the case, I believe its because God allows it (notice verse 7 again...granted)
- The performance of miracles is no proof that the one doing them is from God
- Remember the magicians with Moses and Aaron
- Deception will mark the last days / we are already seeing it
- UFO'S

○ **2nd The Purpose Of These Miraculous Signs v. 14**

Revelation 13:14 (NKJV)

14 *And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.*

- The general purpose is to deceive the people of earth
- Deception will mark the last days / we are already seeing it
- **3rd The Persecution That Will Result v. 15**

Revelation 13:15 (NKJV)

15 *He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.*

- All those who refuse to worship the image of the beast are killed
- Apart from the 144,000 Jews and the believing Jewish remnant

• Third: The Demand of This Religious Leader vs. 16-18

Revelation 13:16–18 (NKJV)

16 *He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,*

17 *and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

18 *Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.*

- **1st Who is the Person - What is this Mark?**

- **1st Who is The person**

- Many attempts have been made in the past to identify the number 666 with a particular individual
- Suggestions have included
- Roman emperors such as Nero, or leaders like Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin
- Some have said Reagan, Obama
- We DON'T KNOW

- **2nd The MARK who know**
 - Maybe the verichip
 - REMEMBER we are looking for Jesus Christ / Antichrist
- **2nd The Demand v. 16**
 - The entire world is subject to the demand of this religious leader; everyone must receive the mark or the name of the beast
 - It requires complete allegiance to the world government
- **3rd The Effect Of This Demand v. 17**
 - The false prophet imposes economic control on behalf of world government
 - Needless to say, many in our world are pushing for a cashless society
 - They believe it will be a better system...no cheating on taxes, deathblow to crime...to drug dealers
 - And the way this is implemented could allow for even more possibilities like global tracking (stop kids being kidnapped)

Closing

- **We can get very sidetracked by all this talk about the antichrist**

- Don't look for antichrist, look for Jesus Christ!

Matthew 24:32–33 (NKJV)

- 32** *“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.*
- 33** *So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!*

- We are called to be FAITHFUL SERVANTS DOING HIS WILL till He return