

Revelation – 101

10/12/25 – PM (week 9)

Chapters 13 The Anti-Christ / The False Prophet / The Mark of the Beast

Review chapters 11-12

- Chapters 11 and 12 are parenthetical (with the exception of 11:14-19, which is the 7th trumpet).
 - John sees the reconstructed temple on earth (in Jerusalem). This is the temple that the Anti-Christ will desecrate when he breaks the peace treaty with Israel in the middle of the tribulation period.
 - God sends Two Witnesses as His prophets for 3 ½ years of the tribulation. They have great power and protection during their ministry, and have the ability to “turn waters to blood”, to strike the earth with plagues, and to shut off the rain from Heaven. There are three primary people who most scholars believe these witnesses are (Moses, Elijah, and Enoch), with the most qualified being Moses and Elijah.
 - In chapter 12, John sees several “wonders” in Heaven, including a woman preparing to deliver a child; a dragon who draws a third of the “stars” of heaven (fallen angels) in rebellion against God, and who tries to “devour” the child as soon as it was born. (see notes from week 8 for further explanation).
 - John also sees “war in Heaven” between the dragon (Satan) and his angels, and Michael the archangel and his angels. Michael prevails, and Satan is cast out of heaven to the earth.
 - He sees the full power of the dragon turned against the woman (Israel) during the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation.
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Tonight we actually have to go back and finish chapter 12:9-17 (notes – week 8)

Chapter 13 – The Beast (Anti-Christ) Revealed

In this parenthetical chapter, John describes the Anti-Christ in full power. Remember that this world leader has been ruling the world for the entire seven year period, but he is described in great detail here. He is first revealed in Revelation 6:3, immediately after the rapture of the church. He comes promising peace (white horse), but throughout the tribulation things go from bad to worse.

Chapter 13 also reveals the Satanic Trinity: Satan – the unholy father; the Beast – the unholy son; and the False Prophet – the unholy spirit. They are all unholy counterfeits of the Holy Trinity. We will attempt to describe all three as John describes them.

A. The Beast – Rev. 13:1-10

- a. “beast” – he is called this 37 times in Revelation and seven times in the book of Daniel. This word is different than the “four beasts” mentioned earlier. The four ‘beasts’ indicates “living creatures”. This word for beast means “wild and venomous”. He is a world dictator who will eventually have the entire globe under his control. He is a super-Hitler, a super-Stalin, with world domination as his quest. Jesus came DOWN to earth from Heaven. The Anti-Christ (beast) comes UP out of the sea (likely from the bottomless pit).
- b. John gives a description of him similar to the dragon in 12:3 (7 heads or kingdoms). History records 7 world empires from Nimrod to Caesar (Roman Empire)
 - i. Daniel 7:2-8 describes this beast as a coming world ruler following three before him.
 - 1. The first “was like a lion” – this represents Babylon, majesty, power, conquest (Nebuchadnezzar)
 - 2. The second “like to a bear” – this represents Persia, strength, tenacity of purpose (Cyrus)
 - 3. The third “like a leopard” – this represents the Grecian empire, swiftness of conquest (Alexander)

- ii. The fourth was “diverse from all the beasts, and it had ten horns” (Daniel 7:7). This is the one John sees in Revelation 13. It is a hybrid of all the previous Gentile empires and a revived Roman empire. (A separate study of Daniel would be needed to explain further details)
 - iii. John said it had 10 horns, but 7 heads. In Daniel, there were 10, but three were “plucked up by the roots”. $10 - 3 = 7$. This represents three nations that are destroyed by the Anti-Christ as he takes power. (Most scholars believe this dictator will begin in Europe, as he will be representing the Gentile nations against the Lord and His chosen people, Israel). The Gentiles are first mentioned in Genesis 10, as the children and generations of Japheth. They settled primarily in Europe and the North after the flood.
- c. The beast gets all of his power, position, and authority from the dragon (Satan). He is Satan incarnate – indwelt by the devil himself. Just as Jesus was God in human flesh, the beast will be Satan in human flesh. (2 Thessalonians 2:8-10).
 - i. He is likely a resurrected person from history (vs. 3) as Revelation 17:8 describes him as “the beast that WAS, and IS NOT, and yet IS”. (Also see Rev. 17:11, Isaiah 14:18-19)
 - ii. He is worshiped along with the dragon (father & son) and all the world “wonders” after him (vs. 3-4). Because he is resurrected, he gains authentic worship. He claims to be God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) and sits in the temple of God.
 - 1. No leader, nation, or army can stand against him.
- d. The “mouth” of the beast (vs. 5-6)
 - i. It has taken him the first $3\frac{1}{2}$ years to gain full power, and he is given power to “continue” 42 months ($3\frac{1}{2}$ years).
 - ii. His speech is filled with “great things” and blasphemies against God (vs. 5, and Daniel 7:8) (John 5:43)
 - iii. Vs. 7-10

1. War with the saints (tribulation martyrs)
2. Power over ALL kindreds, tongues, nations
3. All the earth will worship him

B. The False Prophet – Revelation 13:11-15

- a. “another beast” (The Unholy Spirit)
 - i. Coming up out of the earth (again, coming “up”)
 - ii. Two horns like a lamb, but speaks like a dragon. Lamb symbolizes peace – but he speaks for Satan.
 - iii. He demands and controls the people of the earth to worship the Anti-Christ (the first beast). He is the “right-hand” man of the Anti-Christ. He is a one-world religious leader who has power to perform miracles, even giving “life” unto a created image of the beast (vs. 13-16). Possibly hologram or A.I. (article about Tilly Norwood). Jesus warned about this type of deception in Matthew 24:24.

C. The Mark of the Beast – Revelation 13:16-18

- a. The word “mark” means “stamp”, “brand”, “seal”
 - i. This mark is an identification of allegiance to the Beast, indicating loyalty.
 - ii. This mark is to mandate compliance (vs. 16-17)
 1. He causeth all
 2. Central government, central religion, and central economy. “NO SEAL, NO SALE”.
- b. What is the “number of the beast”?
 - i. John says it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred, three-score (60), and six = 666.
 - ii. It is not a tattoo of “666” marked on your skin. It is definitely a symbol or stamp of loyalty to the Anti-Christ.
 1. Is it a chip implant that can be scanned? (Happening all over the world – started with pets for tracking / identifying. Now implanted in employees, dementia

patients, special forces soldiers in some military units around the world).

2. Is it a tracking device like Apple tags? (kids shoes).
3. Is it a world ID from the one world government with all your citizenship, financial, and health records?
4. Is it a form of cashless society for banking purposes? (remember – cannot buy or sell without it).

iii. It remains a mystery to us, and that's ok. We can only say what the Bible says: "for it is the number of a man;" (vs. 18)

1. Six in the scripture is man's number. Man was created on the sixth day, and man was instructed to work six days. It seems that "666" represents man's world, man's philosophy, man's religion; man's efforts, man's ways, man's pride, man's systems, etc. It is the number of man, rising up in defiance of his creator and God.