

Revelation 12 and 13. **Recap Chapter 12 is the explanation of the redemptive plan of God...between “a woman” and “a child”... and the one who is opposed to that plan... the Dragon...and closes with the dragon ...Satan losing his battle of rebellion first in heaven and losing his access there...at the mid point of the great tribulation...and being limited to the earthly domain... while heaven rejoices ...the battles turns to the earth with great intensity...where he will continue his attack on the woman (israel) and her offspring Jewish believers their nation and on those Gentiles who believe...**

So we pick up a little of where we left off last week....

ESV Rev 12:7 **Now** war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

- Heaven rejoices..watch out world

ESV REV 12:12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

- **God's future miraculous of God ... echoes two OT passages that describe God's protection of Israel during the Exodus...God literally protecting them...:**

****Ex 19:3...Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.*

****And Deut 32:11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions...*

- ***As they flee at this time... the dragon turns his attention to every other believer***

*Rev 12:¹⁷ **Then** the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.*

1. This is the preview of who the Daragon is and what the dragon is is up too.... to destroy the woman...Israel...he wants to exterminate them...

Satan knows he has a short time...he is well aware of Scripture....and the 70th week of Daniel...

As we move to chapters 13 we see get introduced to how he is going to do oppose the plan of God **to restore his planet unto himself ...**

Revelation 13 presents two Beasts who will rule the world in tandem...the first beast , also know as the Anti-Christ, rises from the sea, is the political Dictator and military leader of the world. The second Beast, who comes from the earth is a

religious, commercial head. The second Beast is also known as the false prophet...

****ESV Rev 16:13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet....*

Tim put this up...

• These three make up the unholy Trinity of the end times...

1. Satan is the False Father (the anti-father)

2. The first Beast is the (AntiChrist)

3. The False Prophet is the counterfeit Spirit (the anti-spirit)

THE ANTICHRIST called the Beast ...leader of a one world government

ESV REV 13:1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. 2 And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.

- Beast rising out of the sea...whenever you see water or body of water in scripture...it almost never refers to a water...but peoples..the sea of humanity
- The word Anti-Christ is not mentioned anywhere in Revelation...the word that is used is Beast in fact it is not mentioned anywhere by anyone in the NT. Except John – 4x in 1 John and 2x in 2 John

1 John 2:18 reveals two types of anti-Christ...One Capital one lower case

*NKJV 1 John 2:18 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.*

Then there is the Anti-Christ only mentioned in in 1 John and second John...the word for him in Revelation is Beast...

- The preterist view ...is the view of Revelation as history not prophetic...and would hold that Nero was the Anti-Christ...not an anti-Christ...I don't hold that view... Nero in John's day was an antichrist but not the Anti Christ...History tells us he killed Christians by the thousands, tortured Christians by dipping them in tar and then lighting them on fire as torches...and other ultra cruel tortures...
- Joseph Stalin an anti-Christ known a the greatest murderer of all time...killed an estimated 30 million of his own people...
- clearly Hitler was one...many Christian thought this ..Hitler antichrist and Mussolini his false prophet... Idi Amin the butcher of Uganda

ESV Rev 13:3 One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. 4 And they worshiped the dragon, 'for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

Yet will suffer a massive head mortally wounded...yet healed what may happen to the Anti-Christ?? ...and assassination attempt which will be successful to a point... he will be raised from supposedly the dead...the false prophet will raise him up

from the dead... yet still bears the results of the attempt ...a little ahead of ourselves

- **this is eerily similar to what Zechariah prophesies... about the worthless shepherd**

NLT ZECH 11:15 Then the LORD said to me, “Go again and play the part of a worthless shepherd. ¹⁶ This illustrates how I will give this nation a shepherd who will not care for those who are dying, nor look after the young, nor heal the injured, nor feed the healthy. Instead, this shepherd will eat the meat of the fattest sheep and tear off their hooves. ¹⁷ “What sorrow awaits this worthless shepherd who abandons the flock! The sword will cut his arm and pierce his right eye. His arm will become useless, and his right eye completely blind.”

- **injury to the right side of the brain cause left side paralysis including atrophy**
- **point being...that whatever the injury is will be so severe that when he recovers people will worship him...so amazing people will refer to him as a god..saying who can fight against this God?**

And this is what he is going to do

ESV Rev 13:5 And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

- **in Daniel chapter 11 tells us how he will blaspheme...**

NLT Daniel 11:36 “The king will do as he pleases, exalting himself and claiming to be greater than every god, even blaspheming the God of gods. **He will succeed, but only until the time of wrath is**

completed. For what has been determined will surely take place. ³⁷ *He will have no respect for the gods of his ancestors, or for the god loved by women, or for any other god, for he will boast that he is greater than them all.* ³⁸ *Instead of these, he will worship the god of fortresses—a god his ancestors never knew—and lavish on him gold, silver, precious stones, and expensive gifts.* ³⁹ *Claiming this foreign god’s help, he will attack the strongest fortresses. He will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward.*

******Tim put these up**

The characteristics described about this King

1) vs 36: He will Blaspheme the God of gods...he will curse the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... very open and vocal about it...same as in Rev 13:6

2) another characteristic: He will succeed until the time of wrath...the end of the tribulations takes place...when Jesus returns at the end of the tribulation at the battle of Armageddon...where Jesus will destroy the nations that advance against Israel, and destroy the Anti-Christ power.

3)vs 37: “no respect for the gods of his fathers”...the translation in Hebrew...is Elohim...or plural god... ...in other words no respect for the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and no regard for Jesus the Messiah...and speaks blasphemies against them....maybe he is Jewish? don’t know?

4) vs 37: “or for the god loved by women”...in Jewish idiom...every young lady hoped they would be the mother of the messiah

5) vs 38:”instead of these he will worship a god of fortresses” ... He will worship power and use the military to enforce his power all the people of the world

How does he get this kind of power?... to lead the one world government? a little preview in Rev 17...

NLT Rev 17: 12 The ten horns of the beast are ten kings who have not yet risen to power. They will be appointed to their kingdoms for one brief moment to reign with the beast. 13 They will all agree to give him their power and authority.

- **Ten horns which are ten kings...which give their power and authority to the Beast... John tells us the world will be divided into ten geographical territories each having it's own King or ruler.**
- **How? maybe economically... maybe a health requirement, think of Covid ...where practically the whole world was under one set of protocols simply because the governments got together and said so.... somethings will drive the nations to federation...scripture simply says there will come a time where the will be a ten nation confederation**

So THE Anti-Christ ...will be very charismatic, trusted for these ten kings or leaders to turn over their power to him...creating a one world empire

Why? For warfare against the saints Gentiles and Jew Believers

*ESV REV 13:7 Also **it** was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear: 10 If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. **Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.***

They like us must learn to wait as their salvation draws near...and this is how to wait...

ESV Romans 13: 8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime....