

As we move to the second half of chapter 13 God reveals to Jon the enemies plan to oppose the plan of God **to restore his planet unto himself ...**

Last week we looked at the first Beast of the two Beasts who will rule the world in tandem under the control of the enemy during the great Tribulation....the first beast , also know as the Anti-Christ, rises from the sea, and is the political Dictator and military leader of the world. The second Beast, who comes from the earth is the religious, commercial head. This second Beast is also known as the false prophet...

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*\*\*\*ESV Rev 16: <sup>13</sup> 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)

Revelation 13:7 tells us what the one wolrdl government of the First beast...a man will do...during the second half of the 7 seven year tribulation

*ESVREV 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...  
Forthere is more to come...*

**The Second Beast or the false prophet...one world religious leader... the two will work together**

*ESV Rev 13:11 Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.*

- They are different in origin, because one comes out of the sea, out of the people...the other out of the other out of the earth.
- They are different in rank, because the second is subordinate to the first (causes the earth... to worship the first beast, [Revelation 13:12](#)). Like the Holy Spirit points people to Jesus this false prophet points people to the antichrist
- They are different in appearance, because the second has a mild, “lamb-like” appearance.
- **Two horns** : **two the number of testimony** And he had two horns like a lamb: The two horns may express the fact that this beast has authority in two realms, such as religious and political authority. Or, he may have two horns simply because that’s how many horns lambs have (two horns like a lamb).
- **Speak like a dragon**: **Despite his lamb-like appearance, the message of the second beast is the same as the message of the first beast. ...with powerful deception...lies**
- Comes across religious, high and holy ...but powered and controlled by Satan..he is a mouthpiece for Satan  
([Revelation 13:12-15](#)) The second beast’s “job description.”

*ESV Rev 13:12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. 13 It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, 14 and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15 And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.*

- He emerges as a world leader but ends up bringing a one world religion worshipping the Anti-Christ or first Beast.
- By performing great signs: The beast rising from the sea has the “signs and wonders” to back up his false teaching.
- A two specific miracles of the false prophet is described:
  1. He appears to heal the mortal wound of the Anti-christ rising him from the dead

*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.*

2. He makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. It is important that John highlights this miracle. In the eyes of the deceived world, it answers the miracle of the two witnesses, who minister during this period and are persecuted by the Antichrist and his false prophet

*ESV REV 11: 5* And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed.

And To the deceived world, this also puts this false prophet in the class of Elijah makes fire come down from heaven...mimics Elijah..fire on Mt Carmel judging Baal

*NLT 1 Kings 18:38* Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! <sup>39</sup> And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!” <sup>40</sup> Then Elijah commanded, “Seize all the prophets of Baal.....

The power of ...verse 13, 15 ...He has miraculous power .... There are miraculous powers that are not from God...that is why we have to test the Spirits... don't believe everything supernatural is from the Lord...much is...but the bible is our guide to the ways of God...

We can imagine the false prophet as saying, “Let the true God answer with fire” and then performing his deceptive wonder.

i. “There is a supernatural power which is against God and truth, as well as one for God and truth. A miracle, simply as a work of wonder, is not necessarily of God.

In the days of the Exodus, Aaron performed miracles, and up to a point was matched miracle-for-miracle by the magicians of Egypt three times (Exodus 7-8). Staff into a snake...Turn water to blood, plague of frogs ...however each miracle only helped the cause of moses...

- In Deuteronomy 13:1-5, God assumes there will be supernatural works on behalf of false prophets and idols, an

- Jesus said that in the end times, false prophets would emerge and show great signs and wonders to deceive ([Matthew 24:24](#)). Paul said that the Antichrist will come with all power, signs, and lying wonders

*ESV 2 Thessalonians 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,*

- Jesus warns His people to judge a worker of miracles by their message, not only by their works.

( However...this power scares the people into thinking he has godlike power ...and shows he is a great religious person

*And ...*

*REV 13:15 And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.*

- Is this a statue?... noema =breath not bios ...is it in the rebuilt temple? Daniel 9 and 12 tells us it is after he sets up a covenant of peace with Israel...

[It appears during this time...anti-christ sets himself up in the temple.. as spoke by Jesus](#)

*ESV Matt 24:15 “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, 18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. 19 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! 20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has*

*not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.*

### **The Goals of this**

*Rev 13: 16 Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, 17 so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. 18 This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.*

- if you want to buy food or be part of the economy you must bear the sign...
- Those believers who refuse to align themselves in worship of the Beast by bearing a sign.....will pay a great price...starve or go broke...
- great speculation... about the sign...6 is the number of human humans created on the sixth day ...one short of perfect or completion the number seven... three sixes could represent the whole of humanity...
- The letters of “Jesus” in Greek add up to 888. 666 may be a Satanic counterpart to the name of Jesus, or 666 may be God’s evaluation of such a Satanic counterpart ...one six the person, second six the anti-Christ, third six the false prophet...
- It will be though an identifying mark of allegiance to the Beast. But help si on the way...God’s word to them...

ESV REV 13:10..... ***Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.***

Now lets bring it to our day...we have our own mark...

*ESV Eph 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.*

We Iso are called to walk in endurance and Faith...which brings us to our ministry fair today...

There is the seal we belong to God and there is service unto this Kingdom we belong to...and we are claaed to be Great in the Kingdom...

*NIV Matt 20:25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant*

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The secret to greatness in the kingdom of God is service

There are far too many of God's kids church in the church who just stay out of the way. You are important to the work of the Kingdom...A Gallup poll discovered that only 10% of church members are active in any kind of personal ministry in their church. What is even more amazing is that 50% of all church members said they have no interest in serving in any ministry of the church.

Here it is the truth: If you have no interest in serving or believe in your heart you have nothing to offer either inside of this church on Sunday or outside of this church during the week you really don't understand how important this is to God...and the great benefit to you can accomplish for the Kingdom...

....and the cheating of others who will miss out on what you and only your gifting and service can bring to furthering the Kingdom of God in our generation.....

Is it not right as your pastor to ask God's people to have the same servant spirit and attitude that Jesus had toward serving others?

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