

1. Last week I taught Rev 13:11-12 and when time expired we were reviewing several summary points.
2. Before continuing, I want to provide “1Jo 1:9 time” as may be necessary.
3. Let’s first take a look at an expanded translation of Rev 13:7-12.

Expanded Translation

Rev 13:7 The Antichrist in the last half of the Tribulation was given by Satan the power to make war against the believers of the Tribulation and to conquer them; all of this of course is done under the permissive will of God. And he was given authority over all the people of the world.

Rev 13:8 The nations of the world and all the unbelieving citizens therein could be seen worshiping the Antichrist as God--that is to say all those whose names had been redacted from the book of life belonging to the Lamb; the Lamb being the Lord Jesus Christ Who was slain in eternity past before time was.

Rev 13:9 If you have a lick of sense you will pay attention to what is here being said.

Rev 13:10 If you live in the Tribulation and you are going to be incarcerated for the cause of Christ then so be it; it is God's will. If you are to be executed, so be it, it is God's will. This age will call for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints of God but at the end of the seven years the Saints of God will be vindicated.

Rev 13:11 Then I saw a Second Beast, coming out of the earth; he was a Jew. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. The two horns were symbolic of his ambivalent nature; he was as sweet as sugar at first but later took on the nature of the meanest junk yard dog ever.

Rev 13:12 He was given power and authority to speak and act on behalf of the Antichrist, in fact he made certain the earth and its inhabitants worshiped the Antichrist, the same world leader whose fatal wound had been healed.

Summary Points

1. After the revelation of the First Beast, John now beholds another beast (the False Prophet) coming up out of the earth and occupying a secondary role supporting the activities of the First Beast.

2. In contrast to the First Beast who comes out of the sea, the Second Beast is said to come out of the earth. He is of a similar nature as the First Beast—as a Satanic tool.
3. Since the sea is the source of the First Beast, we can conclude the First Beast is a Gentile; the reference to the Second Beast as coming out of the earth indicates he is a Jew.
4. The description of our Second Beast as a lamb seems to indicate that he has a religious character, a conclusion supported by his being named a prophet. This appellative, a prophet would also seem to support the conclusion that the False Prophet is a Jew.
5. He speaks as a dragon, thus he is motivated by the power of Satan who is "the dragon."
6. As a supporting character of the First Beast, he is active on behalf of the First Beast and exercises his authority.
7. Using his Satanic power, the False Prophet causes many to worship the First Beast whose head wound unto death was healed (Rev 13:3).
 - 7.1 The False Prophet is seen leading the Jewish church which worships in the rebuilt Temple. It is obvious that he is associated with the First Beast in a religious way in that his miracles and activities tend to cause men to worship the statue of the First Beast.
8. It is also clear that the False Prophet shares prominence and leadership with the First Beast throughout the Great Tribulation and then at the end both are cast alive into the lake of fire. (Rev 19:20)
9. The Antichrist purports himself to be the Messiah and the False Prophet alleging himself to be Elijah. This is the position of those I call "Grace Scholars." Grace Scholars being men like: Lewis Chafer, John Walvoord, Col. R.B. Thieme, Charles Ryrie and Dr. Dwight Pentecost and Dr. Arno C. Fruchtenbaum.
10. In reviewing the lesson last week I noticed I misspoke while teaching of the two witnesses described in Revelation chapter eleven. For this reason I will give you an expanded translation of Rev 11:3-13 as I earlier taught.

Rev 11:3 The angel then told me about two witnesses, he said they will live and prophesy during the first three and one-half years of the Tribulation; he further noted they will dress in sackcloth like characters from an Old Testament period piece.

Rev 11:4 The two lampstands who stand before the Lord of the earth represent Elijah and Moses; they are supported by the power of God, the men are the two olive trees. They will shine like the Light-of-Christ in the darkness of that first 1260 days.

Rev 11:5 If anyone tries to harm these two, God will cause fire to come out of their mouths; the fire will devour their enemies. There will be many who will want to harm them.

Rev 11:6 The two will also have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain; the angel also said they will have power to turn the earth's waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague; this he said they would often do.

Rev 11:7 Toward the end of the first 42 months of the Tribulation after Moses and Elijah had said all God would have for them to do and say, Satan himself develops a plan and the Antichrist attacks them with a vengeance. Under the permissive will of God the two are overpowered and murdered.

Rev 11:8 Their bodies lie in the street of the great city. The Antichrist refuses numerous requests to bury them; he instead makes sure they lay in their own blood there in Jerusalem a city now figuratively called Sodom and Egypt because of their immorality and rejection of God's prophets. This is the same city in which our Lord was crucified.

Rev 11:9 For three and a half days men from all over the world will travel to Jerusalem to gaze on their bodies; the officials from both Rome and Jerusalem refuse to permit their burial.

Rev 11:10 The Global Citizens will rejoice in their deaths and will celebrate by sending each other gifts; people are overjoyed thinking the source of their problems has now been eliminated. The two prophets who had resisted the programs of their world leaders were now a thing of the past and like a bad dream they can now be forgotten. "World peace and universal prosperity can now become a reality."

Rev 11:11 After the three and a half days God again breathes the breath of life into them and they slowly rise to their feet; seeing this extraordinary phenomena, the people who had come to celebrate are awe struck and many are terrified.

Rev 11:12 Then from heaven comes a loud voice which can be heard all over the city of Jerusalem, "Come up here." And both Elijah and Moses go up to heaven in a cloud in full view of their astonished enemies who look on in abject terror.

Rev 11:13 Immediately, the two are caught up into the heavens. Following their departure, a severe earthquake occurs and a tenth part of the city collapses in a state of rubble. Seven thousand people are killed as buildings in the city collapse. Those who do survive are terrified and give glory to the God of heaven.

11. Now let's return to our summary points.

12. Despite the merciless, sweeping tyranny of the First Beast (the Roman Antichrist), Satan will not be content to stop here. He will raise-up a conspirator who is an even more ruthless tyrant because he will enslave the minds and souls of men.

13. Basically the Second Beast will be similar to the first one. He will have the same scintillating personality, the same tireless dynamism and the same oratorical finesse as the First Beast.

14. As noted in Rev 13:11, the False Prophet has two "uncrowned horns."

15. What kind of power do these two horns symbolize? Not political, since the ten federated governments of the Tribulation are pictured by the ten crowned horns of the First Beast symbolizing political kingdoms.

16. Our Second Beast wields religious power, and for that reason he is also called "the False Prophet" as we noted in Rev 19:20. He will amalgamate all religious systems into one counterfeit one.

17. The two horns of the False Prophet, seem to represent His claims of being the Messiahs' forerunner (see Mal 4:5-6). The Antichrist will try to be like the Lamb, a façade of the real Lamb, Jesus Christ. Millions of people, will fall for his deception and sincerely believe his side-kick the False Prophet as the long awaited reincarnated Elijah.

18. Certainly, the World Council of Churches together with the National Council of Churches is already hard at work merging various religions together. Obama traveled all over Europe urging people of all faiths to care for one another, i.e., accept all refugees into your country and embrace them. To a lesser degree we have just seen President Trump doing the same but with his characteristic mantra "but not at the expense of America."

18.1 You may say "but that is crazy there is no way today that we will see world-wide ecumenicalism" And today you are absolutely right because of the restraining ministry of God the Holy Spirit who resides in you and me.

19. Now for a study of the potential power of Ecumenicalism after the Rapture.

20. Ecumenicalism will lead the way after the Rapture. Recall Paul's admonishment to the church at Thessalonica.

2Th 2:1 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brother.

2Th 2:2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come.

2Th 2:3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

2Th 2:4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

2Th 2:5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed for the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

2Th 2:7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one (Holy Spirit) who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

21. By the time the Beast tackles the project, liberal Judaism will probably be ready to join the merger since the true doctrine about Jesus Christ will suddenly disappear (after the rapture) but only to be later revived in spades.

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