

REVELATION SERIES - LESSON 18

REVELATION 13:11-18

When you look at Ch 12 - 14, there is a story line that unfolds involving a woman, child and a dragon.

Woman = Israel

Child = Jesus

Dragon = Satan

Ch 12 - God gave a way through Messiah man can be saved.

Ch 13 - plan is opposed by "Dragon" = Satan

“Beast of sea” = Antichrist

“Beast out of the earth” = False Prophet

Antichrist = Global Dictator

False Prophet = Global Religious Leader

Ch 14 - proclamation of that plan by 3 angels.

Now we are in Ch 13 and it's divided into 2 sections.

Vs 1 -10 - Antichrist

Vs 11 - 18 - False Prophet

You have heard about Dynamic Duo? Here we have the “Demonic Duo”.

They are by far the villains of the story and are working together to advance Satan’s agenda in the earth.

Ch 13 - Continues to show us that Satan is waging war with Kingdom of God.

The Dragon raises up 2 imposing figures during the tribulation period.

Antichrist - political world leader and a global dictator.

False Prophet - world wide religious leader that will end up being a One World Religion.

We will see that what we will end up having is:

1 - One World Government led by Antichrist.

2 - One World Religion led by False Prophet.

When we talk about the Antichrist we need to understand there is a difference in:

1 - Antichrist - Capital "A"

2 - antichrist - lower case "a"

Bible teaches there is one "Antichrist", capital "A", many antichrists with lower case "a".

I John 2:18

John is saying there is coming an actual individual Antichrist = "A", but there are and will be many who operate with the spirit of the antichrist = "a".

There will be one who will rise to power during this time who will be inspired and empowered by Satan.

But there are others who have been in history who work in spirit of antichrist - "a".

In John's day, a prime example is "Nero".

Nero = "antichrist" not "The Antichrist"

Some people hold to a view of Revelation that I DO NOT.

Preterist view = All the events are not prophetic but historical other than the return of Christ.

People who hold this view would not see the book as prophetic but historical.

Therefore they would say “Antichrist” already came.

“Preterist” - would say it’s Nero!

However, though, I don’t hold that view. I do believe Nero was an antichrist = “a”.

Other examples = “Hitler”.

Another - Joseph Stalin - Dictator of Russia is known as the greatest mass murderer of all time. He killed somewhere around 30 million of his own people.

He was antichrist =”a”.

Idi Amin - Butcher of “Uganda”. He killed his own people.

But there will be one Antichrist = “A” who will emerge and be an absolute global dictator.

“Antichrist” - that word does not appear anywhere in Revelation.
“Beast” is the word used.

It only appears in John’s other writings:

4 times in I John

2 times in II John

Names of Antichrist

“The Beast” - 28 times in Revelation

Man of Lawlessness; Son of Perdition - II Thess 2:3

“Foolish Shepherd” - Zech 11:15 - 17

“King who exalts himself” - Daniel 11:36 - 45

Daniel 11:36 - 39 - couple things worth pointing out.

Vs 36 - (1) “Speak blasphemies against the God of Gods”. He will curse the God of Abraham, Issac & Jacob and curse the God of the Bible.

(2) “Have power until wrath has been accomplished”. He has power until Christ returns at end of tribulation and battle of Armageddon.

Also in Daniel 11:37 - “No regard for the God of his Fathers”.

NIV & ESV say “God’s” plural.

The Hebrew word used here is “Elohim” - it’s a word that describes the God of the Bible.

It’s a plural word - Why? He is a singular God but appears in plurality Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

If God of His Fathers is Elohim, it means that He is Jewish.

Now, that’s a debated topic but that’s my opinion.

Also vs 37 “No regard for desire of women”.

Some translate that as him being "homosexual". "Desire of women" in Hebrew history it was the "desire of women" in Jewish culture to be the vessel whom Messiah would come, but God selected Mary.

I think it's saying he has no regard for "Elohim" and no regard for "Jesus".

Vs 38 - says "he will honor a god of fortresses". That means he will hold unilateral power and use the military to subdue the world.

How does he come to power?

In Rev 17 - we are told about 10 horns and John helps us out by saying 10 horns = 10 kings.

10 kings actually give their power to the Beast and that's recorded in Rev 17.

So how does he become global dictator?

Bible speaks of a time world will be divided into 10 geographical territories and each territory has a king.

We don't know how it all will happen but ultimately 10 geographic territories where all the nations be divided.

Rev 17:13 - "give their power and authority to the beast".

Ch 13 - Summarize

The Wickedness vs 2

The Wounding vs 3

The Words vs 5 - 6

The Warfare vs 7

The Worship (4, 8, 12)

These 5 things:

1 - Wickedness (vs 2) - Satan behind it and wicked cause a tool of Satan.

2 - Wounding (vs 3)

Back earlier in Ch 13 "Beast has 7 heads". "7" - I believe is representative of power and authority, not 7 literal heads.

“One of the 7 heads receives a wound”. Lots of debate about this!

Zech 11:15-17

It seems as though an assassination attempt is made on his life and in fact it's successful to a point and he will be raised from the dead.

Now a false prophet we will see is to bring life to the Antichrist.

There is a wounding from which he recovers with a counterfeit miracle of demonic power.

The injury is so severe, that when he finally recovers, it will be enough of a miracle people will worship him. People will think he is a god.

Rev 13:3-4

3 - Words - “proud words”.

4 - Warfare - “against the Saints”. Believers who get saved during this time, will have to actually be at war with them.

Vs 8 - Indicates everyone worships him other than believers and for that they will be martyred.

FALSE PROPHET

Vs 11 - 18

Another = “Allos” - another as it same kind or cut out of same cloth.

Vs 11 - "Coming up out of the earth" - not the sea.

"Coming out of Earth" - I think it is referring to a very worldly system.

It's a religious worldly system!

"Like a Lamb spoke like a dragon"

It's a religious connection.

So it's a religious testimony but spoke like a dragon.

It's like a "Dragon in Lamb's clothing".

Vs 12 - He draws attention to the Antichrist, and leads people to worship the Antichrist.

“His deadly wound was healed” - so it was a resurrection and healing from the dead.

Vs 13 Vs14 Vs 15 Vs 16 Vs 17 Vs 18

3 things about false prophet

1 - PURPOSE (vs 12)

2 - POWER (13, 15)

3 - PLAN (16 - 18)

Purpose - draw attention away from God and onto the Antichrist.

Vs 12

Power - He has miraculous power.

There are counterfeit signs and wonders.

Everything that smacks of the supernatural even to this day is not always from God,

Don't embrace everything that looks miraculous as being of God.

That is why we are told to "test the spirits".

We only have one book by which to judge things by and it's the Bible.

False prophet will have tremendous power, fire from heaven, raise Antichrist from dead or healing, and people will be enthralled.

Vs 15 - "orders image to be set up in the temple of God" and he has power to give life to this image.

Is this actually the Antichrist? OR is it an image of him that the false prophet gives life too?

There are different words in the Greek for the word "LIFE".

It's not "Bios" = Biology.

It is "Pneuma" = spiritual supernatural life.

Bottomline they desecrate and profane the temple.

What that tells us???

Temple will be rebuilt!

Antichrist will occupy it either by his person or his statue.

Jesus called this the “abomination that causes desolation”.

Matt 24:15-21

3) Plan of False Prophet - 16-18

Force everyone to receive the mark of beast without which you cannot buy or sell goods.

This has brought tremendous speculation over the years.

“666” - he tells us it will be required to do business during this period.

Christians will NOT take the number. They will either die cause can't buy or sell and starve or they will be martyred.

This number “666” - number “6” in the Bible is the number for man. Man created on 6th day.

It could be in triplet “666” - to indicate mankind.

It could also refer to:

- 1) Dragon
- 2) Antichrist
- 3) False Prophet

