



Revelation 13



“I’d like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony...”

Song sung by the Antichrist

Revelation 13:1-9, *“The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. ² The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. ⁴ People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?” ⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷ It was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.” ¹⁰ “If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity they will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword they will be killed.” This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God’s people.*

God is holy---Satan is unholy!

The Holy Trinity---God, the Father—Jesus, the Son----

The Holy Spirit

The unholy trinity—Satan, the Deceiver---Antichrist, the Man of Sin---The False Prophet, the counterfeit authority of the Antichrist.

Counterfeiting the work of God has ever been the work of Satan.

- *Satan...the master enemy of the soul of man.*
- *For 6000 years, Satan has tried to counterfeit everything God has done for man.*

Revelation 13 goes into more detail about the personage well known to the student of Bible prophecy...the dreaded tarantula and snake of the final years

of the tribulation period. However, he will be loved and admired by many...even to the point of deceiving the Elect (the Jews, Israel).

He is called by at least twenty (20) names...most commonly referred to as Antichrist.

Just as Jesus Christ is the promised “seed of the woman” (Genesis 3:15), the Antichrist is the promised “seed of the serpent”...one who opposes Christ (particularly one teaching anything contrary to the deity of Christ is “antichrist”).

This one...will oppose everything which Christ represents.

1 John 2:18, identifies him as the Antichrist, a liar who denies the Father and the Son.

The meaning of the term *antichrist* is simply “against Christ.” As the apostle John records in First and Second John, an antichrist denies the Father and the Son (1 John 2:22), does not acknowledge Jesus (1 John 4:3), and denies that Jesus came in the flesh (2 John 1:7).

There have been many “antichrists,” as 1 John 2:18 states.

But there is also coming the Antichrist.

Most Bible prophecy/eschatology experts believe the Antichrist will be the ultimate embodiment of what it means to be against Christ.

- *In the end times/last hour, a man will arise to oppose Christ and His followers more than anyone else in history.*
- *He will be claiming to be the true Messiah.*
- *The Antichrist will seek world domination and will attempt to destroy all followers of Jesus Christ and the nation of Israel.*
- *Note: The Antichrist will be charismatic, easy to follow due to his intellect and understanding of economics and the world stage. He will be the one to draw the world together. He will be the one who will bring about what the song states,*



**I'd like to teach the world to sing In perfect harmony
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company**

**I'd like to see the world for once...All standing hand in hand
And hear them echo through the hills Ah, peace throughout the land.**

Conception for Deception...Appearing to be a worker of Santa and not Satan. He will ultimately bring the world to look on him as a Savior of God's wrath.

14 Contrasts Between the Antichrist and the Lord Jesus Christ---

1. *Christ came from above (John 6:38)-----Antichrist will ascend from the pit (Rev.11:7)*
2. *Christ came in His Father's Name (John 5:43)----Antichrist will come in his own name (John 5:43)*
3. *Christ humbled Himself (Philippians 2:8)----Antichrist will exalt himself (2 Thessalonians 2:4)*
4. *Christ was despised (Isaiah 53:3; Luke 23:18)----Antichrist will be admired (Revelation 13:3,4)*
5. *Christ will be exalted (Philippians 2:9)----Antichrist will be cast down to hell (Isaiah 14:14; Revelation 19:20)*
6. *Christ will do His Father's will (John 6:38)----Antichrist will come to do his own will (Daniel 11:36)*
7. *Christ came to save (Luke 19:10)----Antichrist will come to destroy (Daniel 8:24)*
8. *Christ is the good shepherd (John 10:1-15)----Antichrist is the "idol [evil] shepherd" (Zechariah 11:16,17)*
9. *Christ is the True vine (John 15:1)----Antichrist is the vine of the earth (Revelation 14:18)*
10. *Christ is the "Truth" (John 14:6)----Antichrist is the "lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:11 ASV)*
11. *Christ is "the Holy One" (Mark 1:24)----Antichrist is the "lawless one" (2Thessalonians 2:8)*
12. *Christ is the Man of Sorrows (Isaiah 53:3)----Antichrist is the "man of sin" (2 Thessalonians 2:3)*
13. *Christ is "The Son of God" (Luke 1:35)----Antichrist is the "son of perdition" (2 Thessalonians 2:3)*
14. *Christ is "the Mystery of Godliness: God –manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16----Antichrist will be the mystery of iniquity: Satan manifest in the flesh (2 Thess. 2:7).*

Revelation 13:11-17, "Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. ¹³ And it performed great signs, even causing

fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. ¹⁴ Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.”

The False Prophet

- **He comes out of the earth.**
 - ✓ Possibility 1—Could mean he comes up from the pit of hell with all the demonic powers of hell at his command.
 - ✓ Possibility 2—Could mean he comes from lowly circumstances, secret and unknown until he bursts on the world stage at the right hand of the Antichrist.
- **He is depicted as having horns like a lamb, while speaking like a dragon.**
 - ✓ The horns on lambs are merely small bumps on their heads until the lamb grows into a ram.
 - ✓ The false prophet comes like a lamb, winsomely, with persuasive words that elicit sympathy and good will from others.
 - ✓ He may be an extraordinary preacher or orator whose demonically empowered words will deceive the multitudes.
 - ✓ He speaks like a dragon, which means his message is the message of a dragon. The dragon is the devil and Satan (Revelation 12:9).
- **The false prophet’s mission on earth is identified (v.12).**
 - ✓ To force humanity to worship the Antichrist.
Note: It is not clear whether people are forced to worship the Antichrist or whether they are so enamored of these powerful beings that they fall for the deception and worship him willingly.
 - ✓ He has all the authority of the Antichrist because, like him, the false prophet is empowered by Satan.
 - ✓ The False Prophet uses miraculous signs and wonders, including fire from heaven, to establish the credibility of both of them.
This means that it would seem to indicate that people will fall before them in adoration of their power and message.
 - ✓ The deception will be so great that the people will set up an idol to the Antichrist, "the image of the beast," and worship it.

This idol is reminiscent of the huge golden image of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3) before which all were to bow down and pay homage.

Always remember...There awaits a ghastly fate for those who worship the image of the Antichrist. Revelation 14:9-11.

Survivors of the terrors of the tribulation to this point will be faced with two (2) hard choices:

1. *Those who refuse to worship the image of the beast will be subject to death (Revelation 14:15)*
2. *Those who do worship him will incur the wrath of God.*

***Note:** Whoever the false prophet turns out to be, the final world deception and the final apostasy will be great, and the whole world will be caught up in it.*

We must faithfully proclaim the saving gospel of Jesus Christ and rescue the souls of men and women from the coming disaster.

Revelation 13:18, *“This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.”*

- Popular thought (many scholars) often links 666 with the mark of the beast.
- The mark of the beast and 666 appear to be two different things.
 - ✓ The mark of the beast is something people must receive in order to buy and sell.
 - ✓ The number 666 is somehow associated with the beast/Antichrist as “his” number.
 - ✓ The meaning of 666 is a mystery, and it appears that the apostle John, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, intended it to be that way.

What are the most frightening truths in the Bible that you are concerned about?

Does the Bible scare you...or, does it bring joy to your heart?

Things during the end times will be chaotic. A time of confusion and uncertainty will cause the people to desperately look for a strong leader that could bring hope and security in a time of fear and apprehension. People will desperately seek a strong, charismatic, authoritative leader who can pull the world back from the very brink of disaster.

Let me remind you...You don't have to worry, God is still handling problems. God is still in the miracle working business. God is so amazing that it is beyond our imagination as to how he will take care of His own!

**Believers Will Be With God...Unbelievers Will Be Separated from God
...FOREVER!**