

20220123 – THE BEAST OF THE EARTH

Sunday AM – Revelation 13:11-18

I. PREFACE TO THIS BEAST

A. This is the Religious Leader of the Tribulation Period

1. The 3rd Person in the Unholy Trinity REV. 16:13-14
2. Remember: Satan makes a counterfeit to God
 - a. Counterfeit money is worthless (real money is valuable)
 - b. Counterfeit art is worthless (real art is beautiful)
 - c. Counterfeit music is worthless (real music is sublime)
3. Satan is the “dragon” mimicking God the Father
 - a. The Beast of the Sea (out of the masses) Antichrist
 - b. Pretending to be like Jesus (God the Son)
 - c. LASTLY – this Beast of the Earth
 - d. Pretending to be like the Holy Spirit

B. It is no wonder that the Bible calls him as “of the earth”

1. This world is INCREDIBLY religious!
 - a. Not GODLY. NOT Biblical. Not Christian
 - b. But RELIGIOUS! Like hippies, they consider everything “spiritual”
 - c. Having a latte and watching the sunrise – Hashtag “blessed”
2. God is the most important thing to my family
3. Then why don’t you care about the Bible and God’s things?
4. MATT. 7:16 – “Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?”
 - a. I KNOW what it’s like to live as a lost person
 - b. I KNOW the hopelessness of being without hope
 - c. I KNOW how lost people think and behave
 - d. AND I DO NOT want to go BACK!!!

C. Recall once again chapter 12

1. Israel the woman, Christ the child, Satan the Dragon
2. Michael the Archangel and the War in Heaven
3. This is the BIG PICTURE version of the story
4. We have seen the beast of the Sea, the Antichrist
5. Now let us study the beast of the Earth, the False Prophet

II. PORTRAIT OF THIS BEAST

A. He comes out of the “earth” – the organized world systems, including religion

1. He could already be a famous man in the religions of the world today
2. The first thing we think of is the Pope, and that it possible. Dali Lama?
 - a. I personally believe that this will be a “new” thing
 - b. A new “religious” experience not promotion of anything old
3. This beast will imitate Jesus and appear innocent

- a. He will have the “horns of a lamb” REV. 13:11
 - b. Notice the great difference in origin here – UP OUT of the Earth
 - c. JOHN 3:13 – “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”
 - 4. Big difference – what is the SOURCE of the things we believe?
- B. He counterfeits the arrival of the Holy Spirit REV. 13:13
 - 1. He causes fire from Heaven – many people think of Elijah
 - 2. But consider the role of the False Prophet as a false Holy Spirit
 - a. ACTS 2:1-4 – “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
 - b. They ALSO began speaking as the HOLY SPIRIT led
 - 3. But look at how THIS beast speaks REV. 13:11
- C. His speech reveals his real character – devilish words
 - 1. Oh, they will sound fine! So very spiritual and convincing!
 - 2. But they are SATAN’S words!
 - 3. Words that will be so very tricky and misleading
 - a. Think of how pervasive the Calvinists are when they speak
 - b. “We believe just like you do, a powerful sovereign God”
 - c. NO! They believe a loving God PREORDAINS people to hell!
 - 4. The people that hear this False Prophet will BELIEVE him. They’ll fall for it

III. POWER OF THIS BEAST

- A. His power comes from only one source – Satan, the Dragon
 - 1. I’ve been shocked before when I turned off the wrong breaker
 - a. There is power in the line and it isn’t disconnected
 - b. If you get shocked there’s power coming from SOMEWHERE
 - c. We don’t have to wonder in this case – the Bible tells us
 - 2. Never get the idea that Satan has no power
 - a. He is a DEFEATED foe, not a powerless foe
 - b. His territory cannot withstand the onslaught of a church
 - c. Why? Because we should be rescuing the perishing!
 - i. DUTY DEMANDS IT!
 - ii. Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave!
 - d. JUDE 23 – “And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.”
 - 3. Let me just say this: We win.

4. 1 JOHN 4:4 – “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”
- B. He causes the inhabitants of the earth to WORSHIP the first Beast
1. He “deceives” them REV. 13:14
 2. He “points” them to Satan – the “anti” Holy Spirit
 3. JOHN 16:13 – “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”
- C. He has power to deceive and only one goal in his deception – glorify Satan

IV. PERFORMANCE OF THIS BEAST

- A. He is a Miracle Worker REV. 13:14
1. LITERAL PHYSICAL powers – Fire
 2. Imitating God’s hand with Elijah in 1 Kings Chapter 18
 3. MATT. 24:24 – “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”
 - a. SO deceptive that only being Saved could prevent it
 - b. There will be no defense for the lost person
- B. He makes an Image of the Beast
1. This imitates God’s creation of Mankind
 2. It parallels the sin of Nebuchadnezzar’s image
 - a. At the beginning and end of the Gentile World Governments
 - b. Both are man-made (not God-made)
 - c. ALL were/will be made to worship the image
 - d. The penalty for not worshiping is death
- C. He commands the Mark of the Beast
1. Six classes of people (6 is the number of man)
 - a. The number of the beast’s name equals 3 sixes (unholy trinity)
 - b. MARK / NUMBER / NAME are used synonymously (vs. 17)
 - c. I’ve heard many explanations to this number
 - i. The Hebrews didn’t have numbers, so they used letters
 - ii. And this is the beast’s name added together
 - iii. It’s possible, but will likely not be revealed until the time
 2. This is COMPLETE government control – we’ve only barely glimpsed it
 - a. Cannot buy or sell – no mask, no vaccine, no mark
 - b. RFID, Near Field Communications – used all the time today
 - i. Those chips are tiny (the copper is only the contacts)
 - ii. They can contain megabytes of data, medical records, etc.
 - iii. Right now their capacity is barely being used
 - c. You don’t even have to run your card any more, just tap it

- d. Now think about that little chip placed subcutaneously
- e. They do it in pets, why not humans?
- 3. There will be NO cash. Gold will be illegal.
 - a. The government will claim to own you, your life, your time
 - b. Even the berries beside the road will be “owned” by them
 - c. No buying... no selling... no living without the mark

V. PROCLAMATION TO THIS BEAST

- A. This is the last World Government of Man – the Sixth
 - 1. The seventh comes next (complete) – The Millennial Kingdom of Christ
 - 2. Study Daniel Chapter 2, God tells us what will happen
 - 3. DANIEL 2:44 – “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”
- B. I’m going to be part of that Seventh Kingdom! And you can be too!
 - 1. But you have to enter into that Kingdom today
 - 2. It is not of this world, Jesus taught – right now it is a spiritual kingdom
 - a. You only become God’s subject in His kingdom through Salvation
 - b. The beast’s subjects will be unwilling and deceived
 - c. GOD only accepts WILLING subjects enlightened by His Holy Word
- C. Be Saved Today