

**THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 5/9 - 10/2022 *Revelation Chapter 13***

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**THERE WILL BE NO CLASSROOM STUDY THIS WEEK!**

**PLANNING TO RESUME CLASSROOM + ZOOM 5/16-17**

**PLEASE NOTE WE WILL CONTINUE TO NEED A PASSCODE TO JOIN THE STUDY!**

**MONDAY 7 PM Bible Study - Time: 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
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**OPENING PRAYER**

**(Rev 1:3) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.**

### **The Seven Personages – The Cast of Characters**

Chapter 12 – The Woman; Man-Child; Red Dragon; Michael, the Remnant of Israel

**Chapter 13 - A Good Example of Satan using people as instruments for his own purposes - The Beast out of the Sea (The antiChrist) – (vs. 1-10); The Beast out of the Earth (false prophet) - (vs. 11-18):both are featured in this chapter.**

### **The First Beast**

**Rev 13:1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.**

- **In the Scriptures, the sea is used symbolically of the nations.** John sees this beast rise out of the nations. There are passages of Scripture in Daniel and others in Revelation that help us to understand this first verse.
- **(Dan 7:3, 7, 8) And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.**  
[7] "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.** [8] I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. And four great beasts came up from the sea, that were diverse one from another." Or **from the nations**, there are four that rise up that are diverse from each other.
- **(Dan 7:17, 19,20,23-25) Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which arise out of the earth.** [19] "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; [20] and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. [23] "Thus he said: **The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. [24] The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones And shall subdue three kings. [25] He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.**
- **A great, fiery red dragon. (Rev 12:3) And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. The ten and the seven are things that are repeated concerning this beast that arises out of the sea. The false prophet. (Rev 16:13) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. In this **we have the trinity of evil**--the dragon, the beast and the false prophet.**
- **(Rev 17:3,5,7) So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.** We are identified again with the antiChrist here. [5] **And on her forehead a name was written MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** [7] **But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.** So often as is this case, the Bible is the best commentary you can get on the Bible. The Lord said, I'll tell you about this beast with the seven heads and ten horns.
- **(Rev 17:8-12) The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit (or the abusso) and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is**

not, and yet is. [9] "Here is the mind which has wisdom: **The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.** [10] **There are also seven kings.** Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. [11] **The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.** [12] "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

- **Daniel tells us that in his vision the Lord told Daniel** that these beasts that he saw rising out of the sea **are kingdoms that shall arise** to rule over the earth. The **first** was the **Babylonian** kingdom, the first world empire. But it was to be replaced by the Medo-Persian Empire. In the visions of Daniel, the first was like a lion. **The second** was like a bear, the **Medo-Persian Empire**, which would destroy the Babylonian or conquer the Babylonian Empire. **The third would be the Grecian Empire, the leopard** that would conquer the Medo-Persian Empire. **The fourth, of course, was the Roman Empire that** would conquer over the Grecian Empire.
- **Now the Roman Empire never was really conquered.** It just sort of disintegrated. But the Bible tells us that there will be a revival of the Roman Empire. In other words, there will be a combining again of the nations that once comprised the Roman Empire. The European nations would federate together in the last days. We see that partially happening today in the European Community, the nations of Europe federating together, forming the European Community. Out of it will come this little horn of Daniel which will destroy three of the kings but then he will receive the power over the kingdom and will have really power over the earth. So, this is the little horn of Daniel that John sees here in verse one of Revelation chapter thirteen.
- **Notice the seven heads or the mountains or the hills. Many commentators believe this refers to Rome,** which has been known as the City of Seven Hills throughout the centuries and the ten horns are ten kings which, will receive their power to reign with the antiChrist and the names of blasphemy. Others believe this refers to seven governments.

**Rev 13:2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.**

- **Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard,** [which was the Grecian empire], **his feet were like the feet of a bear**[which was the Medo-Persian empire],, **and his mouth like the mouth of a lion,** [which was the Babylonian empire]. He sort of combines the characteristics and the traits of the empires that have governed the world in the history of the world. *The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority,*
- **In Luke, Satan said to Jesus as he took Him up to a high mountain** and showed Him the kingdoms of the earth, **(Luk 4:6) And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory: for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."** Satan boasted of his authority over the world. The power that he had over the world, and he was promising to give it to Jesus. We find him giving it here to the beast, the antiChrist, the man of sin that's going to come on the scene.
- **Jesus in talking to His disciples about the signs of the end of the age and His coming again** said, **(Mat 24:24) For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** Jesus warned about the false Christs and the false prophet and because of the wonders and the signs, the miracles that they will do, the world will be deceived.
- **Paul, talking about him, said in (2Th 2:9) The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.** Satan gives to him his power. **"(2Th 2:10) and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**
- **In the twelfth verse of the thirteenth chapter here speaking of the false prophet** that's going to rise to cause people to worship the beast, it says, **(Rev 13:12, 14) And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. [14] And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.**
- **In the sixteenth chapter of Revelation verse fourteen, as it speaks of these four spirits** that come forth, **(Rev 16:14) For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.** So, these

spirits of devils that will go forth into all the earth and gather the nations for the battle of Armageddon.

**Rev 13:3** *And I (John, he) saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded (as if dead), and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.*

- **This deadly wound that was healed**, we read of it there that the people wondered after this. "The beast I saw was like a leopard in his feet, feet of a bear" and so forth. He had power and authority.
- **In Zechariah, he prophesies concerning the true Shepherd and the false shepherd** that would come. He called the true Shepherd, Beauty. He called the false shepherd, Bonds or bondage, saying, (*Zec 11:7-13*) *So I fed the flock for slaughter, in particular the poor of the flock. I took for myself two staffs: the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bonds; and I fed the flock. [8] I dismissed the three shepherds in one month. My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me. [9] Then I said, "I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. Let those that are left eat each other's flesh. [10] And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples. [11] So it was broken on that day. Thus the poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the LORD. [12] Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.* A prophecy of the amount of money that Judas would receive in the betrayal of Jesus in turning Jesus over to the high priest. Thirty pieces of silver.
- (*Zec 11:13*) *And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.* You remember when Judas brought the money back to the priest and said, I have betrayed innocent blood and they said, That's your problem. He tried to give them the thirty pieces of silver back and they refused to take it back and so Judas just threw it on the floor of the grounds there, saying, that is your problem. You gather it up and do with it what you please. Judas then went out and hung himself.
- **They then had a dilemma. There was a law that they could not use blood money** in the treasury of the Lord. They said, What shall we do with it? It was determined that they would buy the Potter's Field to use it for the burying of the poor people. Thus, you hear the term Potter's Field referring to a cemetery or a burial ground. That comes from this case with Judas. But it was prophesied some four hundred years before by Zechariah.
- (*Zec 11:14-17*) *Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. [15] And the LORD said to me, "Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd. [16] For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land who will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces. [17] "Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded."*
- **We are told in Revelation and also here of the assassination attempt** that will be made upon the antiChrist. He will receive a deadly wound but yet he will survive that, even though he will lose his right arm and his right eye as the result of that deadly wound. But the fact that he survives it, will be an amazing miracle before the world and they will worship the beast, who survives this deadly wound.

**Rev 13:4** *So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"*

- **Satanic worship will be worldwide.** Many years ago, the thought or the idea of Satan worship was the most foreign thing in the mind of an individual. Who in the world would ever consider worshipping Satan? In the sixties, Anton LaVey began the Satanic church. Everybody thought it was a big spoof. That this guy can't be serious. He's got to just be spoofing everybody. But we discovered that he was serious. He wrote the Satanic bible, and many people began to actively, consciously, worship Satan. Many of the horrible atrocious crimes, unthinkable types of crimes, are committed by people who are involved in Satanic cults and in Satanic rituals. It is a very common thing here in Southern California. It isn't something that's just limited to one area.
- **There are many of the rock groups that in their lyrics are advocating Satanic worship.** Many of the young people are drawn into Satanic worship through the rock and the rap groups. Through the years, the sign of demonic possession was the person's tongue hanging out. It **interesting** to me how that in so many of the pictures of the group members or even many of those in the world wrestling

association have their tongues hanging out. It is a sign among the initiated of Satanic possession or demon possession.

- **What was once unthinkable is now a common practice.** But it's going to get much worse! Once the church is taken out, there will be many. When this man comes with his miracle working powers, when he survives the assassination attempt, people will begin to worship Satan and they will worship Satan's man upon the earth, the beast, the antiChrist who is here on the earth at that time. *So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"* He will have such great power, supernatural powers and also military powers that the question will rise, *"Who is able to make war with him?"*

**Rev 13:5** *And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.*

- **He was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies.** Now there are several different names in the Bible for this antiChrist. He is called here the beast and in other passages, Revelation 17. He is called the son of perdition by Paul. He is called the man of sin and of course, Daniel refers to him as the little horn. But there are several names in the Scriptures. AntiChrist is probably used less than any other. Only John used that title for him and that only once in his first epistle. But that's the title that seems to stick and perhaps best identifies him because he will be against, or instead of Jesus Christ, opposed to everything that is righteous, that is pure, that is holy, he will be utterly given over to vile blasphemies against the Lord.
- **And he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.** This blasphemous mouth is also mentioned in *(Dan 7:25) He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time,* the same forty-two months that we find here in Revelation.
- **(Dan 11:36) "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.**

**Rev 13:6** *Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.*

- **He speaks out blasphemously concerning God and concerning the church,** which at this time has been raptured and is with the Lord in heaven. In Daniel, we are told *(Dan 9:27) Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week, He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.* He causes the daily prayers and sacrifices to cease.
- **The temple in Jerusalem shall be rebuilt. They will begin to worship again** in the temple with daily prayers and sacrifices. Perhaps as the result of the covenant that he makes with the nation of Israel, this seven-year covenant. But in the midst of that seven years, he will come to that rebuilt temple, he will cause the daily sacrifices and prayers to cease, and there he will so desecrate it with **such an abominable act that this will be the trigger that fires men** into the great tribulation when in *(Rom 1:18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.*
- **When Jesus was explaining to His disciples the signs of the end of the age, He said in (Mat 24:15) "Therefore when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand).** So, in the midst of the seven-year period, once the temple has been built and sacrifices and prayers instituted again, he will come to the temple. He will stand in the temple of God, coming into the holy of holies and there he will proclaim that he is God, demanding that they worship him as God!
- **Paul writing about him in 2 Thessalonians said, (2Th 2:3) Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.** So that as God, he sits in the temple of God showing himself that he is God, opening his mouth against God in blasphemy against His tabernacle and those that dwell in heaven."

**Rev 13:7** *It was granted to him to make war with the saints (tribulation saints - Israel, not the church,) ( and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.*

- **Making war with the saints and overcoming them.** Back in Daniel chapter seven, verse twenty-one, Daniel tells us, (*Dan 7:21*) *"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints and prevailing against them.* Because the Bible speaks of the saints in the Great Tribulation and because the Bible speaks about the elect in the Great Tribulation, there are many people who have made the mistaken notion that the church will be here during the great tribulation. But the elect and the saints that are referred to, **are the nation of Israel, the tribulation saints.**
- **God said to Daniel that (*Dan 9:24*)** *"Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.*
- **Then he divided the seventy sevens into sixty-nine and one.** From the time the commandment would go forth to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah the Prince would be sixty-nine sevens. And that was fulfilled. Four hundred and eighty-three years after the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, Jesus made His triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem.
- **But at that point, with their rejection of the Messiah, and Daniel prophesied, saying, "*(Dan 9:26)* And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.** After the crucifixion of Jesus, the Jews were dispersed. We are in a time that is known in the Scriptures as the times of the Gentiles. In this time of the Gentiles, the Spirit of God is working among the Gentile nations. As God has worked in your heart and God is working in our hearts among the Gentiles. But the Bible speaks about the fullness of the Gentiles coming in. That is, **when the Holy Spirit has drawn in the last Gentile believer into the church, then the Lord is going to again work** with the nation of Israel!
- **Paul speaks about that in Romans, (*Rom 11:25-26*)** *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "THE DELIVERER WILL COME OUT OF ZION, AND HE WILL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB;* But he speaks about that blindness has happened to Israel in part until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.
- **Jesus said that (*Luk 21:24*)** *And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.* We are living in a transitional point. Jerusalem for a couple thousand years was trodden under the foot of the Gentiles. But in 1967 came under the control of the nation of Israel once again.
- **But the Lord is going to take the Gentile church out of this world. Then His Spirit will again** be working among the Jewish people the last seven years. God has seven years of this covenant that He made with the nation of Israel that is yet to be fulfilled. That will take place once the church is removed. Then God's clock starts once more, and you've got the final seven-year countdown after the church is removed.
- **So, he causes the daily sacrifices to cease, giving you** then the event that will trigger the great tribulation. **"And he made war with the tribulation saints," but the saints cannot be the church.** They are Israel, that God is working with again.
- **You remember when Jesus was at Caesarea Philippi with His disciples,** and He asked them, "Who do people think I am? One of the disciples said, Well, I've heard people say that they think that You're maybe Jeremiah, the prophet. Another disciple said, I've heard people say that You're John the Baptist. You've come back from the dead. Others said, Some say You're Elijah. Jesus said, Who do you say that I am?"
- **Peter said, (*Mat 16:17-18*)** *Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. [18] And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.* So, the fact that the antiChrist makes war with the saints and prevails against them precludes the saints being the church because **"the gates of hell cannot prevail against the church of Jesus Christ!"**

**Rev 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

- We are told in (*Rev 17:8*) *The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the*

bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. The mention of the Book of Life. God has books in heaven. One of them is the Book of Life.

- **We first find it mentioned in the Old Testament when God said to Moses that He would wipe out** those people because of their rebellion and their hardness of hearts and stiff-necked. Moses interceded for the nation, saying, (*Exo 32:32-33*) *Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.* [33] *And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.*
- **When Jesus was addressing the seven churches here in Revelation chapter three** as He gets to the church of Sardis, **He promises to those that overcame that they would dwell with Him, He would not blot their names out of the Book of Life.** In the twentieth chapter when we see the great white throne judgment of God, (*Rev 20:12-14*) *And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. [13] The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. [14] Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.* So, this Book of Life. Here, He speaks of the people being deceived **"whose names were not in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."**
- **Summary of a number of reference to the Book of Life in the Bible: "The Book of Life" (Luke 10:17-20)** (where did the power come from?); (*Php 4:3*) *And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life;* (*Rev. 2:17*) ("a new name", which was not already written); (*Rev. 3:5*) (because you are a believer, your name is written and will never be blotted out once it's there); (*Rev. 3:12*) (He's going to do that to all who overcome, because they overcome; not that their names were already written); (*Rev. 20:15*) (whoever was not written in the Book of Life was cast into the fire); (*Rev. 21:27*) (they who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life!) How do we insure our name is written in the Book of Life? **Be an overcomer!!!** "Overcome"? – (*1 John 5:4,5*)

**Rev 13:9** *If anyone has an ear, let him hear.*

**Rev 13:10** *He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

- Here, the oft-repeated phrase in verse nine, *If anyone has an ear, let him hear.* We notice no inclusion of the term, "what the Spirit says to the churches, as the church has been raptured and is no longer here.
- **Rev 13:10** *He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.* Understand that it's all going to be made right! You need to hear! These things may come upon you. Please understand, those who are leading others into captivity, they, themselves shall go into captivity! Into outer darkness that never ends! Those who kill with the sword, they, themselves must be slain with the sword. What this calls for is the patience and the faith of the saints. It calls for your ability to bear up, have patience to bear up under pressure. It's waiting for the bus while cars are splashing water on you! People are cursing at you. It's bearing up under something. This is what calls for the patience and the faith of the believers, during this era! Look around, it headed here!
- Now the second personage, the second beast of chapter thirteen.

### **The Second Beast**

**Rev 13:11** *Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.*

- **The false prophet.** You remember Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount said, (*Mat 7:15*) *"Beware of false prophets, come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.* The warning of Jesus of the false prophets. He appears innocent, having horns like a lamb! But he speaks like the dragon, like Satan! Thus, the false prophet.

**Rev 13:12** *And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*

- **He is the one who will lead the earth in the declaration that this man is the Messiah.** He will appear to be a prophet of God. But **he is actually a false prophet, leading the people to the worship of the antiChrist.** One of his strong points will be his survival from the assassination attempt.

**Rev 13:13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.**

**Rev 13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.**

- **Jesus mentions, (Mat 24:24) For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** Paul tells us that they will come with all lying signs and wonders in the powers of Satan. Here again, **one of the marks are signs and wonders.**
- **That is why it is dangerous to just follow after signs and wonders because obviously, Satan is able to perform supernatural kinds of signs and wonders in order to deceive people.** And surely that is the case here in the antiChrist and the beast, the false prophet, the ability to perform these astounding miracles, wonders, signs and using them for the deceiving of the people. He deceives those that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he has power to do in the sight of the beast. **Then he advocates that they make an image of the beast.** This image will be placed in the temple in Jerusalem, and they will then require that everyone worship the image of the beast.
- **Isn't it interesting the experimentation that is being done with cloning in these days?** From a child, I heard that one thing that Satan could not do was to create life. But it is interesting that here, they appear to have power to give life to this image. Just exactly what this entails I do not know. I don't plan to be here to find out.

**Rev 13:15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

- **There will be many people who will be martyred during this period of time** as the antiChrist solidifies his power. Those that refuse to take his mark, those that refuse to worship him. We'll get that more in our study next Sunday night as we move into the fourteenth chapter, and we now pick up with the vials that are being poured out and the incidents that will be taking place during that time. So, the martyrdom of those who refuse the mark.

**Rev 13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,**

**Rev 13:17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

- **There will be a doing away with money as such.** No more dollar bills in your pocket. All of the exchange for goods will be done with a mark in the right hand or in the forehead that will either be implanted, perhaps a computer chip, perhaps a tattoo. We don't know exactly what it will be. But we do know **that no one will be able to buy or sell without this mark,** that is in their right hand or in their forehead.
- **You hear so much about the Smart card. You hear about electronic transfers.** That was the beginning actually of the electronic transfers of bank funds, in the seventies. The whole thing has progressed over the past forty years! Now, it is no stretch of the imagination to realize how that money could be done away with and you all just have an account, a numbered account or whatever, and you have the identity mark with you.
- **It will, likely be presented as a major crime buster.** Think of if everybody had to use a mark either to buy or sell, every transaction that you made could be kept on a record in a computer. There would be no more purpose of picking someone's pocket to take the money out of the wallet because money will be of no value. To take the credit cards, they will be of no value. You will have to have the mark. It will eliminate so many crimes, so many robberies which money is the object of the robbery. It will eliminate all of these violent crimes where people are trying to take someone else's money and all because money will be of no value.
- **Even jewelry will have a computerized record of it.** Thus, this program, which is really a brilliant idea! It would be a great thing. Except that you don't want to be involved because it will be

inaugurated by the antiChrist and the false prophet as they bring the world under their control. Big Brother will be here.

- **They're talking about these little miniaturized transmitters that can be injected in the animals** and of course, they are already injecting them into pets. They can trace your dog, if it runs away, they can trace it. They are advocating putting them in a filling in a child's tooth so that if your child was ever kidnapped or ever lost, with the global positioning satellites, they'd be able to locate exactly where your child is. It's amazing what can be done now with these global positioning satellites.

**Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.**

- **Now in the Hebrew and in the Greek, they do not have a separate numeric system,** but they use the alphabet for their number. Alpha, beta, gamma, delta is one, two, three, four in Greek as well as the first four letters of the Greek alphabet. The same is true in Hebrew. The aleph, bet, gimel and dalet are the one, two, three, four in the Hebrew, which means that every Hebrew letter has a numeric equivalent. Every Greek letter is also a number. It has its numeric equivalent. So, the number of a man and the number is six hundred and sixty-six, so the numeric equivalent of this man's name will probably total to six hundred and sixty-six.
- **We'll look at this more when we get to the seventeenth chapter of the Book of Revelation.** But the Lord does, it's sort of one of those Who-done-it type of mysteries where the Lord said, Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast because it's the number of a man and his number is six hundred and sixty-six. So, He's giving you clues. It's interesting how many people have taken those clues and tried to put them on different people and someone by twisting things here and there, someone actually came up with Kissinger totaling up to six hundred and sixty-six. But he is sort of fallen from the scene.
- **It's interesting, I don't know that we will really know until the fellow is revealed.** But it's interesting also that over and over when we are talking about the antiChrist and the Scriptures that pertain to him, it says, "**(Daniel 11:36)**". *That which has been determined shall be done.* Over and over, you get that affirmation. The Lord said, "That which is determined shall be done." What it is saying is that God's word shall come to pass. These things that the word of God talks about are the technologies and all are developing at the present time to bring these things into practical use.
- **Jesus said, (Luk 21:28) Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.** How much more until the Lord removes His church, I don't know. Nobody knows the day or the hour.
- **But Jesus said, Watch and be ready because in such an hour as you think not, the Son of man is coming!**
- **Surely, He said, When these things begin to come to pass, look up. Lift up your head. For your redemption is getting close!**
- **All that can be said, is that is getting close!**
- **It no time to be playing games with God!** We're not to play games with our relationship with God but we get very serious about the things of the Lord and about the things of the Spirit.
- **I Have Decided To Follow Jesus! Oh, the Goodness of God!**

## **CLOSING SONG:**

### **GOODNESS OF GOD** - Bethel Music (5:03)

I love You, Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God  
Chorus - And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire. In the darkest night, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a Father. I've known You as a Friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God (Chorus)  
Cause Your goodness is running after. It's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after. It's running after me.  
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me. (2x)

(Chorus) (2x)

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

*(Jud 1:24-25) Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, [25] To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.*

**For next week, read Chapter 14!**