

**"The Significant Characters of the Tribulation"**

**Part 6**

**Revelation 12-14**

**Introduction:** Last week in our study of Revelation we started into Revelation 13 where we were introduced to the Beast which John saw rise from the sea.

**I. The Power of the Beast**

**Notice Revelation 13:1**

We determined here that the sea refers to the Gentile Nations and so this Beast who is the Anti-Christ will come forth from the Gentiles.

Now there is something which I did not explain last week which we need to understand here. This Beast is a man and this Beast is also a Kingdom. He is Satan's masterpiece who will come on the scene after the Rapture of the church. But we also need to understand this Beast represents the last world empire that will exist before Jesus Christ sets up His Kingdom here on earth.

**Notice Revelation 13:1 again.**

This Beast has 7 heads and 10 horns. Now we looked at these last week and I have had several requests to review back over this once more and so I will do that. Last week when we were finished I stopped and realized that the lesson took me days to put together and then I dumped it all upon you in 50 minutes. So, to start with today I want to see if I can help you to grasp the meaning of the 7 heads and the 10 horns a little better.

**1. The Seven Heads**

**THE 7 HEADS ARE 7 KINGDOMS**

**Revelation 17:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> *And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.*

<sup>10</sup> *And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*

The words in verse 10 should read "THESE ARE & KINGS".

The 7 heads are 7 world Empires and in John's day 5 had already existed and fallen and one existed which was Rome and one was yet to come. That would be the Kingdom of the Anti-Christ. We will come back to these in a moment.

## 2. The Ten Horns

### THE 10 HORNS ARE 10 KINGS

#### Revelation 17:12-13

<sup>12</sup> *And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.*

<sup>13</sup> *These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

**These 10 kings will exist under the reign of the Anti-Christ.**

#### Notice Revelation 13:2

Here we were able to see that the Beast had the characteristics of a LEOPARD, BEAR, and a LION.

Now we need to turn to Daniel because Daniel's writings will help us to understand what we are seeing here in Revelation 13.

#### Notice Daniel 7:1-8, 15-25

These are the Kingdoms which John spoke of. There is Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. The last KINGDOM will be the revived Roman Empire. A portion of these KINGDOMS will exist within the last one which will be the revived Roman Empire under the control of the Anti-Christ.

Now let us go back to Revelation.

#### Notice Revelation 13:1 again.

The HEADS, CROWNS and HORNS are also connected to the GREAT RED DRAGON.

#### Revelation 12:3

<sup>3</sup> *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*

**This tells us the Anti-Christ and Satan are very closely connected.**

The 5 KINGDOMS which have existed within the past were all under the control of Satan and the last Kingdom which is the revived Roman Empire will also be under the control of Satan.

**Notice Revelation 13:2 again.**

Satan will give all his power and authority to the Anti-Christ. Remember what I ended with last week?

**Luke 4:5-7**

<sup>5</sup> *And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*

<sup>6</sup> *And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.*

<sup>7</sup> *If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.*

This was an offer of Satan's future Kingdom. Jesus rejected the offer but the Anti-Christ will accept the offer and he will be sold out to Satan.

## II. The Wound of the Beast

**Notice Revelation 13:3**

Now there are some who say the wound of the Anti-Christ will not kill him because this verse says, "AS IT WERE WOUNDED TO DEATH". But there is a problem with this reasoning.

**Revelation 5:6**

<sup>6</sup> *And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*

The very same words are used to describe Jesus Christ and we know for sure that He WAS SLAIN. What happens to the Anti-Christ is far more severe than a wound. He will be killed and then he will be resurrected.

**Notice Revelation 13:3 again.**

His deadly wound will be healed. This speaks of his resurrection. When this happens all the world will wonder after the Beast. Now let me show you something from the words of Zachariah.

**Zechariah 11:12-17**

*<sup>12</sup> And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.*

*<sup>13</sup> And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.*

*<sup>14</sup> Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.*

*<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.*

*<sup>16</sup> For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.*

*<sup>17</sup> Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.*

Here is a passage that speaks of Jesus being betrayed for 30 pieces of silver and since Israel would not have Jesus as their Shepherd they would be given a FOOLISH SHEPHERD who would be the Anti-Christ. Zechariah tells us he will receive a wound in his right eye and his arm. His arm will never heal correctly and his eye will always be dark.

This is most likely the DEADLY WOUND the Anti-Christ receives. The fact that he will have a withered arm and a dark eye means he will carry the marks of the deadly wound.

**John 20:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

*<sup>20</sup> And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.*

The marks of the cross will always be on our Savior. The Anti-Christ will be a counterfeit so it only makes sense that he too will bear the marks of his deadly wounds.

But there are those who question if this is a really resurrection. Can Satan raise someone from the dead? Well, let us not forget that God permitted His apostles to raise people from the dead and also His Old Testament prophets. Therefore, God could very easily allow Satan to raise the Anti-Christ from the dead. But WHY?

This will be part of the wrath of God and the judgment of God on those who refuse to believe the message of the TWO WITNESSES and the 144,000 MISSIONARIES.

### **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12**

*<sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

*<sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*<sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

*<sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

This resurrection will add to the deception.

### **Notice Revelation 13:4**

The worship of Satan here will probably be indirect which means the people will worship the Anti-Christ and in doing so will be worshipping Satan.

## **III. The Persecution from the Beast**

### **Notice Revelation 13:5-7**

The Anti-Christ will unleash terrible persecution upon those who turn to Christ in the Tribulation. This persecution will come because the saints refuse to worship the Beast.

### **Notice Revelation 13:15**

Faith in Christ during the Tribulation will equal death.

### **Notice Revelation 13:8**

The earth dwellers will worship the Beast and this will be DEFINING moment for these people.

**Revelation 14:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*

<sup>10</sup> *The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

<sup>11</sup> *And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

IV. **The Exhortation**

**Notice Revelation 13:9**

**Jeremiah 13:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> *Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.*

<sup>16</sup> *Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.*

<sup>17</sup> *But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.*