

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"The False Prophet"

Revelation 13:11-18

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Revelation 13:1-10** Review!!! "The Antichrist" - We looked @ his...
 - a) ...**Character**
 - 1) He'll be a **CHARISMATIC** leader
 - 2) a **CUNNING** leader
 - 3) A **CULTIC** leader
 - 4) ...also a **BRUTAL** leader
 - b) ...**Profile**
 - 1) He will rise **INCONSPICUOUSLY**
 - 2) He will be **INTIMIDATING**
 - c) His Plan is to **COUNTERFEIT**
2. While the Church will not be on earth to experience the difficult days of the Tribulation, the Storm Clouds of that time are gathering even now!!!
3. As John continued to look, he saw a **SECOND BEAST** rising out of the **EARTH**.
 - a) The First Beast (Antichrist) rose out of the **SEA**.
 - b) The Second Beast (False Prophet) rose out of the **EARTH**.
4. **Revelation 13:11**
 - a) Cf. **Revelation 19:20**

I. THE SECOND BEAST - *The False Prophet*

1. The False Prophets job is to point people to the Antichrist.
2. With the arrival of the Second Beast we see the Unholy Trinity is now complete.
3. **REMEMBER:** Satan is the Master Counterfeiter.
 - a) Just as God exists as a Trinity (Holy Trinity) so Satan counterfeits God.
 - 1) **THE HOLY TRINITY** - The Father - Son - Holy Ghost
 - 2) **THE UNHOLY TRINITY** - Satan - Antichrist - False Prophet
4. **John 10:12-14**
5. **WOW!!! AND THE FALSE PROPHET** will glorify the Antichrist.

6. **Revelation 13:11**

a) *"It had 2 horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.*

7. Satan causes the False Prophet to appear like a meek and gentile lamb when in reality he is a destroyer. He speaks for the devil.

a) Jesus said, *"beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing"*

1) **Matthew 7:15**

8. **Vs 12**

9. **NOW WATCH THIS:** The False Prophet will have the power to counterfeit the miracles of God.

a) **Vs 13**

1) **1 Kings 18:38**

2) **Cf. 11:3-5**

II. DECEPTIVE MIRACLES OF THE FALSE PROPHET

1. **Vs 14**

a) The False prophet will deceive people and they will build an image of the first beast.

2. This image is the center of the false worship and the focal point of the final state of worship of the Antichrist.

3. **Vs 15**

4. **Remember this:** Satan cannot give life.

5. **LISTEN UP:** The False Prophet's responsibility is to bring attention to the Antichrist.

a) The False Prophet is literally the Worship Leader of the Antichrist!!

1) **Vs 12**

6. **Vs 15b**

7. **Matthew 24:15-18**

III. THE MARK OF THE BEAST

1. **vs 16**

2. Here is yet another attempt of the Beast (Antichrist) to counterfeit God.

a) Cf. **Revelation 7:3**

b) **Revelation 14:1**

3. **REMEMBER:** What God does, Satan tries to imitate by way of counterfeiting.

4. **Vs 16**

a) "**mark**" - Gk. "**Charagma**" - The Roman emperor would use a seal or mark which conveyed official sanction.

5. This Mark will signify that the person bearing it is a loyal follower of the Antichrist.

a) **THREE FACTS ABOUT THE MARK OF THE BEAST**

1) **It is total submission to, and recognition of the Antichrist as Lord.**

a. This is Worship of the Antichrist.

2) **If you take the mark, it's a repudiation of God's Word and Jesus Christ.**

a. AND that's an unforgivable sin.

b. **Revelation 14:9-12**

3) **It is the basis of the wrath of God being poured out on those who take the Mark of the Beast.**

a. **Revelation 16:1-2, 8-11**

6. **Vs 17**

a) "**so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark**"

1) That mark will prove that you are a loyal follower of the Antichrist.

7. All who reject the mark will be subject to execution or starvation or illness as a result of not being able to purchase what they need.

a) All the money in the world won't be enough to buy bread if you don't have the mark of the beast.

8. During the Tribulation the choice is simple:

a) If you reject the mark, you will suffer at the hands of the Antichrist.

1) Which is temporary!!

b) If you accept the mark, you will suffer at the hands of God.

1) Which is eternal!!

9. **Vs 18**

CONCLUSION:

1. *1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

2. *Romans 10:9-10, 13*