

1 **A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

LESSON 41

2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We are continuing in our study of prophecy in the Book of Revelation
- We have just started studying in the 13th chapter
- Chapter 13 is a continuation of chapter 12
- Last week we read verses 1 and 2
- We'll re-read verses 1 and 2 and then continue into verse 3

3 **SATAN BECOMES A MAN**

Revelation 13:1-3

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

- As we read this we found that the same 3 animals are used to describe the empire of the Antichrist, the leopard, the bear and the lion, that Daniel used in chapter 7

4 **SYMBOLS EXPLAINED**

- In Revelation John is seeing the world empires as past and Daniel is seeing them as future
- This is why the order of the animal symbols are reversed in Revelation from that which is in Daniel
- Daniel used the lion, the bear and the leopard as symbols of the 3 world empires that preceded the Roman Empire
- The beast was the symbol Daniel used for the Roman Empire and this symbol stays the same throughout the Scriptures which follows

the rules of Biblical prophecy

- When the Roman Empire is in its final form it will include all the other empires

5 **SYMBOLS EXPLAINED cont.**

- "Sands of the sea" is a symbol of the masses of people
- The rise of dictators and powerful conquerors from the common people and the revival of a strong national spirit may be the horns of the beast rising above the level of the waters
- The symbol applies both to the man and his empire
- This is also true of Daniel's symbols
- The dragon had crowns on his heads; Satan has always ruled over nations, but in the end time the crowns are on the horns
- The horns represent the nations that will make up the nucleus of Antichrist's kingdom

6 **SYMBOLS EXPLAINED cont.**

- When this beast rises out of the sea (which usually represents humanity), six of the seven heads are history; they no longer wear crowns
- Six world empires: Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome
- The Roman Empire nucleus was 10 countries around the Mediterranean Sea
- The crowns are on the seventh head and this is the one with which we will be dealing with from now on
- Remember this is after the Rapture, the saints are in heaven, Satan his fallen angels are cast out of heaven to this earth; from the spiritual world to the material world

7 **SATAN IN PERSON**

Revelation 13:1-3

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

- Here we see something strange happening to this head

- John saw one of the heads as though it "were wounded to death"
- There are a number of Scriptures that use adverbial phrases and preparatory subjects such as: "like as of", "as it were", "like unto"

8 **SYMBOLS EXPLAINED cont.**

- The seven heads represent the seven human governments from the beginning of time to the end of time
- Remember the number seven in the Scriptures means "complete"
- Of the seven governments we have had six; the seventh we are going into
- Keeping in mind the seven heads represent all human government of all time, then one head represents human government at one given time
- This head that was wounded represents the man in power at the time that Satan is cast down to earth

9 **SATAN'S COUNTERFEIT**

- This head appears "as though it were wounded to death"
- This man appears like he should be dead but yet he lives
- This is Satan's counterfeit of the Resurrection which has just taken place
- Satan has created counterfeits down through the ages such as the tares, false churches, false doctrines, false teachers, etc.
- It is only with a strong and sincere desire for the truth will God show us the difference between the counterfeit and the real, the tares and the wheat
- Only God knows the intents of our hearts

10 **SATAN'S COUNTERFEIT cont.**

- Only God knows if we really want the truth
- Do we really want God as He is, not what we imagine Him to be?
- If we do, God will show us the difference between the tares, the imitation/counterfeit, and what is really from Him
- God would never allow Satan to separate us from Him unless we allow him to

- With the appearance of a resurrection, Satan's draws the attention of the world away from the wonders of the Rapture and toward his own supposed miraculous power
- Satan's powers are only as great as God allows them to be

11 **SATAN'S COUNTERFEIT cont.**

Daniel 11:20, 14

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

- It doesn't matter what Satan does, his end result is going to be the same
- He fools multitudes of people today and he will fool them in that day also
- We find here that this deadly wound is healed but we are not told how he, Antichrist, received this wound

12 **THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST**

- Verse 14 indicates that the wound is to be by a sword
- This death is not murder but it is a spectacular death
- This man, at this time, is the most powerful man in the world as he is able to bring a semblance of peace
- Every eye on earth will be on this man because he seems to be able to something that we have not been able to reach for a number of years and that is this semblance of peace and prosperity
- We knew as long as there was prosperity Antichrist wouldn't rise
- For Antichrist to take control and Satan to come and take this man's body, the world had to be in a chaotic state; a state of near depression and continuous warfare

13 **SATAN RULING IN PERSON**

- The state of the world has to be bad enough that the world willingly gives their authority and rule to him
- From this point on, when Satan takes over this man's body, Satan is ruling in person
- Until this time Satan's rule has been in a spiritual form, now he is manifest in the material world
- The man Antichrist turns himself willingly over to Satan before Satan is cast out of heaven
- Satan is ruling through this man already by the time he takes over his body
- Although Antichrist will be Satan in the flesh and will be completely possessed by Satan, he will have a separate personality of his own

14 **WORSHIP OF THE DRAGON**

- In the end, Satan will be cast into the bottomless pit, while Antichrist will be cast into the lake of fire
- The world will recognize Antichrist as Satan and worship him anyway
- There has been at times confusion between the man and the empire
- In Daniel it shows the empire and then it changes over to the man but it is still the same thing
- All prophecy follows the same pattern in this respect: it starts with the history of empires showing their rise and fall till the final form of world domination is reached
- Then the pronoun changes from it to he, and a man becomes fulfillment of the symbol; he become the strength

15 **THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST**

- The whole earth is looking towards the man who becomes all powerful when Satan takes up his abode in him
- This is why you cannot separate the empire from the man until we reach the end of time
- When this pronoun changes from it to he, this man becomes the beast instead of just the empire
- This is true in Daniel as well as Revelation

- The head when it is wounded, that is the time when Satan is cast out down to the earth
- This wound will probably be a self-inflicted wound
- Satan enters into this man's body when the man appears to be dead

16 **THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST cont.**

- Then Satan raises him up in what appears to be miraculous resurrection
- It is at this moment the the pronoun changes from it to him
- The man becomes stronger then the empires he's ruling
- The world today is experiencing "the stress of nations, with perplexity."
- The transgressors must come to the full for the Antichrist to be able to step in and take over (Daniel 8:23)
- The head that is wounded and restored is Antichrist

17 **THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST cont.**

- The man, up until this time, has already established himself over an empire when Satan takes over his body
- With the world conditions as they are, if one man rises up and seems able to solve the world's problems, then that will be set up as ruler
- This is how Antichrist comes into power
- Daniel does not recognize the empire of Antichrist, but only the man
- The so-called death and resurrection of this man is the means by which Satan receives a body
- This happens right after the Rapture

18 **THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST cont.**

- This man Antichrist will probably be recognized but not take power before the Rapture
- The Bible is more authentic than any history ever written as it was written ahead of time by God
- We know what to look for, the signs of Jesus coming, and we need to keep the in the forefront of our minds

- Knowing this Bible, the Word of God, and seeing the happenings in the world today, this should make us vigilant in studying the Word and looking for His coming
- We are certainly seeing the "distress of nations, with perplexity..." (Luke 21:25)

19 **THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST cont.**

- Knowing the Word of God makes us rejoice: for the fulfillment of prophecy and His soon returning
- God will bring true and everlasting peace
- We have to wonder if this will be our last study as some day it will be
- Are the world leaders going to be able to bring back again that lull before the storm?
- Antichrist will have to be risen up and in power before Satan takes over his body
- It is probable that the rise of the beast with the crown on his horns will precede the Rapture
- According to Daniel, this man he calls the little horn, he shall rise up and conquer three nations

20 **THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST cont.**

- Daniel puts this before the heavenly scene that corresponds with Revelation 4 and 5
- So it is likely that saints living in the last days will see the rise of the man we call Antichrist
- At one time there was a belief that Henry Kissinger was the Antichrist due to his name meaning 666 derived by some complicated formula
- We will not need a formula or anything complicated in order to recognize the Antichrist
- Mankind tries to fit events and occurrences into Scripture where it does not fit
- When it is God's timing and prophecy is fulfilled, there will be no doubt about it

21 **THE ADVENT OF ANTICHRIST cont.**

- God's people will understand and the event, occurrence or person will fit exactly
- The next prophetic event is the rise of this man we call Antichrist
- We do not know how Antichrist conquers the three countries
- Alice firmly believes that we will recognize when this man begins to ascend in his power
- Antichrist will have a power to unify

22 **WORSHIP OF THE DRAGON**

Revelation 13:4-6

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

23 **CLOSING GRAPHIC**