

Discussion & Application:

1. Read Rev. 13:9-10. How do these verses go with the preceding verses about the Antichrist and the following verses about the False Prophet? What will they have authority to do to believers? If you ever face imprisonment or death for your faith, how will the book of Revelation help you stand firm for Jesus? What other Scriptures would come to your mind to help you stand?
2. Why do some call the Dragon-Antichrist-False Prophet the “unholy trinity?” Give specific comparisons to the Holy Trinity.
3. The Antichrist will unite the world through political means. How will the False Prophet unite the world? If the church is raptured by this time, how will it make the False Prophet’s job easier? (See 2 Thess. 2:1-12 and note the factors that will be present for the world to be deceived by the Antichrist and the False Prophet)
4. What will happen to believers who refuse to worship the beast? What will people of the world need to believe to approve of this? Do you see any of those beliefs developing today?
5. Read Deut. 13:1-5. What were the children of Israel to do if someone performed a miracle and then told them things that contradicted the truth of Scripture? What are you doing to develop discernment needed to test every spirit? (1 John 4:1-3)
6. How might the image of the beast be given “breath” and be able to “speak”? False prophets have used “great signs” throughout history (see Exodus 7; Mt. 24:24; Rev. 19:20). What other great signs will the False Prophet be able to perform? Where else have we seen signs like this in the Bible?
7. Believers and unbelievers alike often become fearful when the “beast” and his “mark” are discussed. Why? Who have you heard the Antichrist might be? What have you heard the mark might be? What do you think it is? Why do true believers have no fear when it comes to this?
8. Billions of people today are deceived by false prophets & false gospels. Pray for 5 people that don’t know Jesus. Ask the Lord to give you boldness & opportunity to share the gospel with them.

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Revelation 13:10-18

“The Things Which Will Take Place” – Part 22

“Panorama of the Cosmic War of the Ages” – Part 5

- I. The Things Which You Have Seen (chapter 1)
- II. The Things Which Are (chapters 2-3)
- III. The Things Which Will Take Place (chapters 4-22)
 - A. Vision of Heaven (chapters 4-5)
 - B. Opening of the Seven Seals (6:1-8:1)
 - C. The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)
- D. Interlude (12:1-14:20) – Panorama of the Cosmic War of the Ages**
 1. Summary (12:1-6)
 - 2. Specifics (12:7-14:20)**
 - a. War in Heaven (12:7-12a)
 - b. Woe on Earth (12:12b-17)
 - c. Warlords on Earth (13:1-18)**
 - 1) First Beast – Antichrist (13:1-10)
 - 2) Second Beast – False Prophet (13:10-18)**

¹⁰ If anyone *is destined* for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.

¹² He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.

¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. ¹⁵ And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

¹⁶ And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷ and *he provides* that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, *either* the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

So What?