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Revelation 13:3-4 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. [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?

a. The beast (antichrist) is mortally wounded, yet is restored, which brings him great notoriety (v.3)

1. There is much speculation as to the exact type and severity of this wound...

Possibly, he is severely wounded and healed or considered dead and revived; however, specifically it is unclear, but supernatural.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

The restoration causes the people to wonder after him (v.3) and to worship the dragon and the beast (v.4)

Notice that they proclaimed the beast undefeatable, which could indicate his wound was either political or militarily

Nonetheless, he miraculously recovers, which serves as a rallying point for mankind, leading to his claim to power

Revelation 13:5-10 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.

7. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9. If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

He was given authority for forty-two months (3 ½ years)

He blasphemes God and all that is sacred, billing himself as the great one to be worshipped, with signs and wonders to seemingly validate his claim (2 Thessalonians 2:9)

He will conquer and require that all men worship him (v.7-8)

The redeemed of Christ will refuse to worship him and will be persecuted and/or martyred until the return of Christ (Revelation 19:11)

Daniel 7:21-22 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22. Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Notice the warning of persecution and even martyrdom ... and the exhortation (v.9-10).

"The dream of many today, of a universal church and a universal religion, will be realized in the end time, but it will be satanic and blasphemous instead of involving worship of the true God: In such a situation, appeal can only be made to individuals who will turn from it to God."

The beast out of the earth

Revelation 13:11-15 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
14. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
15. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

The false prophet (second beast) emerges out of the earth (v.11)

1. Another - Gr. Allos; different, another, other
 - a. This beast is a unique and separate individual
2. Out of the earth means from among men, just as out of the sea in Revelation 13:1
 - a. "The phrase 'out of the earth' is the same in meaning as 'out of the sea' as is proven by a similar construction in Dan. 7:3, 17 where four beasts came up 'out of the sea' and in the interpretation they are stated to be four kingdoms coming up 'out of the earth.' There is no intimation that this beast comes out of the underworld of spirits and is a resurrected or reincarnated man that has lived on the earth before, as is taught by some." (Revelation Expounded by Finis Jennings Dake)
3. Notice that he appeared as a lamb (two horns), but spoke like Satan (dragon)
 - a. The thing that impressed John most about him was that he spoke like Satan (Satan's evil)
 1. This will be his trademark, as this is his purpose... to confirm the antichrist
4. The false prophet will be the third member of this false religious pseudo-trinity:
 - a. The dragon: Satan
 - b. The beast: Antichrist
 - c. The second beast: False prophet
 - b. The false prophet exercised the same power (demonically anointed) as the antichrist, thus, his power was also given him by Satan (v.12-14)
 1. He will cause people to follow and worship the antichrist:
 - a. He will heal the deadly wound either:
 1. Physically (by means of healing)
 2. Politically (by means of prophetic confirmation)
 - b. He will work miracles and even call fire down from heaven (v.13)
 1. His signs and wonders appear to confirm him as a true prophet of God

- a. Unfortunately, the miraculous has often been used as a means to deceive men

Matthew 7:20-23 Where/ore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

- c. He will prophesy that the antichrist is indeed divine and urge men to worship him (v.14)

- 1. He will bring an interfaith and ecumenical message for all people of all religions

- a. Those who refuse to unite will be persecuted and martyred

- 2. While the antichrist will be the political leader, the false prophet will be the religious confirmation of his reign

- a. Politics has always done well where it can manipulate religion into its pockets

- 1. Manipulating religion is one of the most powerful tools available to man

- c. He will set up an idol (image unto the beast) for men to worship (v.15)

- 1. This will be an icon for the people to worship, and he will demand that they worship the beast

- a. All who refuse will be persecuted and martyred (v.15)

- 2. He will have power to give life to the image and actually cause it to speak

- a. Some have interpreted this figuratively; however, this was done by Pharaoh's magicians in Egypt, as they mimicked Moses' rod/snake

Exodus 7:10-12 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

- 2. They had counterfeit power, but it was inferior to the power of God!

- a. So will be the power of the false prophet, as he is able to call fire down from heaven as did two witnesses, but his power will ultimately be defeated and he will be cast into the lake of fire

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

He will remain in eternal consciousness in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10)

3. Revelation 13:16-18 °And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: [17] And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

[18] Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

a. The false prophet will force the people into the antichrist's political religious system, and their followers will be clearly distinguished by:

1. An image for the people to worship (religion) (v.15)

a. All who refuse to worship will be killed

2. A special mark to identify them (political/socio- economic) (v.16)

a. All who refuse this mark will be killed or starved

b. This will be a terrible day as multitudes of people (Jews and Gentiles) will be martyred for refusing the antichrist and his mark

Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

"There is no hidden meaning to the number, for the very expression "Here is wisdom" (native insight, understanding) shows that it is easy to understand, for it is given here as 666 and anyone can understand this. It is trying to learn the name and the mark by the number that is all foolish speculation and it should not be indulged in at all. The brands of the beast cannot be taken until the last three and one- half years of this age or in the great tribulation. Therefore, it is impossible for one to take any of his brands, or worship him today, for he is not now on the scene."

Those who take the number of the beast will be eternally bound in the lake of fire

Revelation 14:9-11 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, 10. 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: [11} 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.

NOTES for REV.13

1st John 2:18- 28, There are many Antichrist.

2nd Thess. 2:4, The Antichrist will sit in the temple of God and declare himself to be God.

2nd Thess. 2:2-12, God will allow Satan and Satan's agents to give power to the beast (man) so the man will be able to do lying wonders.

Satan will give to the antichrist all the kingdoms of the world just like he offered Christ. Of course the antichrist will have to fight for them. He will have to conquer the Revised Roman Empire by the middle of the week and all of the eastern and northern countries of Asia and Europe by and end of the week. He will get the cooperation of many other nations through the ministry of the unclean spirits who will help him against the Jews and Christ at the second Advent.

Satan will manifest in the flesh just like God was manifest in the flesh. The Antichrist will be the son of Satan by a woman as Jesus is the Son of God who came to the earth through a woman.

The Mystery of Iniquity means the invisible spirit of lawlessness or the evil spirit forces that causes man to sin.

The expression son of perdition means son of destruction

