Rev226 - The Antichrist - Revelation 13:1-9

<u>Today</u> - we are <u>going to meet</u> <u>THE Antichrist</u> Not just <u>AN Antichrist</u> - But <u>THE Antichrist</u>

1John 2:18 says (NLT)

18 . . . You have heard that <u>the Antichrist</u> (capital A) is coming, and already many such <u>antichrists</u> (lowercase a) have appeared . . .

Many antichrists (SMALL A) have appeared & done great damage to the Cause of Christ & to God's People

But there is a day when <u>THE Antichrist</u> (CAPITAL A) is going to show up - & <u>THAT'S</u> who were <u>talking about</u> Today

THE ANTICHRIST

- is the False Christ the Imitation Christ
- He is **Satan's version** of **Jesus** Christ
- He is **Empowered** & **Energized** by **Satan** Himself
- He will be a <u>great world leader</u>, able to <u>initially bring</u> the world <u>together</u> in <u>peace</u> - <u>economically</u> & <u>politically</u>
- But <u>ultimately</u>, he will only <u>steal</u>, <u>kill</u>, & <u>destroy</u> & He will <u>wage</u>
 <u>WAR</u> against <u>ALL</u> of <u>God's People</u>
- He will be <u>Satan's ultimate attempt</u> to <u>imitate</u> God & he will <u>get</u> the <u>world</u> to <u>Worship him</u> as an <u>IMITATION Messiah</u>
- & <u>Satan</u> will <u>give</u> him the <u>False Profit</u> to perform <u>signs</u> & <u>wonders</u> & <u>seemingly miracles</u>
- Satan, The Antichrist, & the False Profit form the <u>Unholy trinity</u> of the <u>end-times</u> as the <u>Demonic IMITATION</u> of the <u>Father</u>, <u>Son</u>, & <u>Holy Spirit</u>

Let's Pray

- For <u>MANY yrs</u> <u>MANY people</u> have had <u>MANY guesses</u> about the <u>MANY Possibilities</u> - of <u>WHO COULD be</u> The <u>Antichrist</u>
- <u>& Since Revelation</u> was written <u>- a TON</u> of <u>people</u> have <u>made it</u> - onto the *"Possible Antichrist"* List

From The POPE - To ADOLF HITLER - to BONO

- & Most <u>recently</u> The <u>Current Shadow President</u> of our <u>Country</u> BARACK HUSEIN - has <u>made</u> the <u>Possible Antichrist</u> list
- & it seems to me for some pretty good reasons
- <u>But Please</u> Let me <u>encourage</u> us all To <u>NOT PLAY</u> the "<u>Name That Antichrist</u>" Game
- We **Don't HAVE** to **Sensationalize** the Bible

The **BIBLE** is **AMAZING** & **Supernaturally Powerful** Just As It's Written

We **don't have** to Add **<u>ANY</u> <u>***Tabloid Type Facts***</u> to it The <u>Bible**</u> is <u>**Perfectly Convincing**</u> - *ALL on its own* <u>Now</u> - as we <u>Take</u> Our <u>Biblically Based Look</u> at <u>the Antichrist</u> it's <u>important</u> to <u>remind</u> you of our <u>last msg</u> (in this series)

We <u>could not</u> have <u>adequately</u> Discussed <u>the Antichrist</u> without <u>first</u> - <u>Reviewing Daniel</u> - as we <u>did</u> last Msg

- & so if you missed it I'd encourage you to go back
- & <u>watch</u>, <u>listen</u>, or <u>read</u> our <u>previous msg</u> in <u>Revelation Series</u> called "<u>Daniel In Revelation</u>"

which you can find by searching the title on the WBM Phone app - or at wordbymail.com

That's important for you to understand THIS msg

- & <u>So</u> as we <u>Start</u> in <u>Rev 13</u> we meet <u>BOTH</u> <u>The Antichrist</u> <u>AND</u> the <u>Revived Empire</u> - he will <u>Come Out Of</u>
- But <u>first</u> I have to <u>set the stage</u> <u>for</u> the <u>PLACE</u> where <u>John</u> sees this <u>vision</u>
- My last Bible lands trip was to <u>GREECE</u> <u>Thanks</u> to <u>Jennifer</u> <u>Gregston Encouraging</u> me to <u>lead</u> a <u>small group</u> of <u>friends</u> there
- & <u>one</u> of our <u>favorite stops</u> on that <u>Trip</u> was the <u>Island of PATMOS</u> - where <u>John</u> <u>wrote</u> <u>Revelation</u>
- & one of our <u>Favorite Places</u> on <u>Patmos</u> was where <u>John</u> <u>specifically wrote</u> the <u>vision</u> he saw - <u>HERE</u> in <u>Rev Ch 13</u>

So - Let me read the 1st sentence of Rev 13:1 from the NKJV

<u>then</u> I will <u>SHOW</u> you <u>HOW</u> we <u>know</u> - that <u>WE</u> were <u>standing</u> in <u>the same place</u> <u>John</u> was - <u>when</u> he <u>saw</u> this vision

Revelation 13:1 (NKJV)

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea . . . (this <u>word</u> for 'sand' in the <u>GRK</u> - is <u>FINE SAND</u>)

So - <u>to explain</u> to you <u>how</u> we <u>KNEW</u> we were <u>standing</u> at the <u>same</u> <u>place</u> on <u>Patmos</u> - Let me <u>play a 2 MIN video</u> for you

PLAY VIDEO - Fine Sand Beach - Patmos

That is just TOO INCREDIBLE to not point out

<u>The NLT</u> (& <u>other</u> <u>translations</u>) <u>put</u> the <u>SHORE</u> where <u>John</u> was <u>standing</u> - in the <u>previous v</u>s (that's why the NKJ)

& so we start - in the NLT - with WHAT John SEES

Revelation 13:1 (NLT)

1 Then I saw <u>a beast</u> rising up out of <u>the sea</u>. It had <u>seven heads</u> and <u>ten horns</u>, with <u>ten crowns</u> on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God.

<u>The word "Beast" in Ch 13 - is used for BOTH</u> The <u>World Ruling Empire</u> of the End Times <u>AND</u> for the <u>Antichrist himself</u> - *(that can be a little confusing)*

- V.1 is **referring** to the **Final World Ruling Empire** That the **Antichrist** will *Rise OUT OF*
- & The <u>term *THE SEA*</u> in <u>Revelation</u> <u>most often</u> refers to <u>what</u> we would <u>call</u> the <u>SEA of Humanity</u>
- <u>So this Beast (meaning the Final Ruling Empire)</u> <u>rises</u> up out of the <u>Sea Of Humanity</u> with <u>7 Heads</u>, <u>10 Horns</u>, & <u>10 Crowns</u>

The 7 Heads have <u>Blasphemous Names</u> on <u>each</u> of them <u>Representing</u> their <u>Blasphemous Opposition</u> to <u>God</u>

- <u>& Rev Ch 17</u> says these <u>7 Heads</u> represent <u>"Seven Hills"</u> <u>Where</u> the <u>Great Harlot</u> of <u>Rev 17</u> - <u>RULES</u>
- <u>&</u> (*not coincidently*) <u>ROME</u> is called the *"City of 7 Hills"* <u>Which</u> is where the <u>Great Harlot</u> will <u>RULE FROM</u>
- <u>AND Ch 17</u> says the <u>7 heads</u> <u>ALSO</u> represent <u>7 Kings</u> -<u>From Which</u> - the <u>Antichrist</u> will <u>Come</u>
- & Both the HORNS & the CROWNS Symbolize Governmental Authority & Power
- <u>& We'll</u> see in <u>Rev 17</u> these <u>10 Horns</u> are <u>10 Crowns</u> <u>Are</u> the <u>Leaders</u> of this <u>Ruling Empire</u>

Who will GIVE the Antichrist His Power & Authority

To **MOST Biblical Scholars** This *Final World Ruling Empire*

- is <u>almost CERTAINLY</u> The <u>Revived Roman Empire</u> that <u>we saw</u> so clearly in <u>Daniel</u> - in our <u>Previous MSG</u>
- <u>& for</u> the <u>past 60 years</u> we've been <u>watching</u> this <u>Revived Roman</u> <u>Empire Come</u> into <u>being</u> - <u>In Preparation</u> for this <u>Event</u>

Today - the Name of this Revived Roman Empire is: THE EUROPEAN UNION

<u>Today</u> - the <u>connections</u> between the <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> and <u>Biblical Prophecies</u> of the <u>End Times</u>

<u>Are SO EXACT</u> - you <u>would think</u> someone had <u>Purposely</u> <u>Designed</u> the <u>European Union</u> - <u>According to</u> Biblical Prophecy

<u>The EU</u> (European Union) is a <u>Federation of Nations</u> That was <u>initially</u> created for <u>Economic Strength</u> after <u>WW II</u>

- & as we **pointed out** last msg the **Initial Document** of this **Alliance of Nations** was called "**The Treaty of Rome**"
- & we see THIS Alliance of European Nations

<u>BIRTHING</u> the <u>Final World Government</u> <u>AND</u> Being the platform - to <u>LAUNCH</u> the <u>Antichrist</u>

Here are just a few interesting connections:

 The <u>EU Parliament Bldg</u> - was actually <u>Designed</u> to look just like - a <u>Painting</u> of the <u>Unfinished</u> <u>Tower of Babel</u>

PIC - EU BUILDING 01

& they **used a POSTER** of the **Tower of Babel** To **Promote the EU** - Calling it "*Many tongues, one voice*"

PIC - EU POSTER 02

- 2) <u>The symbol</u> of the <u>EU</u> is a <u>Woman Riding a BULL</u>
 <u>of which</u> there is a <u>HUGE Statue</u> in front of the <u>Parliament Bldg</u>
 - & This same <u>*Woman Riding a BULL*</u> Image is <u>used</u> on the <u>EURO</u> - The EU's <u>currency</u>

PIC - EU STATUE 03

The <u>BULL</u> is <u>ZUES</u> Who is the <u>Greek equivalent</u> of the <u>Canaanite</u> god <u>BAAL</u>

- The **woman** is **EUROPA** Who **developed** in **mythology** from the **Canaanite** Goddess **ASTARTE**
- Astarte & Baal are the goddess & god that continually caused the Israelites to Fall away from the True God

The Connections Between the European Union & the Empire of The Antichrist - are SO Many, & SO Clear

It <u>seems</u> almost <u>unreal</u> - that <u>anyone</u> would <u>so BLATANTLY</u> Follow - <u>End</u> <u>Times</u> <u>Biblical Prophecy</u>

& <u>So</u> - <u>We see</u> the <u>Antichrist RISING</u> to <u>POWER</u> thru the <u>EU</u>

<u>Then</u> - in <u>Rev 13:2</u> - we <u>see</u> more <u>similarities</u> to the <u>Daniel Prophecies</u> (from last Msg)

Revelation 13:2 (NLT)

2 This beast (speaking of the Ruling Empire) looked like a <u>leopard</u>, but it had the feet of a <u>bear</u> and the mouth of a <u>lion</u>! And <u>the</u> <u>dragon</u> gave the beast his own <u>power</u> and <u>throne</u> and great <u>authority</u>.

Back in Dan Ch 7 we saw the first <u>3 "World Empires</u>" described by using these <u>SAME</u> <u>3 animals</u>

- 1) In Daniel The Lion symbolized Babylon Ancient <u>Babylon</u> is in <u>IRAQ</u>, 50 Miles from Bagdad
- 2) In Daniel the Bear symbolized Persia IRAN IS ancient Persia, was called Persian until the 1930's
- 3) In Daniel The Leopard symbolized Greece Greece had such an influence on <u>ROME</u> that we have the <u>Greco-Roman</u> period in history

- & so we have <u>IRAQ</u> (Babylon) We have <u>IRAN</u> (Persia) We have what became <u>ROME</u> (from the Greco-Roman period)
- & it is <u>SO</u>, <u>SO Easy</u> to <u>see</u> these <u>3 ancient</u> world empires <u>MERGING</u> in <u>EUROPE</u> right now

The growing Arab (& Muslim) Immigration there is already beginning to overwhelm Europe

But there's <u>one thing</u> this Final <u>World Empire</u> <u>WILL HAVE</u> that <u>NO</u> <u>Earthly Empire</u> has <u>ever</u> (completely) had

The end of <u>V.2</u> says: And <u>the dragon</u> gave the beast his <u>own power</u> and <u>throne</u> and great <u>authority</u>

We <u>know</u> the <u>Devil</u> has "<u>helped</u>" some <u>empires</u> thru the years -<u>Especially</u> those who <u>hate Israel</u> & <u>hate Christians</u>

Which We see - SO GRAPHICALLY in the world right now But this FINAL World Empire is going to be The Devil's OWN World Empire

& <u>Thru it</u> - The <u>Worship of Satan</u> on the <u>earth</u> will <u>actually COME to Pass</u> - For a <u>TIME</u>

<u>So Satan</u> gives the <u>Empire of the Beast</u> - <u>ALL</u> his own <u>Power</u>, his <u>Thrown</u>, & his <u>Great Authority</u> on the earth

& in <u>Rev 1</u>7 - this <u>Ruling Empire</u> <u>gives all their Power</u> - <u>to the Antichrist</u>

& <u>Now</u> - <u>Satan</u> as the <u>IMITATOR of God</u> Really <u>GETS Going</u>

Revelation 13:3 (NLT)

3 I saw that one of the heads (leaders) of <u>the beast</u> (the Ruling Empire) seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. (NOT the empire, but the Antichrist)

The <u>1st reference</u> of the <u>BEAST</u> here Is <u>referring</u> to the <u>Governmental Structure</u> of the End Times

& <u>One Head</u> of the <u>Governmental Structure</u> BEAST Is <u>Fatally Wounded</u> - & is <u>RESURRECTED</u>

The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast

Meaning the <u>ANTICHRIST</u> - <u>Who is</u> (or becomes) the <u>SOLE LEADER</u> of the <u>World Gov't Structure</u> (one-world Gov't)

Commentator John Phillips says here:

"With this master stroke of miracle, the devil brings the world to the feet of his messiah . . . "

Here - the Devil - <u>IMITATES</u> The <u>Resurrection of Jesus</u> Christ <u>with</u> his own <u>ANTI-Christ</u>

& it BRINGS the World to WORSHIP the Resurrected Antichrist

Revelation 13:4 (NLT)

4 They worshiped the dragon (Satan) for giving the beast such power (the antichrist), and they also worshiped the beast (the antichrist). "Who is as great as the beast?" they exclaimed. "Who is able to fight against him?"

Satan's ULTIMATE Goal is to <u>BE LIKE GOD</u>

& here - He gets <u>The World</u> to <u>worship</u> him <u>Directly</u> -<u>AND</u> worship him <u>thru</u> - <u>the AntiChrist</u>

Isa 14:12-15 tells us - All Satan Wants - is to BE LIKE GOD

& so - As <u>Jesus Christ</u> is <u>actually God</u> in a human body

the Antichrist is THE IMITATION of Jesus Christ & so he is the Embodiment of Satan

& he is <u>ALSO</u> the <u>THE MOUTH</u> of <u>Satan</u> <u>IMITATING</u> <u>Jesus Christ</u> Being the WORD of <u>GOD</u>

Revelation 13:5 (NLT)

5 Then the beast (antichrist) was allowed to <u>speak great</u> <u>blasphemies</u> against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months. (3 1/2 yrs)

Remember - The <u>Antichrist BEGINS</u> his <u>Reign</u> thru <u>FALSE PEACE</u> - <u>WAY BACK</u> in <u>Rev 6:2</u> Well - <u>NOW</u> - we're in the <u>2nd HALF</u> of <u>the GREAT Tribulation</u> & the <u>Antichrist's</u> True Colors - are <u>SHOWING</u>

& it is going to get MUCH WORSE - VERY FAST

Next Revelation 13:6–7 (NLT)

6 And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering his name and his dwelling—that is, those who dwell in heaven.

7 And the beast (antichrist) was allowed to wage war against God's holy people and <u>to conquer them</u>. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation.

The <u>Antichrist</u> has risen to <u>Solo World Power</u> - & he's <u>using it</u> first to <u>BLASPHEME everything</u> there is About <u>GOD</u>

<u>& Notice - he is ALLOWED</u> to make war on the saints & ALLOWED to conquer them & ALLOWED to have authority - over <u>The Entire World</u>

<u>& EVEN THO</u> -the Antichrist is <u>ALLOWED</u> to <u>move the world</u> - toward <u>its END</u>

GOD is STILL IN Ultimate CONTROL

& <u>Finally</u> - Satan *will* get a <u>Short-Lived</u> <u>Taste</u> of <u>what</u> he's <u>wanted</u> <u>since</u> his original <u>Rebellion</u> from God

<u>Revelation 13:8 (NLT) $\rightarrow \rightarrow$ </u>

Revelation 13:8 (NLT)

8 And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made.

For a <u>Short time</u> - <u>Satan</u> will <u>GET</u> what he WANTS <u>Which</u> is to be <u>LIKE GOD</u>

- But <u>then</u> <u>after</u> a <u>short tim</u>e <u>Satan</u> will <u>GET</u> what he <u>DESERVES</u> (after a short few years)
- **<u>& NOTICE</u>** ALL the People <u>who belong</u> to this World will be <u>Worshipping</u> the <u>Beast</u>

<u>AND</u> - <u>they</u> are also *the ones whose names were not written in the* Book of Life

The <u>BOOK of LIFE</u> - Is a <u>BOOK</u> that You <u>DEFINITELY WANT Your Name IN</u>

<u>& If</u> you <u>HAVE</u> - or if you <u>WILL</u> - put your <u>full faith</u> in <u>Jesus Christ</u> - as your <u>Savior</u> & <u>Lord</u>

Then <u>YOUR Name</u> has BEEN <u>written</u> in the <u>BOOK OF LIFE</u> <u>SINCE</u> before <u>the world was made</u>

& <u>the MORE</u> you know <u>about Revelation</u> & the <u>Closer</u> we get to these <u>Final Events</u>

The <u>MORE</u> you are <u>gonna want</u> to <u>MAKE SURE</u> <u>YOUR Name</u> is <u>written</u> in the <u>LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE</u>

& if you would say today - "I'm NOT SURE if my name is in the Lamb's Book of Life - HOW can I know for sure?"

I <u>would say</u> to you - <u>HAVE YOU</u> <u>*Truly Put your Faith*</u> in <u>Jesus Christ</u> as your <u>SAVIOR</u> - <u>for Forgiveness</u> of your <u>sins</u>

& have you Truly made Him LORD of your life

If you HAVE - then I can <u>absolutely guarantee</u> you - on <u>God's Word</u> *That your name is absolutely IN the Lamb's Book of Life*

<u>& Please Hear Me</u> <u>Jesus Christ</u> has <u>NOT written</u> your <u>name</u> - in <u>PENCIL</u>

He has written your name in HIS OWN BLOOD - & it WILL NOT be Erased !!

The <u>Stage is Set</u> - <u>TODAY</u> For <u>the Antichrist</u> to <u>Begin</u> his <u>rise</u> to <u>World Power</u>

<u>The Prophecies</u> of the <u>Bible</u> have been <u>Proven Hundreds & Hundreds</u> of Times over

& <u>the Prophecies</u> of <u>THE END TIMES</u> will be <u>Proven</u> in the Exact Same WAY But Listen, Please EVEN IF these prophetic Truths - DON'T MOVE YOU

For EACH of us in this Room the END of this Life - IS COMING

<u>Whether</u> it's in the <u>RAPTURE</u> or <u>Whether</u> it's just <u>Your Day</u>

THIS Life - is GOING TO END - & when it does there is ONLY ONE THING that will Matter

Is Your Name Written In The Lamb's Book Of Life ??

& The ONLY way it gets there

is **by you** putting your **FULL FAITH** in **Jesus Christ** as your **Savior** & **Lord**

In the END - The ONLY thing that matters is

Will YOUR NAME be in the Book of Life When YOUR days here - are finished

Let's Pray