

Future Government: Revelation 13:1-10

The world is passing away:

- The world is gripped with fear
- Confusion is in the world

What is wrong with the world today:

- Turned from God

Is there still hope for America?

2 Chron 7:14

14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Where is everything headed?

United Nations want's a one world government in place by 2030.

"The affirmative task we have now is to actually create a new world order." –
April 5, 2013.

People like George Bush, Barak Obama, Tony Blair of the United Kingdom as well as the pope have all agreed that

- a new world order is in the making

I believe the stage is being set for the coming world government. Eze 38 Russia, Iran and Turkey will invade Israel thru Syria.

This morning we'll be reading from Revelation 13 and taken as a whole,

- the first ten verses of Rev 13 predict a future world government

which from God's point of view

- will be a continuation of the ancient Roman Empire

This future government will be empowered by Satan,

- Objective will be to force the world
- to worship Satan and his human representative, the world dictator.

Satan's desire of taking the place of God during the great tribulation is

- the motivating power behind his activity.

Isaiah 14:14 - Satan's desire is to be like God

Rev 1:1-3

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ (not about the anti-Christ), which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly (without delay) take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. 3 Blessed (fortunate, happy) is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Satan will demonically influence a world leader to try to finish what Hitler started.

This demonic beast will literally proclaim to be God.

Some believed the beast to be Caesar Nero because of his brutality.

The preterist would argue that the entire book of revelation was fulfilled in the first century.

We have to take a futuristic approach.

Only 4 times in scripture is the name anti-Christ mentioned.

1 Jn 2:18 & 22: 18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

1 Jn 4:3 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

2 Jn 7, 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Rev 13:1-10

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

The Beast from the Sea

1 Then I John stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast (world dictator who symbolizes the revived Roman empire.) (thereon in the Greek: which is the same as a dangerous animal, venomous wild beast), (Nero - was also called the beast)

2 Thess 2:4

4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

This anti-Christ (this beast) will come on the scene as a person that is

- smooth,
- and fun to be around.

He will be wicked:

- Some people depict Satan as a nice person in a red suit

Matt 7:15

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

The beast in will be influenced by Satan.

2 Thess 2:8-9 describes the beast as the lawless one.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

Revelation 6 describes him as a peaceful dictator riding on a white horse with a bow and no arrows.

rising up out of the sea. (This beast is different from the beast in verse 11 which usually refers to Israel when talking about land),

having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns and on his heads a blasphemous name.

Rev 13:11 two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon

(notice the contrast of Satan in Rev 12:3 to the anti-Christ in Rev 13:1 (Rev 12:3 fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads).

Notice verse one of chapter 13, the 7 heads don't have 7 diadems, instead they've got a blasphemous name.

What is a diadem:

- A band wrapped around a turban studded with gems

Notice in chapter 13 he's got crowns on his horns!

- This is symbolic of him ruling over a 10-nation confederacy.

Daniel spoke of this in chapter 2.

Dan 2:31-35

31 "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. 32 This image's head was of fine gold (Babylonian Empire), its chest and arms of silver (Medo-Persian Empire), its belly and thighs of bronze (Grecian Empire under Alexander the Great), 33 its legs of iron (Roman Empire), its feet partly of iron and partly of clay (Will be a final Gentile Empire).

34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay (this will be a loose confederation of 10 nations arising out of the general geographical area of the old Roman Empire), and broke them in pieces.

None of those empires are in existence today.

Revelation 17:9-14 speaks of this confederation.

Rev 17:9-14

9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains (a term for kingdom) on which the woman sits. 10 There (in Greek "there" does not exist. Verse 10 translated literally, "and are seven Kings.") are also seven kings. Five have fallen, (Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Medo-Persia, and Greece) one is, (Rome) and the

other has not yet come. (this will be the 10-nation confederacy of the anti-Christ which will exist for a short period of time)

And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition (hell).

- so, this 10 nation confederacy will be the 7th kingdom,

and that kingdom will become

- the 8th and final Gentile kingdom before
- the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 17:12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast

13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

blasphemous name (will be insulting to God)

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The description of this beast is similar to the dream that Daniel had in chapter 7.

Notice that the beast will come having great authority. He will demand respect and people will grant him that respect.

Rev 2:13 Jesus is speaking to the church of Pergamos the "compromising church" and he tells them, "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is.

He goes on in that chapter to say that Antipas was his faithful martyr who was killed where Satan dwells.

Anti-Christ

- will threaten people with death

This dragon (Satan) will

- perform signs,
- he will have power,

- he will give power to the beast (anti-Christ),

It will appear to people that this beast (the anti-Christ) has been raised from the dead by the dragon.

- people will have already seen two witnesses raised. (Rev 11)
- Now they believe the beast has been raised,

however,

- unlike the two witnesses that will be raptured,
- this beast sticks around

Satan wants to make it appear as if he's raised the anti-Christ

Scriptures don't teach:

- Satan has the authority or the power to raise anyone from the dead.

Besides, this doesn't say that

- the whole beast was wounded,
- only one of his heads.

This may refer to the old Roman Empire

This individual

- will be Satan's puppet.

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

That's man's way of thinking

Isa 44:6 the Lord says:

6 "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
'I am the First and I am the Last.
Besides Me there is no God.

Psa 35:10, Isa 40:18, 46:5, all speak of worshipping God

Consider this,

- anti-Christ - incarnation of Satan
- Jesus Christ - incarnation of God.

We often think of "anti" in terms of "against". But the term anti-Christ doesn't solely mean "against Christ", it is "instead of Christ." He will be an alternative to the world.

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Rev 13:5

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Matt 12:31

31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.

Rev 13:6

Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

Dan 7:25

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,

The anti-Christ will bring war:

Rev 13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 17:8 reads as follows: 8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Listen:

The slaying of the antichrist is meant to deceive the world, the slaying of Jesus Christ was meant to save the world.

The antichrist starts out as a lamb, but he's revealed as a beast. Jesus "the Lamb" will return to slay the beast.

Always remember when you read thru the book of revelation that the book is about Jesus Christ, not the anti-Christ.

Rev 13:9-10

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

10 He (since or because) who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

To the church of Smyrna Jesus acknowledged they were poor, yet He said they were rich. See, Jesus has a different value system.

As a Christian we possess something that the world doesn't possess. James 2:5 says, Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

What are we Christians to do today in a world that is moving from God?

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 Tim 6:12 Paul encouraged us:

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

At the end of his life he told timothy:

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

John 4:35-38

35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows, and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

Titus 2:11-14 -

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.