

Passage: Revelation 13:1-10

Title: The Antichrist

Summary: The Bible predicts that a political, charismatic world leader will come onto the world scene known in Scripture as “The Antichrist” (1 John), or “The Beast” (Rev), or “The Man of Sin” (2 Thess. 2). He will unite the world under his influential leadership with a temporary peace plan, only to break it and demand that everyone worship him as God. In our study today we will look at “5 Powers” associated with him, and what they mean to our walk with the Lord today.

Revelation 13:1–10 (NKJV) 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.

Revelation 13:11–18 (NKJV) ¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or 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 it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Blessing / John on Patmos

The only book that comes with a promised blessing for those who read it:

(Revelation 1:3 NKJV) Blessed 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.

John on Patmos / John wrote 5 Books / Believe – Eternal Life – Be Ready

John on the Island of Patmos receives this revelation of Jesus Christ. The Apostle John wrote 4 other books to the church. The Gospel of John, and 1,2,3 John, and this fifth book, Revelation. In the Gospel of John he wrote that we might believe, he uses the word believe some 60 times:

(John 20:31 NKJV) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

He wrote us in 1,2,3 John so that we might know that we have eternal life:

(1 John 5:13 NKJV) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

So he wrote that we might believe, then that we might know, and now he writes Revelation so that we might be ready:

(Revelation 2:7 NKJV) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Before Glorified Christ / Write these Things / All Things Coming Before Throne

John is now before the glorified Christ, and Jesus says John now write these things so that they might be ready, for this book is all about man coming before the Holy God, the flow of all humanity is flowing to the throne of God whether man realizes it or not, John writes so that all of man might be ready:

(Ephesians 1:10 NKJV) that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him.

Book of Revelation Outline

- The Things Which You Have Seen - (Chapter 1).

- The Things Which Are - (Chapters 2-3).
- The Things Which Will Take Place After This - (Chapters 4-22).

(Revelation 1:19 NKJV) "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Recap Outline

- Chapter 1 is the revelation of the glorified Christ.
- Chapters 2-3 are the 7 churches, the current church period, this period known as the dispensation of grace. The church period ends with the Rapture as God takes us, His Bride, out of here for a 7 year honeymoon with Him. We can see from the signs around us that the rapture is very soon.
- Chapters 4-5 are the scene around the throne of God, before the dispensation of grace ends, and God pours His wrath out on a Christ rejecting world.
- Chapters 6-19, known as the 7 year Tribulation Period.
- Chapter 20, at the end of the Tribulation Period Satan is cast into the bottomless pit, and the saints will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 yrs (Millennial Kingdom) over those that survived the Tribulation. Then at the end of the thousand years Satan will be loosed, believe it or not, people will chose to follow him, then Jesus will say enough and cast Satan all those who follow him into the Lake of Fire.
- Chapter 21-22, then will come the new heaven, and the new earth, and we shall live happily ever after – but there will be no end as we will spend all of eternity beholding Him, and fellowship with each other.

Recap / Seals & Trumpets

7 Seals

Seal 1 – White Horse – the Anti-christ is Revealed. (6:1-2)

Seal 2 – Red Horse – War on the Earth. (6:3-4)

Seal 3 – Black Horse – Famine upon the Earth (days wage for loaf of bread). (6:5-6)

Seal 4 – Pale Horse – Pestilence and Death (1/4 world dies). (6:7-8)

Seal 5 – The Martyred Saints of the Tribulation. (6:9-11)

Seal 6 – Earthquakes & Upheavals upon the Earth. (6:12-17)

Seal 7 – The 7 Trumpets of God

Trumpet 1 – 1/3 of Trees and Grass burned up. (8:7)

Trumpet 2 – 1/3 of Sea turned to blood. (8:8-9)

Trumpet 3 – 1/3 of Water becomes undrinkable. (8:10-11)

Trumpet 4 – 1/3 of the Sun is blocked out. (8:12)

Trumpet 5 – Key to Bottomless Pit – Demons Released. (9:1-12)

Trumpets 6 – 200 million man Army – 1/3 Earth Killed (total now 1/2). (9:13-19)

Trumpet 7 – The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath

Break – Commentary before 7th Trumpet (see Timeline)

There are 7 seals, and the 7th seal has 7 Trumpets. The 7th Trumpet, will have 7 Bowls of Wrath. Now just as before we got into the 1st Trumpet we had a break with a commentary of other things that were happening (the 144,000 being Sealed and more Martyred saints), so too do we break with commentary before the 1st Bowl of Wrath is poured out, which isn't until Chapter 15. So some fascinating study here in chapters 10-14, as we will get filler information of what is happening on the earth such as:

- The Rebuilt Temple. (11)
- The 2 Witnesses Preaching in Jerusalem. (11)
- Satan thrown out of heaven for good. (12)
- Satan's attempt to destroy Israel – God protects Them (12)
- The details on the Beast (the Anti-christ – Satan incarnate), (13)
- The False Prophet arises, (13)
- The mark of the Beast demanded, (13)
- The angels preaching the everlasting gospel as God still offers salvation to man. (14)

The Seventh Trumpet introduces seven personages: [Note: the Jewishness of these parenthetical passages!]

- 1) The Woman
- 2) Man-Child
- 3) Red Dragon
- 4) Michael
- 5) The Remnant of Israel
- 6) The Beast out of the Sea
- 7) The Beast out of the Earth (both beasts are featured in chapter 13)

Recap Last Study / Anti-Semitism / God Protects Israel – Petra / Overcoming Satan

In our last, chapter 12, we saw the center of anti-Semitism, and that it is Satan's desire to stop the prophetic clock, and he believes if he can destroy Israel, then he will destroy all remaining prophecy, and Jesus cannot return to establish His Kingdom, thus Satan's kingdom will never end. However, we saw that this just isn't going to happen, for at the mid-tribulation point Satan will come after Israel to utterly destroy them, but God will supernaturally whisk them away to safety somewhere in the wilderness, and keep them tucked away for the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation. Some believe it is in the Rock City Petra there in modern day Jordan. Satan then turns his full wrath on the saints, those that got saved after the rapture. But, most importantly, we studied how Satan is overcome in heaven, and that he can be overcome on earth the same way. He is overcome by 3 ways (if you missed it, please get the notes):

- The Blood of the Lamb
- The Word of their Testimony
- They did not love their Lives to the Death.

Demonic Trinity

Now, here in this chapter we will see Satan's demonic trinity (his major players during the Tribulation), they are Satan (of course), the Antichrist, and the False Prophet. Satan trying to mirror God's working, the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Revelation 16 clearly describes the trinity of evil -the dragon, the beast and the false prophet.

(Revelation 16:13 NKJV) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Learn where he Arises From / Repeat / Key to Learning

In this passage we will see where the Antichrist will arise from, and how he will gain his power. We will repeat again some of the things we studied last week (Abomination of Desolation), but the key to learning is repetition, and the Lord continually brings us to these things.

Outline for Chapter 13

- The Beast Coming Out of the Sea – The Antichrist (13:1-10)
- The Beast Coming Out of the Earth – The False Prophet (13:11-18)

Today, let's look at the Antichrist, verse 1-10.

Outline: The Beast Coming Out of the Sea – The Antichrist (13:1-10)

- His Political Power (13:1-2)
- His Military Power (13:3-4)
- His Oratory Power (13:5-6)
- His World Power (13:7-8)
- His Temporal Power (13:9-10)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

*Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)*¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

His Political Power (13:1-2)

(Revelation 13:1 NKJV) 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.

The Beast

The anti-christ is what John calls him in his epistles, but here in Revelation he is given his true ruthless character, a “beast”.

*1 John 2:18 (NKJV)*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.*

Sea – Symbolic Nations / Bible best Commentary

Verse 1 - And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea – In the Scriptures, the sea is used symbolically of the nations. And so John sees this beast rise out of the nations. The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible.

*Revelation 17:15–18 (NKJV)*¹⁵ *Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.”*¹⁶ *And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.*¹⁷ *For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.*¹⁸ *And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”*

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The anti-christ is what John calls him in his epistles, but here in Revelation he is given his true ruthless character, a “beast”. Paul calls him the “man of sin”, the “son of perdition”, with perdition meaning destruction. He is a beast because he is a man of destruction. The word sin, means lawlessness, so he is a the man of lawlessness and rejects the laws of God.

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*2 Thessalonians 2:1–4 (NKJV)*¹ *Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,*² *not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.*³ *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,*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.*

False Perception – Blatant Attack on Jesus / Instead Of / Comes in Peace – Very Appealing

Verse 1 - And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea - There is a false perception of this word “antichrist”, we get the idea of anti (against), a blatant attack upon the true Christ Jesus. That isn’t what is going to happen, at first. The word “anti” in the Greek means “instead of, in place of”, so this man who will come on the scene will present himself as the long awaited deliverer of the world. He will not come as a man of war, but will first come as a man of peace (remember Rev 6:1, he has a bow but no arrows). He will try to mirror Jesus in all ways. As we have just read, he will be very appealing to the people, they will be drawn to him, he will be very charismatic in such a way that people will want to follow him. He won’t come out and say “I’m sent from the Devil to deceive you unto death”, rather he will come and say to the people, “I have come to lead you unto life, and that more abundant”.

(Revelation 6:2 NKJV) And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Those Dating / Time Reveals All / Worship me or Die

But as I always say to those dating, time will always reveal the true heart of that person, so give your dating relationship plenty of time before you look to get married. We can masquerade for only so long, but the real person has to come out at some time. He will make 3 ½ years, but then the real evil will be revealed as he will proclaim I am God, worship me, or else die. First 3 ½ worship of him will be optional, last 3 ½ non-negotiable, but millions of millions will freely worship him, and desire him.

The World Looking for Leader – Crisis Mgmt / Levies – Floods / Iran – Nukes / Trib Ultimate Crisis

So this world leader, the antichrist, we can see how the world is increasingly more and more in crisis. Today, we have crisis management after the crisis is full-blown. Someone comes on the scene and helps resolved the crisis. Don't strengthen the levies, respond to the flood. Look at Iran today, several years we have known and seen their nuclear ambitions, but really haven't done anything about it. Now it is a crisis, because everyone knows they are now only 1 step away from nuclear weaponry. Seven years ago they were like 5 steps away. So now someone has to figure out how to resolve this. When the tribulation comes upon the world, the world will be in its ultimate crisis, and will be primed for the master of crisis management to come upon the scene, and that will be this antichrist. He will have the answer to crisis in the Mid-East, to famine, to drug trafficking, wars and rumors of wars, and the likes.

I believe as well that the Beast (Anti-christ) will be the instead of, and at some point people will clearly and knowingly follow him (and therefore reject Jesus). I see the "instead of" being vital in matter. Instead holiness, repentance of sin, man will say I want it now, and I will take glory now on earth, "instead" of glory in heaven. Antichrist will give heart's desire, and just like the garden say God is keeping something from you, but I give to you to freely eat.

Symbolic Language – this king & his kingdom / If Left Behind – Here are Clues to who he Is

Now, this is symbolic language, John trying to give us symbolisms that will last for 2000 some years. Chapter 13 gives us a picture of this king and his kingdom. If you have been left behind, here is how you will know who the antichrist is. By the way some 2 dozen times between chapters 13-17 he is called the beast, so that should be a tip off of his nature. But for us who are seeking 1st the Kingdom, we need not be looking for the Antichrist, just keep your eyes upward, looking for the True Christ, King Jesus Christ.

In fact, God purposely writes this way, that it will be clear when it is unfolding in the Tribulation Period, and not until then, so we are not looking for anti-christ now (which is a futile effort), but what is clear to see..... The Christ, Jesus!

7 Heads – 10 Horns – 10 Crowns

Verse 1 - having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, - The best commentary on the bible is the bible, and you can add the best commentary for the Book of Revelation is the Book of Revelation. The Ten Horns refer to "Ten Kings" (Rev 17:12) and the Seven Heads refers to "Seven Kingdoms" (Rev 17:9-10).

(Revelation 17:7 NKJV) But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

(Revelation 17:8 NKJV) "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.

(Revelation 17:9 NKJV) "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

(Revelation 17:10 NKJV) "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.

(Revelation 17:11 NKJV) "And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

(Revelation 17:12 NKJV) "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.

(Revelation 17:13 NKJV) "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

There are other passages of Scripture in Daniel 2 and 7 and others in Revelation 12, 16, and 17 that help us to understand this first verse:

There are ten crowns on only seven heads because, according to Daniel 7, when Antichrist comes to power, he will initially grab the reigns of three nations from the ten-nation confederation. As you study history, you catch glimpses of men who wanted to revive the glory of Rome. But it won't happen until Antichrist comes, for he alone will be able to reignite the fire of the Roman Empire.

(Daniel 7:24 NKJV) The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.

(Daniel 7:25 NKJV) He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

Blasphemy Head – Rebellion on his Mind / The Image Monstrous – Such is his Nature / Incarnate Verse 1 - and on his heads a blasphemous name - The beast has blasphemy upon his heads because he has rebellion on his mind. The image of a seven-headed, ten-horned beast is meant to be monstrous and hideous, for such is the nature of the one who is rebellious, who is blasphemous, who is—as we shall see—the devil incarnate.

Daniel Passages on Antichrist

Here are some insightful passages on this man of destruction, that will come with tremendous political influence, that will captivate the whole world: So powerful he will be able to change times, and seasons, and laws. Probably will do away with Christian holidays (too offensive he will say), Jewish Feasts, and make new laws that will make Christianity and the foundational things of Christianity illegal.

Daniel 7:25 (NKJV)²⁵ He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

He will have sinister schemes (doctrine of demons), (because the devil is the influencing all his decisions and policies). He shall bring financial prosperity, he will bring economic wealth, and people will come to him with hands out for a handout.

Daniel 8:23–24 (NKJV)²³ “And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes. ²⁴ His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

1 Timothy 4:1–3 (NKJV)¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³ forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

Some think he will be homosexual, but it could just be he has no sexual desires (for woman), and his desire is for power. He will have no regard for the god of his father (whether Jewish or Christian. And he will divide up the land, probably telling Israel how to divide up that land specifically.

Daniel 11:36–39 (NKJV)³⁶ “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. ³⁷ He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. ³⁸ But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. ³⁹ Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

With great signs and wonders

2 Thessalonians 2:7–12 (NKJV)⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 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, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Christian - Read your Bible and you won't have anything to worry about, you will not be deceived.

(Revelation 13:2 NKJV) 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.

Now in Daniel 2&7 we will see four the prophecy concerning four great kingdoms (Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and Roman). Both Daniel 2&7 and needful to understand that the empire spoken of in the Last Days here in Revelation is the Revived Roman Empire.

But for the context of verse 2, I believe the power spoken is that the Beast's political and military power is not just like one of those great kingdoms, but a sum total of all of them! That would mean that there is no political or military power that has ever been seen on this earth before!

Leopard – Bear - Lion

Verse 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 - These descriptions of a leopard, bear and a lion echo Daniel chapter 7 but are in reverse order (Dan 7:3-8; Lion, Bear, Leopard). The lion communicates arrogantly and with authority; the bear controls extensively; and the leopard conquers swiftly!

(Daniel 7:3 NKJV) "And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

(Daniel 7:4 NKJV) "The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

(Daniel 7:5 NKJV) "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

(Daniel 7:6 NKJV) "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

(Daniel 7:7 NKJV) "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

(Daniel 7:8 NKJV) "I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Daniels Vision / Kingdoms – Babylonian – Medes – Grecian / 4th Roman empire

Daniel tells us that the vision that he saw or the Lord told Daniel that these beasts that he saw rising out of the sea are kingdoms that shall arise to rule over the earth.

1. The first was the Babylonian kingdom, the first world empire.
2. But it was to be replaced by the Medo-Persian Empire. In the visions of Daniel, the first was like a lion. The second was like a bear, the Medo-Persian Empire, that would destroy the Babylonian or conquer the Babylonian Empire.
3. The third would be the Grecian Empire, the leopard that would conquer the Medo-Persian Empire.
4. The fourth, of course, was the Roman Empire that would conquer over the Grecian Empire.

Rome Never Conquered – Disintegrated / Would Revive – European Union / Anti have Power

Now the Roman Empire never was really conquered. It just sort of disintegrated (from the inside because of its immorality and self-indulgence). But the Bible tells us that there will be a revival of the Roman Empire. In other words, there will be a combining again of the nations that once comprised the Roman Empire. The European nations would federate together in the last days. And we see that happening today in the European Community. We see the nations of Europe federating together, forming the European Community. Out of it will come this little horn of Daniel which will destroy three of the kings but then he will receive the power over the kingdom and will have really power over the earth. So this is the little horn of Daniel that John sees here in verse one of Revelation chapter thirteen.

Rome City on 7 Hills / Gov't Initially based in Rome

Notice the seven heads or the mountains or the hills which, of course, Rome has been known as the City of Seven Hills throughout the centuries and the ten horns are ten kings which will receive their power to reign with the antichrist. Thus, Antichrist's government will initially be based in the city of Rome.

More than 10 – but will be 10 / 10 Nations Gentiles / But could be European Jew

Right now there are more than 10 nations making up this European Union, but somehow some way, as they merge together or drop out, there will only be 10. So the beast will come from the ten Gentile nations that stem from the old Roman Empire and that make up the last world empire. Now coming out of

Rome doesn't necessarily mean Antichrist will be a Gentile, for he could be a European Jew. I personally would question that the Jews would follow or call a Gentile their Messiah.

FYI / The Pope

This word for "anti" in the Latin is "viscar", and it means "substitute for". So, I know this may offend some people, but just hang around long enough and you'll see we say something to offend everyone, but the Pope today is known as the "Viscar", and he wears it on his vestments, the Viscar. So the Popes believe they are the substitute, for Christ on the earth, that they represent Jesus on the earth, that they take the place of Jesus as the visible head of the Church. I am not saying the Pope is the antichrist, but I am saying very clearly, he is not Jesus Christ, and the head of the Church is Jesus and Jesus only:

(Ephesians 1:22 NKJV) And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, (Ephesians 1:23 NKJV) which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Satan gives Power / Luke 4

Verse 2 - The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority - Satan said to Jesus as he took Him up to a high mountain and showed Him the kingdoms of the earth. Satan will do this to this man who will be the Antichrist, and he will jump on it, he will sell his soul to the devil:

(Luke 4:5 NKJV) Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

(Luke 4:6 NKJV) And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

(Luke 4:7 NKJV) "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

Notice the resemblance of the Beast (Anti-Christ) and Dragon (Devil).

(Revelation 12:3 NKJV) And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

(Revelation 12:9 NKJV) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Glorious Statue – Hideous Monster / Man's Perspective /Reverse order

Verse 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 four successive empires that would rule during the time Israel was a nation are described as a glorious statue in Daniel 2:

(Daniel 2:31 NKJV) "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.

(Daniel 2:32 NKJV) "This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,

(Daniel 2:33 NKJV) "its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

(Daniel 2:34 NKJV) "You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

(Daniel 2:35 NKJV) "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

(Daniel 2:36 NKJV) "This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

(Daniel 2:37 NKJV) "You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

(Daniel 2:38 NKJV) "and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all; you are this head of gold.

(Daniel 2:39 NKJV) "But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

(Daniel 2:40 NKJV) "And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

(Daniel 2:41 NKJV) "Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

(Daniel 2:42 NKJV) "And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

(Daniel 2:43 NKJV) "As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

(Daniel 2:44 NKJV) "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

(Daniel 2:45 NKJV) "Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Such is man's perspective. God's perspective, however, is seen in Daniel 7 through a series of monstrous beasts—the same beasts described here, although in inverse order: the leopard symbolizing Alexander

the Great's ability to pounce; the bear symbolizing the Medes and the Persians, the lion symbolizing Babylon. Why is the order inversed in Daniel? Because Daniel is looking ahead, while John is looking back:

His Military Power (13:3-4)

(Revelation 13:3 NKJV) 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.

Original Thought / Die Loneliness / Death & Resurrection

If Satan ever had an original thought, it would die of loneliness, for here again the antichrist is trying to mirror Jesus Christ. He has his unholy trinity, and here is his impersonation of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Wounded / Zech 11 / Dead or Only Appear Dead

At this point in the Tribulation, Antichrist is mortally wounded. According to Zechariah 11:17, there will be an assassination attempt on Antichrist that will evidently cause his eye to be poked out and his right arm to be paralyzed (a clue if you miss the rapture). Because the Greek text can either be rendered "wounded to death" or "wounded to the appearance of death," there are those who believe Antichrist will only appear to be dead as a result of this wound. Some even think based on (Revelation 17:8), that he truly will die and descend to hell:

(Revelation 17:8 NKJV) "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."

(Zechariah 11:17 NKJV) "Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded."

Resultant the Same – they will Awe / Satan gets what Wanted – to be Worshipped

The resultant is the same, and that is that all the world will marvel and go wow, how awesome he is, he has to be divine, and thus verse 4, they will worship him. As we studied in chapter 12, Satan gets what he always desired, to be worshipped (Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28). So now he is on a roll, verse 4:

(Revelation 13:4 NKJV) 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?"

Verse 4 - Who is able to make war with him?" – The world will look on and say, you can't kill this guy, how in the world can anyone think they can defeat him militarily if you cant kill him!

Oprah

Antichrist is on a roll. He's on Larry King, Oprah, World News Tonight declaring that he truly is deity.

Satanic Worship

They will worship Satan. When this man comes with his miracle working powers, when he survives the assassination attempt, people will begin to worship Satan and they will worship Satan's man upon the earth, the beast, the Antichrist who is here on the earth at that time. That isn't too hard to imagine today as we look and see so many people already entering into the practices of occult things, So what was once unthinkable is now a common practice today. But it's going to get much worse. Once the church is taken out, there will be many more entering into the worship of Satan.

With great signs and wonders

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 (NKJV) For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 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, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

His Oratory Power (13:5-6)

(Revelation 13:5 NKJV) And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

(Revelation 13:6 NKJV) Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

The beast will have words that move and melt and manipulate people.

Blaspheme / Abomination Desolation

His greatest blaspheme will be when he is declares that he is deity, that he is God, that he is the Christ. This will reach its zenith when he goes into the rebuilt temple and declares that he is God. As I said last week this will culminate within the Antichrist when God throws him out of heaven for good, and he knows time is short.

(Daniel 9:27 NKJV) Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

(Matthew 24:15 NKJV) "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

(Matthew 24:16 NKJV) "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

(Matthew 24:17 NKJV) "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

(Matthew 24:18 NKJV) "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

(Matthew 24:19 NKJV) "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

(Matthew 24:20 NKJV) "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

(Matthew 24:21 NKJV) "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

(Revelation 12:8 NKJV) but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

(Revelation 12:9 NKJV) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

1260 Days / Under God's Timetable – God is Sovereign

How long is forty-two months? Three and a half years, 1,260 days, or "a time, times and a half time." All of these phrases pop up throughout Revelation and describe the last half of the Tribulation—the Great Tribulation. And now begins the hellish last half of Antichrist's seven-year reign. Satan is under God's sovereignty, he is on God's time table. He will not get 1 more day than God allows him. God is in control.

His World Power (13:7-8)

(Revelation 13:7 NKJV) 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.

Those that Missed Rapture

These are the people that missed the rapture, I think we have covered very well the fact that the church will be raptured before the Tribulation begins, but then others will realize they had missed the rapture as we told them there would be, and they get saved.

Revelation 4:1 (NKJV)¹ After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

(Revelation 13:8 NKJV) 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.

Book of Life vs 666

How interesting again that Jesus has a Book of Life, and the Devil has a Book of Death.

Isaiah 49:15–16 (NKJV)¹⁵ "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶ See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

Revelation 13:16–18 (NKJV)¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or 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 it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

If my name is inscribed on His hand, then to me that would mean as they were driving nails into those hands, He would look over and see “Ray Bollas”, and for the joy set before Him, He would endure the cross, for me, and for you!

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NKJV) ¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Pen is in Your hand / You Determine what to Do with it / Consider This

Verse 8 - whose names have not been written in the Book of Life – Names are written into the Book of Life, and the names written are those that have received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, and have turned from their sins, and follow Him. Really, when you get down to it, the pen is in your hand, you determine if your name is written, it is your choice today. As you think and determine what you will do with that pen that is in your hand, consider this.....

Slain Before Foundation of World / Cross Plan before Creation / Let there be Light

Verse 8 - of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world – Mark that and make specific point of this, that Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world. The foundation of the world, Jesus’ death on the cross was an offensive move against sin and death, He wasn’t responding, but had always planned this. The cross was God’s plan for redemption before the world had been created, before He ever said let there be light. Colossians says Jesus is the Creator, and He would know, once I say these words, “let there be light”, the creation process would begin, and thus would His destiny of the cross. The moment I say “let there be light”, that world will enter a time domain, and one day enter into sin death, and one that will require Me to leave My throne, and enter into it, and not only be subject to its limitations, not only surrounded by its sin and death, but to actually take on sin, take on death, and worse, to be separated from My Father in heaven. He would know the day would come when the whip embedded with glass would shred His back 39 times, when the bag would be placed over His face and they would punch Him blindsided, spit on Him, rip His beard out, mock Him, then strip Him naked and then drive nails through His feet and hands, and for 6 hours that Friday He would hang there, alone, as the His Father in heaven would turn His face away from the One who became sin. And Satan, and his dogs would circle Him, waiting for the kill.

(Colossians 1:15 NKJV) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

(Colossians 1:16 NKJV) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

(Colossians 1:17 NKJV) And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

(Psalms 22:14 NKJV) I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.

(Psalms 22:15 NKJV) My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.

(Psalms 22:16 NKJV) For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

It would All begin – Let there be Light / Couldn’t wait to Say Them / It is Good

And it all would begin when He would speak those words, let there be light. Those words came with a price to Him, for eventually He would pay for saying them. Yet, I can tell you today, He couldn’t wait to say those words. Hebrews 12, for the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame. When He would say those words, let there be light, He would then say, “it is good”. I can’t wait to say those words, “let there be light”, for someday Ray will be all mine, Bill, Betty,they will be mine, all mine. I have created them, and then I will redeem them, “I made you, and bought you, you are twice mine”. Consider that as the pen is in your hand.

(Hebrews 12:2 NKJV) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Genesis 1:3 NKJV) Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

*(Genesis 1:4 NKJV) And God saw the light, **that it was good**; and God divided the light from the darkness.*

Another Word – It is Done / The Towel – A Signature

Another word He couldn’t wait to say was, “It is Done”. Through the pain, through the separation, would come the completion, and He would say it is done, mine – forever! I was reading on the ways of the culture in the days that Jesus walked the earth. I found an interesting story about how one of the ways a

carpenter would let a contractor know a job was finished, a signature so to speak, a folded towel, left on the piece of furniture, shelving, or whatever it may be at the location. A folded towel.

Imagine the Day

Imagine a hot afternoon in Galilee; Jesus had completed the final pieces of a job He has worked on for several days. The hairs on his strong forearms were matted with sawdust and sweat. His face shiny with heat. He takes a final and welcomed drink of cool water from His leather pouch. He pours some water over His face and chest to clean Himself before his journey home. With a nearby towel he pats His face and arms dry. Finally, Jesus folds the towel neatly, then sets it on the finished work and walks away. Later, whoever arrives to inspect the work will see the towel and understand its simple message from the carpenter, the work is finished.

That Sunday

On a Sunday that started with sorrow, the disciple Peter would hear those words, the tomb is empty. He will run and when he gets to the tomb he will crouch and go into the empty tomb, and there before him he will see the linen that had been wrapped around Jesus head, folded and left on the stone grave slab. A heart that had been filled with sorrow, has now been filled with hope, for he will see the wrap that covered Jesus' face, and Peter would understand the message that the carpenter from Galilee had left behind, "It is Done".

(John 20:3 NKJV) Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.

(John 20:4 NKJV) So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

(John 20:5 NKJV) And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

(John 20:6 NKJV) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there,

*(John 20:7 NKJV) and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, **but folded together in a place by itself.***

(John 20:8 NKJV) Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.

(John 20:9 NKJV) For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

The Pen

Now what are you going to do with the pen that is in your hand?

His Temporal Power (13:9-10)

(Revelation 13:9 NKJV) If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

The Church is Missing

An ohh so familiar phrase, we have heard it several times before, he who has an ear, let him hear. But so important to notice what is missing, "what the spirit says to the churches". The church is missing, because the church has been taken out, raptured, and now the Spirit is not speaking to the church, but those that have been left behind.

Revelation 2:7 (NKJV)⁷ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '

Revelation 2:11 (NKJV)¹¹ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." '

Revelation 2:17 (NKJV)¹⁷ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." '

Revelation 2:29 (NKJV)²⁹ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

Revelation 3:6 (NKJV)⁶ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

Revelation 3:13 (NKJV)¹³ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

Revelation 3:22 (NKJV)²² "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." ' "

Revelation 22:12-17 (NKJV)¹² "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." ¹⁴ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I

am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

(Revelation 13:10 NKJV) 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.

World in Trouble / 2 christ’s / Destruction – for His Church

This world is in deep trouble, and there are two christ’s at work upon it now, and very soon will be coming. One will be coming to deceive many into destruction; the other is coming for His Church.

What John Saying – to those in Tribulation / The one Leading You – is Going Down

What is John saying to his readers at this time, to those being fed to the lions and killed by the sword? I can hear his heart, can’t you? He’s saying to those in his day, just as he would say to me and you today who are in tribulation or difficulties, “The one putting you in prison, unsheathing the sword, marching you into the coliseum is himself going down.”

We Know End of Story / Difficult Times / One Day all will be Solved / What Plagues You - Gone

Do you realize how blessed we are because we know the end of the story? You may be in a difficult marriage, persecuted on the job, fighting illness, undergoing severe pressures financially, or weary of your flesh that rears its ugly head constantly. But we know one day it will all be solved. That’s what John told his people. And that’s what the Spirit would say to us. We who have been saved awhile take this for granted. But what if this was the first time you understood that everything that plagues you presently will be gone in a heartbeat; that you’re going to heaven, where everything will be wonderful forever and ever?

He who has an Ear / Forces against You – Will be Done away With

“If any man has an ear, let him hear. Listen up,” says Pastor John. “I don’t care if you miss everything else, get this: The forces against you are soon going to be done away with: The beast, persecution, problems, will undo themselves.”

Read the Book of Rev – Over and Over / Come back to fact Life short – Heaven is Near

That’s why I need to read the Book of Revelation over and over again. For those living on this side of the rapture, it’s not about deciphering the mark of the Beast. It’s not written to help us figure out who the false prophet or Antichrist is. It’s written to give us hope and to bring us back constantly to the fact that life is short and we’ll be in heaven soon.

Don’t Understand – Own tribulation / Person who grabs – Live in Anticipated Celebration

The person who doesn’t understand the Book of Revelation will go through life in his own personal tribulation. The person who grabs hold of Revelation, on the other hand, will live in a state of anticipation and celebration. Every single one of us will either go through this week in tribulation or celebration. Life is short. The Lord is in control. We’re going to heaven. That’s what this book is about.

Conclusion

Outline: The Beast Coming Out of the Sea – The Antichrist (13:1-10)

- His Political Power (13:1-2)
- His Military Power (13:3-4)
- His Oratory Power (13:5-6)
- His World Power (13:7-8)
- His Temporal Power (13:9-10)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)

- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need