

**Passage:** Revelation 13:11-18

**Title:** The False Prophet

**Summary:** The Antichrist (our last study), gets the front and center attention; but what is often missed is the power of this man "The False Prophet". He will be a charismatic "religious" leader, who will lead the way for the rise and power and worship of the Antichrist. 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 13:11–18 (NKJV)* <sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (see Timeline)**

There are 7 seals, and the 7<sup>th</sup> seal has 7 Trumpets. The 7th Trumpet, will have 7 Bowls of Wrath. Now just as before we got into the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

### **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 can not 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 some where in the wilderness, and keep them tucked away for the last 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation. Some believe it is in the Rock City Petra their in modern day Jordon. 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.*

### **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)

#### **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)
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### **Antichrist / Right Hand Man – False Prophet**

In this passage we will see where the Antichrist will arise from, and how he will gain his power. This study we will see the working of his right hand man, the False Prophet, verses 11-18.

#### **Outline: The Beast Coming Out of the Earth – The False Prophet (13:11-18)**

- His Oratory Power (13:11)
- His Religious Power (13:12)
- His Signs and Wonders Power (13:13-14)
- His Life (and Death) Power (13:15)
- His Livelihood (Economic) Power (13:16-18 )

### **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) <sup>12</sup> 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) <sup>16</sup> 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 Oratory Power (13:11)**

**(Revelation 13:11 NKJV) Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.**

## **Comes like a Lamb / Angel of Light / Political Leader – Religious Leader / Public Relations Man**

Minus the horns or crowns of Antichrist, the false prophet comes across like a lamb. Jesus said to beware of false prophets coming in sheep's clothing, but inward are ravenous wolves. This should not surprise us for we are told that Satan is able to transform himself into an angel of light. He seems to be so humble and gentle. Whereas Antichrist is the political leader, the false prophet is the religious leader who will unify the world religion as the public relations man for Antichrist.

*(Matthew 7:15 NKJV) "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.*

*(2 Corinthians 11:13 NKJV) For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.*

*(2 Corinthians 11:14 NKJV) And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.*

*(2 Corinthians 11:15 NKJV) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.*

## **Who Knows What Catapults**

We really do not know what will catapult the Antichrist into the world leadership. We do know that he will broker peace in the Middle East (Dan 9), but we really don't know if that will be the event. But as I think about this, putting myself in the picture, as if I was not saved, and consider all the war, famine, pestilence, and death going on in the world, I would scream for some relief. Then I imagine if that was coupled with war in my backyard, nuclear exchanges, and then looking at my wife, my son, my new baby, and I would feel totally helpless, and I could see myself quickly embracing a world leader who would bring hope, even if it meant I would have to compromise in some areas.

And when you consider it and I say that word compromise God forbid that I'm talking about Christians because we should never compromise but for the world they don't compromise they conform to what they're being told by the words of powerful men and women in leadership whether that's government religious social and the likes.

*Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV) <sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

## **Words Have Power**

Like the Antichrist this false prophet he will use the power of words to convince people to follow the Antichrist and then eventually to worship the Antichrist. He will not speak mere words of man he will be infused with all the intelligence of the dragon who is the devil and he will speak with all the world insight that the devil has and therefore his words will have power and people we'll believe them because they're looking for someone to help in a place that they are helpless.

Christian you must always remember the power of your words we have words that don't return void when we speak them with the word of God and the heart of God we have words that cannot return void and can change a life therefore I can't encourage you enough to soak in this word and then soak in the presence of the Lord in your quiet time and then take these words and speak them to a people who are lost and dying and the seed and confused and may we never forget words have power

*Isaiah 55:10–11 (NKJV) <sup>10</sup> "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

*Psalms 138:2 (NKJV) <sup>2</sup> I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*

Don't forget those words when you speak to your spouse and don't forget those words when you speak to your children don't forget those words when you speak to that coworker or at the schoolyard your words have life or death in them from a spiritual position of the gospel and your words have life or death in them in relational with your fellow man

## **His Religious Power (13:12)**

**(Revelation 13:12 NKJV) 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.**

### **Will Lead World to Worship AC / False Prophet – Holy Spirit**

The first beast is the Antichrist (received mortal wound but was healed), and the second beast, the False Prophet leads the whole world into worshipping him. When Jesus ascended to heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity (John 14:16). The False Prophet is to the Antichrist what the Holy Spirit is to Jesus. The ministry of the Spirit is to put the focus on Jesus. The ministry of the false prophet is to put the focus on Antichrist. The parallel is exact.

*(John 14:16 NKJV) "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever;*

*(John 14:17 NKJV) "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

### **More and More / 1 World Leader / 1 Spiritual Leader**

More and more in recent events, especially this week with rioting, burnings, and killings (29 at time of this writing) because someone made cartoon character of Mohammed, we see that there will not be a One-World government, without resolution to the world's religious problems. Throughout the world there are continual wars and uprisings over religious differences. These differences must be resolved, and just as there will be a Great world political leader (the Antichrist) to resolve the world's problems, so will there be a Great world spiritual leader, who will unite the world spiritually, and that will be this False Prophet that we read about in these verses. This False Prophet will be a religious leader that will have all the worlds' faiths, worship together. And then he will use his powerful influence to persuade people to throw all their allegiance to the Antichrist. This week, after watching all these riots over the cartoons, I have come to a new understanding of just how great this False Prophet will be; for someone to bring the world religions together is mind boggling in our day.

### **Not New Religion / Merging of All / Seeing Signs Today**

Now personally I do not think this False Prophet is going to start a new religion, rather he is just going to merge all the worlds' religions. He will be so influential and charismatic, that he will convince the people, hey – all roads lead to God, and your God is the same as his God, whether you call Him, Allah, Jesus, Buddha, He is the same God. Just last year we saw tremendous signs of that. In Baltimore Jews and Christians had services together, then we saw Jews and Muslims have services together, and literally almost the whole world tuned in to watch the news of the death of the Pope, and then wait by for the puff of smoke for the new Pope. People who don't even believe or go to church, were enthralled by the whole thing, Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists leaders all made endearing remarks of the late Pope. Nowhere did I read about leaders of other faiths make any derogatory remarks about the late Pope. The late Pope John Paul was a peace maker among world religions, but I am sorry to say, I did not see those deceived turning to Jesus for salvation. The new Pope Gregory is carrying on his predecessor example of trying to have peace with all religions. We are seeing what I believe are clear signs of major world religions saying lets have peace amongst us.

### **That 1 Group – Causing Division / False Prophet takes Credit for Rapture**

However, there is a group that causes division, who say no all roads do not lead to heaven, Allah isn't God, Buddha and Jesus are not the same, it is those narrow minded legalistic unloving Christians. Love tells the truth for the sake of the other. The most loving thing I can do is in love, tell the lost about Jesus' love for them, for there is only 1 way, and Jesus is that way. Well, we will be gone when the rapture happens, removing us will remove the voice saying, no, all roads do not lead to God, they will be glad when we are gone. God will always have His remnant, and the gospel will go on, as we will see their will be an angel preaching the everlasting gospel, but we see that the majority of people will embrace this idea of a One World Religion. I wonder if because the False Prophet can do signs and miracles if that he will take credit for the Christians disappearing, and say he had to remove them for the sake of unity – could be, and easy explanation for the millions missing/dead (the bodies do not necessarily have to go in the rapture, there could just be millions of dead bodies laying in the streets).

### **People Spiritual Beings**

I think very often we don't give enough credit to how spiritual people truly are. Now God has designed man that way, to put that in their hearts to want to seek after things greater than this world. Sadly, because of free-will, men refuse to come to the One True and Living God, and follow after a religion that fits their earthly desire (pride, lust, self-indulgences, etc), simply put – we will not have this man rule over us, He cramps my style. But man is spiritual, and when you witness to unsaved people, make an appeal to their spiritual side (Muslim, Buddhist, Cultist, etc) and present Christ to them. Now this False Prophet, he will appeal to their spiritual side, but he will do it through their carnal/fleshly side, hence the people will feel they are getting the best of both worlds, eternal things without giving up carnal things. Religion without Jesus is the tool of Satan.

*Genesis 2:9 (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

*Revelation 4:11 (KJV 1900) <sup>11</sup> Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

### **Body – Spirit – Soul**

Man is body spirit and soul the scripture clearly declares that to us our body is this very carrier that we see outward our soul is who we are it's our personality it's our likes but our spirit is what is eternal and lasts forever and very much so it's hard to differentiate between the soul and the spirit. But the day that we sin we die spiritually and are separated from God because of his perfect this in holy standard and that's why Jesus said in John chapter 3 you must be born again. And what does it mean to be born again we're born once into this world in the body but we need to be born of the spirit of God to have everlasting life.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV) <sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Genesis 2:16–17 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."**

**John 3:3 (NKJV) <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

**John 3:16–21 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. <sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."**

**Romans 3:19–20 (NKJV) <sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

### **His Signs and Wonders Power (13:13-14)**

**(Revelation 13:13 NKJV) He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.**

**(Revelation 13:14 NKJV) 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.**

### **Great Miracles – Show me a Sign / Fire to Image / TV Hucksters**

The False Prophet will deceive people by his miracles, for people will say hey, it must be from God for only God can perform miracles. How often people tell me, if only God would show me a sign, then I would believe and follow Him whole heartedly. God has given man a sign, and it is the cross, there is nothing more clearer than that sign of His love for man. He will have the power to call down fire from heaven. I wonder if he will call fire from heaven, upon this image made, and that will bring the image to life. People love spectacular shows, and that it would be, and many will believe. We can see him trying to imitate the 2 witnesses. I am amazed at how many people buy into some of these television evangelist and their phony healing services. Now I am not saying all of them are phony, but some clearly are. In fact, I talked to one personally, and I am not going to say who he is for I cannot judge another

man's heart, or servant. But I will never forget what he said to me, he said Ray the ends justify the means. Tens of thousands follow them; imagine when a real deal miracle worker comes upon the scene.

### **Deception Great – Powerful / Deceive Elect – How are you Going to See Through / 100 Fold**

The deception of this false prophet, will be so great, that the Scriptures say even the very elect could be deceived. I have to say to anyone who has yet to make a decision for Jesus Christ, I tremble for you, for it will be so hard to see through his deception, it will just seem so right. All the reasons you have today for not following Christ will be multiplied 100 fold:

*(2 Thessalonians 2:9 NKJV) The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,*

*(2 Thessalonians 2:10 NKJV) and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*(2 Thessalonians 2:11 NKJV) And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,*

*(2 Thessalonians 2:12 NKJV) that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

*(Matthew 24:23 NKJV) "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.*

*(Matthew 24:24 NKJV) "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

*(Matthew 24:25 NKJV) "See, I have told you beforehand.*

### **Charles Darwin**

Some years ago I father stamped by the bedside of his 10 year old daughter she was the joy of his life but she was dying she had suffered for nearly a year with a puzzling stomach illness and the doctors could do nothing to help her the father grieved deeply for his daughter as day after day she withered in agony. She was wasting away in front of his very eyes finally she passed into a coma and then her life slipped away as her sobbing father held her. But instead of turning to God for comfort in the sad hour the heartbroken father turned away from God once and for all as far as we know, that father was Charles Darwin the father of the theory of evolution. When he was eight years old with Charles was devastated by his mother's death. He had once intended to be a clergyman, and that was his father's wish. After he married, his wife entreated him to turn to the Lord, and she wrote Charles a letter that he kept all his life. His wife wrote that she would be most unhappy if they would not belong to each other and see each other again in heaven. She understood that she and her husband would be separated in death if he continued to deny God. Late in his life Charles Darwin penned words that he intended to be read after he died. He wrote I can indeed hardly see how anyone ought to wish Christianity to be true. For if so, the plain language of the text, or the Bible, seems to show that men who do not believe, and this would include my father, brother, and almost all my best friends, will be everlastingly punished, and this is a damnable doctrine.

Darwin's life was shaped by what he saw. And when he did not see signs and wonders of God through healing that is when he made his decision that there is no God. And I say that as a warning to every person you're not guaranteed to see signs and wonders here on earth God has something greater it's his word

### **The Prophetic Word / Don't be Led by Feelings**

In the Scriptures we see that Jesus' miracles followed His teaching. The word is a more sure thing, as has, always will be. People need not a sign, they need to read this word. Don't be led by your feelings, but by the Word of God:

*(Mark 16:20 NKJV) And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.*

*(2 Peter 1:19 NKJV) And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;*

*(2 Peter 1:20 NKJV) knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,*

*(2 Peter 1:21 NKJV) for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

### **Jesus Warned / Read the Bible / 300 Prophecies**

Jesus said, "I'm telling you beforehand", don't fall for them. The prophetic word was given about the Coming Messiah, and Jesus filled some 300 prophecies, so there was no doubt He was the Messiah, all that a person had to do was read the word, and they would clearly see Jesus was and is the Promised

Messiah. The same is true here, all that a person has to do is read this book, and they would clearly see who the Antichrist is, and who the False Prophet is. It pays to read your Bible:

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### **His Life (and Death) Power (13:15)**

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### **This Image / Las Vegas / Robots with Skin**

But what is this image, I really do not know, it does intrigue me of what it will be. We see all the computer technology in place to make something like this. The Japanese are in the groundbreaking phase of putting human skin on robots. I am told by people who have gone to Vegas, Caesar Palace, that there are these statues that come to life, and perform shows daily. They say they are so life-like, that it is amazing. We can see it in our day:

*Robots get Skin – USA Today – 8/15/05. Thin skin will help robots 'feel' - Japanese researchers have developed a flexible artificial skin that could give robots a humanlike sense of touch. The team manufactured a type of "skin" capable of sensing pressure and another capable of sensing temperature. These are supple enough to wrap around robot fingers and relatively cheap to make, the researchers have claimed. The University of Tokyo team describe their work in the latest issue of the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.*

### **Daniel 3 / Nothing New – but 1 step Further**

A passage of Scripture that will comfort believers at this time will be the book of Daniel, as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were commanded to bow down to the Statue, but they wouldn't, but God saw them through the fiery trial. The worshipping of a statue isn't anything new, but the False Prophet will take it one step further and give life to this statue.

*(Daniel 3:12 NKJV) "There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up."*

*(Daniel 3:25 NKJV) "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."*

So powerful will this false prophet be that like we saw in Babylon he can say who goes to the fire if they do not bow to worship the image of this Antichrist. Still yet Jesus's word to any man do not fear those who have power over the body but he who has power over the spirit. Speaking of himself

*Matthew 10:27-28 (NKJV) <sup>27</sup> "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

### **His Livelihood (Economic) Power (13:16-18 )**

**(Revelation 13:16 NKJV) 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,**

**(Revelation 13:17 NKJV) 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.**

### **Evil Trinity / Global – Gov't – Religious - Economic**

So here will see Satan, through his evil trinity, will have far reaching global powers. A world government, a world religion, and here a world economy. No one buys or sell without the mark.

### **Satan's Counterfeit Mark – 144K / God Seals with Holy Spirit**

Here again is Satan's counterfeit. God marks the 144,000 thousand, Satan marks his followers. But more so, God marks, seals His followers with the Holy Spirit. They would mark shipments with a seal in the days of this writing, and it was to be a sign of where the shipment was to be delivered. The Holy Spirit is a guarantee of our final delivery to our final destination, heaven. But here is the Devil's counterfeit, and once his seal, his mark, is applied, the final destination is guaranteed, eternal separation



from God the Father, and the eternal abode in the Lake of Fire. If you are reading this or listening to the taped message (after the Christians have disappeared), whatever you do, do not take this mark, for once you do, your eternity is set, and you will perish into the Lake of Fire where the worm dies not. You will be cursed to hell forever, do not fall for the lie. Better to live the rest of your life on earth out maimed. But you must also received Jesus as your Lord and Savior. You must be sealed by His Mark, the Holy Spirit: *(Ephesians 1:13 NKJV) In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, (Ephesians 1:14 NKJV) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

*(Revelation 20:4 NKJV) And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

*(Isaiah 66:24 NKJV) "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."*

*(Mark 9:43 NKJV) "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched;*

*(Mark 9:44 NKJV) "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'*

*(Mark 9:45 NKJV) "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched;*

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*(Mark 9:48 NKJV) "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'*

### **Desensitized / 6 Flags – Disney / Working at Space Center**

It is amazing how desensitized we are becoming to this mark. Go to 6 Flags, Disney World, and what do they do, they mark you with invisible ink. Now that isn't the mark of the beast, so keep enjoying your family vacations, but little by little we are becoming desensitized to this aren't we. I remember when I was working at the Space Center they wanted us to get an invisible permanent ink stamped on our hands so only we had access to the rocket. Everyone said no, so they implemented an Iris scan with a PIN code. If you were held at gunpoint or whatever, you entered the wrong code and that would alarm the Security forces.

### **Old Commentaries / Computer Language**

Read old commentaries and the teachers are like, we have no idea how this is going to happen, but it will. Well it doesn't take much to wonder today. 2000 years ago the highest technology was a mule, today, the computer chip is here. The world may have multiple spoken languages, but all computers speak the same language, it is "0 and 1".

### **Chip is Here / Verichip / Cincinnati – Europe – Passports – Credit Cards**

Now the chip is here literally, you can go to their website and read for yourself, the company is called Verichip. The chip is already in use. A company in Cincinnati is making its employee with access to classified information get the chip in their arm. Some bars in Europe are using it, a customer doesn't even get carded, just walks in, the bartender knows his favorite drink, and a tab is running against him, all through the chip in his arm. All the new American Passports will have a computer chip in them. My Credit Card has a chip in it.

### **Battery / Biophans Tech**

These chips cannot transmit and exchange data unless they are right up next to the Chip Reader (convenient location to read is obviously the hand or head). In order to generate a signal, these chips will need to have a power source, and that technology is here also. Biophan's Technologies Corporation has developed a battery that will power these chips, no doubted be incorporated into the chip, and the battery is powered by using heat differential between two surfaces. So the greatest heat differential is there on the forehead, and there on the hand (this is technology that is 20 years old now).

**Biophan's Biothermal Power Source for Implantable Medical Devices Awarded "Best of the Best" by Nanotech Briefs Magazine - 2005**

ROCHESTER, N. Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 11, 2005--Biophan Technologies, Inc., a developer of next-generation medical

technology, announced today that its biothermal power source for implantable devices has been recognized as a "Best of the Best" invention by Nanotech Briefs magazine as part of its first annual Nano 50 Awards contest to recognize superior scientific achievement and innovation. Developed by Biophan subsidiary TE-Bio, the biothermal power source converts body heat into electricity to power implantable medical devices.

"This latest validation of our biothermal power source further distinguishes Biophan's groundbreaking work in the field of nanotechnology and thermoelectric materials by a panel of expert judges," said Biophan CEO Michael Weiner. "It's always gratifying when our advanced solutions receive outside recognition for their innovation, functionality, and potential for impact on biomedical and other market sectors. We are proud of this recognition and we look forward to formally accepting the Nano 50 "Best of the Best" honor at the Nanotech Briefs awards ceremony."

The nominations for the Nano 50 were judged by a panel of nanotechnology and MEMS experts. The technologies, products, and innovators receiving the 50 highest scores were named winners of the Nano 50 "Best of the Best" awards. Presented by Nanotech Briefs magazine, a digital publication from the publishers of NASA Tech Briefs, the Nano 50 recognizes the top 50 technologies, products, and innovators that have significantly impacted, or are expected to impact, the state of the art in nanotechnology.

Based on innovations in thermoelectric materials, Biophan's biothermal power source converts thermal energy produced naturally by the human body into usable electrical energy. These thermoelectric materials are special types of semiconductors that produce electricity when there is a temperature difference between one side of the material and the other. These materials have been used to generate electricity on spacecraft, such as the Voyager space probe. The power they generate can be used to directly power implanted devices such as pacemakers, neurostimulators, biosensors, drug pumps, lab-on-a-chip devices, pain devices, and other implantable devices, or to trickle-charge batteries for devices with high discharge requirements, such as implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICDs) and drug pumps.

Biophan's nanotechnology applications span a range of existing and emerging multi-billion-dollar markets in biosciences and healthcare. The biothermal power source was developed by Biophan research and development subsidiary TE-Bio. Biophan's TE-Bio subsidiary has an agreement with NASA for characterization and joint development of high-density, nanoengineered thermoelectric materials for use with implantable medical devices. Research is being jointly conducted by Biophan and NASA personnel at the NASA Ames Research Center for Nanotechnology in Moffett Field, CA.

## **Who wants It**

Who wants it and why?

## **Banking Industry / 35-60-1**

The banking industry has been pushing hard for a cashless society for many decades. Why? Every check costs a bank between thirty-five and sixty cents to process. Electronic transactions, on the other hand, cost one cent. Banks have a very real interest in seeing us move toward an electronic funds transfer system. So do small business owners, due to the multimillion-dollar price they pay for employees who steal from the till.

## **IRS / 1 Trillion**

Not only are banks and businesses eager to see a cashless society, but the IRS is as well. The government loses what is estimated to be one trillion dollars a year in the "underground" economy—the system whereby employees are paid in cash in order to avoid the paper trail that would require them to pay taxes.

## **Old Folks Reluctant / Youth - Technology**

Technology for a cashless society has been around for decades. The only reason we have not seen it implemented until recently is not due to a lack of technology, but rather to a phobia with technology. Because people my age and older are somewhat techno-phobic, we have been reluctant to embrace technology. But that's changing. Why? It is partially due to the fact that the older generation is dying. You see, the kids who have grown up with Nintendo are not intimidated by technology in the least. Even more than this, our culture has changed in such a way that even we who are older are feeling a need to move into a cashless society. Consider the reasons why....

## **Crime**

Crime. So many people are being ripped off after withdrawing money from Automated Teller Machines, that cities like Berkeley, California, are passing ordinances making it illegal to stand within one hundred fifty feet of an ATM unless making a transaction.

## **Drugs Culture**

Drugs. Drug lords don't write checks. The entire drug culture is based on the exchange of cash, rendering a record of such transactions nonexistent. Consequently, the most effective way to curb drug traffic would be to get rid of all cash.

### **Terrorism / Passports / Toxins**

If all the economy flows on a cashless society, it will be harder and harder for terrorist cells to carry out their plots against man. Large purchases of toxins, plane tickets, passport applications will all be traced to the individual, and if they are on the watch list, their name pops up, and their location.

### **Medical Reasons / Wanders**

Not only will the chip be able to perform financial transactions, but it will also hold other information such as medical history, what types of drugs you can or can't take, it will be used to locate Alzheimer's patients who wander away.

### **Predators / My Kid / Baltimore Sex Offenders**

Sexual predators are becoming more brazen, carrying out their lusts on our children today. Parents will say the Amber Alert isn't enough, let there be a chip with GPS so I can locate my child ASAP. You can already get the chip for your pet, it will have all the pet's information on it, and it will contain a GPS incase your pet gets lost. How comforting will that be to parents for their kids? Baltimore city is looking to make sex offenders wear an bracelet with GPS in it, so if they go near a school they alarm will notify the police.

### **Armed Forces / GPS / Weapon Access / Classified Information**

There is a MARC card. MARC stands for Multi-technology Automated Reader Card. It's given to Armed Forces personnel. In addition to accessing economic transactions a la a VISA card, the MARC card contains a computer chip with the medical and personal history of the holder, giving him clearance for all sorts of weapons and other technology. But more than that (advanced cards), his location can be pinpointed anywhere in the world in a matter of seconds. The practicality of this in times of war is understandable—but so are the problems.

### **The Problem / Theft / ID Theft / Disable**

The problem is obvious with all of today's credit cards, passports, etc, they can become lost or stolen, and then you are dealing with identity theft. No stolen identity with the chip in your hand, and you can be sure the final chip will have some type of security measure in it that if the person's heart stops beating, the chip gets locked-out, or the body temperature drops the battery stops and the chip goes into a read-only mode, and can't be used to make transactions.

### **The Solution**

So the only solid solution to all these things (not to mention the chaos going on in the world at this time) seems to be what John prophesied two thousand years ago when he wrote that Antichrist will require everyone to receive a mark in his right hand or forehead.

### **Hard to Say No / My Home / My Family / My Job Position**

It will be hard for many people to say no to this mark. Just picture if right now you had to decide, what would you say. Hey I worked hard for this home, I worked hard to work my way into this job, all the school, all the long hours. My family has to eat, I enjoy the comforts that come from my financial status. People will say it is nothing to do with religion; it is everything to do with eating and surviving. If your eye causes you to sin, then pluck it out, better to go to heaven maimed and hungry:

*(Mark 9:43 NKJV) "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched;*

*(Mark 9:44 NKJV) "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'*

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*(Mark 9:48 NKJV) "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'*

But here is the bottom line – people who take it will worship the Antichrist; they will knowingly know what they are doing and why. No one will be deceived into taking the mark, they will want to take the mark, and “give their allegiance” to the Antichrist, and reject Jesus Christ. And once they do, we will read they cannot be saved, it cannot be done, for they have rejected Jesus as Lord and Savior. The fact is, no one will regret taking the mark, they will want it, and willfully worship the Antichrist and his false religion, and worldly ways.

**(Revelation 13:18 NKJV) 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.**

God asks us to be wise and to “calculate” (KJV “count”) the number of the beast. “Calculate” is to decide by weighing in the balances. We need to weigh it out and make an informed decision.

### **Who is It?**

A lot of people have come up with all kinds of suggestions of who this person is, I don't know.

### **Numeric Alphabet**

So what does this 666 mean? Not much for us in the English language, but for the Greek or Hebrew language, each letter has a numeric values to it, so when this man comes on the scene, that may reveal who he is.

The number six is the number of man. It is also associated with: the Sabbath for man (six days + one); Goliath was six cubits tall; his spear weighed six sheckels; he had six pieces of armor; Nebuchadnezzar's image was sixty cubits high and six cubits wide; and there were six instruments of music etc.

### **Image Daniel 666 / 6 Represents Man / 7 Completion**

But it is interesting that the image in Daniel of that statue was 666 cubits in height. We see through the Scriptures that the number 6 is representative of man. 7 is the number of completion.

*(Daniel 3:1 NKJV) Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.*

### **Knowledge & Wisdom**

Knowledge is one thing, but wisdom is another. Knowledge is information. Wisdom is application.

Theories abound as to what the number 666 refers. Some believe it refers to a type of UPC code. Others suggest that because in both Greek and Hebrew, letters are used as numbers, the letters in Antichrist's name add up to 666. But notice John says, here is wisdom. To all, don't just seek knowledge, but wisdom. Wisdom is knowledge applied:

*(Revelation 13:18 NKJV) 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.*

### **Understand This – John Says / 6 – Flesh / Works of Flesh – Cain / Lamb - Fruit**

What does all this mean to us, we don't have to worry about get deceived and receiving the mark, but remember this book was written to us, for our application today, for our walk with the Lord today.

“Understand,” said John, “the number of the beast is the number of man: 666.” Throughout Scripture, six is the number of the flesh. Let me take you back to the example of the works of the flesh, the way of Cain, the one who would say, I'll do it my way. On a day they would bring an offering unto the Lord, Able would bring the Lamb, all the way back then it was the Lamb, but Cain brings the fruit of his labor. Cain would not bring the innocent lamb, he wouldn't bring what cost him nothing, instead he brings what he produced from the sweat of his brow, what he feels cost him something, and the Lord would not accept it.

*(Genesis 4:2 NKJV) Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

*(Genesis 4:3 NKJV) And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.*

*(Genesis 4:4 NKJV) Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,*

*(Genesis 4:5 NKJV) but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.*

*(Genesis 4:6 NKJV) So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"*

*(Genesis 4:7 NKJV) "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*

*(Genesis 4:8 NKJV) Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.*

### **Fleshly Mentality / My Sweat – My Efforts**

The fleshly Cain mentality can rise up in you and me. How? By saying, “The sweat I pour out, the good I do, the things I accomplish are going to be more impressive to God than just killing a bloody lamb. Through my energy, my initiative, my efforts I will impress God.”

### **I’m Good Person / Putting together basket of Fruit / Don’t Need Lamb**

Some today say, “I’m a Good Person, I send money to orphans, I’m a great parent, I coach Little League. I’m putting together a pretty good basket of fruit. I don’t need this bloody stuff, I’m not a bad person, God will accept me because I am a good person.

### **All have Sinned / Marked with Own Efforts – You are Damned / Need a Savior – Substitute**

But the Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). And because you’re marked with your own efforts, you’re marked for damnation. You’ve fallen short. You need a Savior, a Sacrifice to die in your place.”

### **Even Believers spirit of 666 / Prayer – Figure it out Myself / I know what is Best for Kids - Family**

Even believers can be caught up in the spirit of 666 when they say, “I don’t need to pray, no need to go overboard on this church stuff. I can figure out my career on my own. I’m reading books. I’m attending seminars. I know what’s best for my kids, my family, my future.”

### **Either spirit of Cain – or Abel**

We’re either of the spirit of Cain, saying, “I’m a hard worker. I’m a creative thinker. I’m a good guy”—or of Abel who’s humble, broken, and dependent upon God.

### **Good News / Struggling / Talk to Me – Seek Me / Fight the Cain Tendency**

Here’s the good news. God has one simple thing to say to you who are struggling in marriage, in parenting, in relationships, in school: “Talk to Me. Spend time with Me. Humble yourself before Me. Seek My face. Wait and see what I’ll do in your life. Fight the tendency to be Cain (I’ll figure it out, I’ll get it done my way), and watch how God will bless you.”

### **May God Keep you # of Man – Flesh / Be Committed to being Dependant**

May God keep you from the number of man, the mark of Cain, the mark of the beast. May this be a time in your life when you are recommitted to dependency and brokenness before the Lord. Being dependant, what a far cry from the worlds philosophy, saying don’t depend on anyone, be your own person. Herein is wisdom, gang: Seek first the kingdom, and everything else will fall into place (Matthew 6:33).

### **Comes up 1 Short**

The number of man is 6, the number of completion is 7, Satan’s man comes up 1 short, as man always does. That is the message for we as believers to take away from this Mark of the Beast, that man’s ways and efforts will always fall short, and thus we must let go of our efforts and ways, and say “Come Lord Jesus, I need You”.

### **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.

Outline: The Beast Coming Out of the Earth – The False Prophet (13:11-18)

- His Oratory Power (13:11)
- His Religious Power (13:12)
- His Signs and Wonders Power (13:13-14)
- His Life (and Death) Power (13:15)
- His Livelihood (Economic) Power (13:16-18 )

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) <sup>12</sup> 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) <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*