The Beast out of the Earth

Rev 13: 11-18

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- The first beast (Anti-Christ) came up out of the sea (Rev 13: 1)
  - Mediterranean area????
- Now a second appears…..out of the earth?
  - The two “beasts” are two separate men…..
  - They will have different backgrounds (sea/earth)
  - This beast is also called the “false prophet” (Rev 19: 20)
    - Since he is called this…..prophecy must be in his arsenal of deceptive weapons
    - He is also a “worker of miracles” (Rev 13: 13)

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- He is a fulfillment of Matt 24: 24…. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
  - We must note that this person has….
    - Two horns like lamb???
    - First he will appear like a man of peace or meekness
    - Then he will speak the words of the “dragon”
  - Somehow these two men (beasts) will become “allies”
    - This is not something new with “state controlled churches”

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- He performs great signs…..fire from heaven??
  - Rev 11: 3-6….the two witnesses of God
  - Rev 13: 11-18….two agents of Satan
    - Performing many of the same “miracles”
    - II Thess 2: 8-9…. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
  - It is interesting that men have always been prone to idolatry and the worship of man…..(Rev 13: 14-15)

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- Even now what do men worship today?
  - Look at all the statues of…….
    - Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao……
      - Communism and socialism
    - Millions trek to Mecca to worship at a rock
    - Evolution, the environment, Yoga, sports teams etc……..
- Then along comes a man who is a great leader
  - After a 3 ½ year drought (Rev 10: 6)
  - War will cease (Dan 12)
  - Promising universal peace and prosperity
  - Small images of this man will be for sale around the world

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- Now the image of this “great one” will speak??
  - He will issue a command…..(Rev 13: 15)
    - Kill everyone who does not worship me…..
  - He will issue another command….
    - No one can buy or sell anything without allegiance to me….
    - That allegiance will be something that will be visible
- Rev 13: 16-17……
  - There are three aspects of this mark…
    - Vs 17…”the mark” “the name of the beast” or “his number”

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- Vs 18…..the number of the beast is that of a man???
  - Why is this included in Scripture?
    - The Church has been raptured so there is no need for the Church to know this information
    - Why not just name this individual???
      - It has been done before men have been born….
    - I Kings 13: 2….a coming king to reign is Josiah….(II Kings 23: 16)
    - Isa 44: 28….Cyrus is name before his born…Ezra 1: 1-4

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- Dan 11: 21….. And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.
  - “two horns of a lamb”
- His number is 666……..
  - It is interesting as to why a number is given and not his name
  - Proverbs 2: 1-6
  - Dan 12: 10

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- Numbers have long been associated with letters…..example….Roman Numerals
  - So it is in both Hebrew and Greek
  - Take “Robert” for example
    - Rho, omicron, beta, epsilon, rho, tau
    - 100+ 70+ 2+ 5+ 100+ 300 = 577
    - The number 666 itself is not a true test…..
    - But it is call for discernment…….
    - 7 in the Word of God is used to signify perfection

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- 6 of course is one short of 7
  - Man created on the 6th day
  - Man sinned and became imperfect….hence #6
  - 666 can relate to the “unholy trinity”
    - Dragon, beast and false prophet….
    - It can relate to the way men are controlled
      - Religion, economics, political
  - If you take 1,2,3……35 + 36 = 666
  - 6x6 is 36…….
  - John mentions the “beast” 36 times in Revelation

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- In contrast…..
  - “Ιησοῦς has a numerical number of 888
  - Jesus had eight names for Him in the N.T.
    - “Lord,” “Jesus,” “Christ,” “Lord Jesus,” “Jesus Christ”
    - “Christ Jesus,” ”Lord Christ” and “Lord Jesus Christ”
    - Each of these names has a numerical values of 8
    - Jesus was raised on the 8th day of the Passover week
      - The first day of the week
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  - Solomon prayed for a wise and discerning heart
    - Then threw it all away chasing after false gods…
- I John 4: 1-2.. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.