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SHOWCASING JESUS CHRIST IN PROPHECY

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EPISODE 10

FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

Based on Revelation Chapter 13

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MAIN IDEA

We need not be fearful of Satan's deceptions because we can choose to accept the good news of salvation from Jesus Christ our Lord.

KEY POINTS

The Sea Beast: False, papal, pagan white supremacist Christianity

Revelation 13:1-4

The beast is about oppression, destruction, control, speaking great things against God, changing times and laws of God for their own self preservation. The beast has always been about eradicating God and his people to puff itself up and exalt itself in the earth.

The Earth Beast: American Apostate Christianity

Revelation 13:11

America has always spoken like a dragon disguised as a lamb. The lamblike beast has always used Christianity as a costume for its dragon-like, forceful, oppressive ways.

The Mark of the Beast: The mindset and actions of the beast powers

Revelation 13:16,17

The forehead is a biblical symbol for the mind and its convictions. The mark on the hand is a biblical symbol for actions and works. In other words, God is saying don't take on the mindset of the beast and its image.

INSIGHTS

Don't take on the actions, lifestyle of the beast and its image.

666: the human system that has turned away from God and is in Satan's control

Revelation 13:18

The best way to understand 666 is from a spiritual perspective, not from clever calculations or intellect. It requires discernment. Seven in the Bible is the divine number that expresses God's perfection. Being one short of seven, six represents humanity falling short of divine perfection. This system is nothing more than a human institution counterfeiting God yet falling short of the divine character.

666 refers to humanity apart from God. Such an understanding is further affirmed by **1 Kings 10:14**, the only other text in the Bible that mentions 666. 666 "represents the refusal of man to proceed to seven, to give glory to God as Creator and Redeemer. It represents man's fixation with himself, man seeking glory in himself and his own creations.

THE GOSPEL

Revelation 13:8

Jesus Christ is still the theme of this chapter despite the scary, sobering descriptions of Satan's final attack because before all this went down, Jesus already had a plan to save you! Jesus is your Savior, predestined to die for your sins before you were even born! There was a plan in place to save you.

Revelation 13:8 says 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.

WHOM WILL YOU CHOOSE?

This chapter makes it clear what happens to those who do not choose to accept the plan of salvation and are deceived by the attack of Satan. And yet, God still honors our freedom of choice. HE will NEVER, EVER force you to choose him. Unlike the forceful, oppressive kingdom powers of this world and apostate christianity, the way of Jesus is honoring your choice to grow in love with him. Thankfully, because Jesus chose you, you have the opportunity to choose him today.