



> Revelation Chapter by Chapter Outline Review:

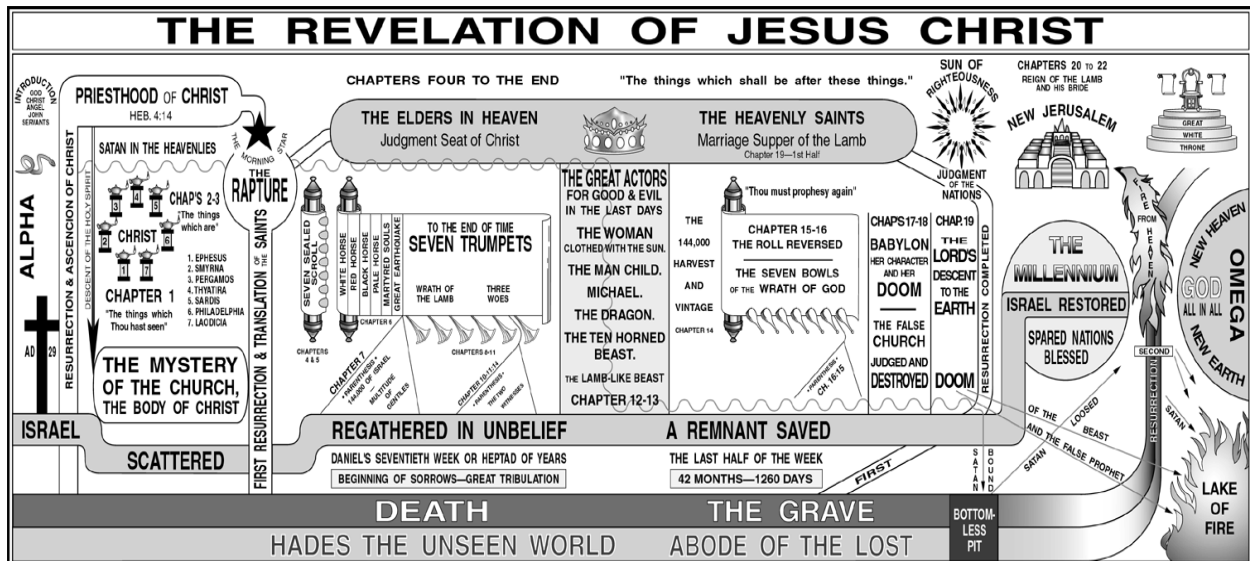
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The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST

Revelation Chapter 13

“The Beast, the False Prophet, and 666!”

Intro: During the “Great Tribulation” (the 70th week of Daniel, the “day of Jacob’s trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7 - *Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.*) an unholy trinity will be established: Satan; the Antichrist and the False Prophet. This will be a masterful counterfeit of God, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, the world will desire this deception, because they would “*not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness*” (2 Thessalonians 2:12).

Wiersbe writes, “You will remember that Antichrist began his career as a peacemaker (Rev 6:2) and even “settled” the Arab / Israeli problem by making a covenant with the Jews to protect them for seven years (Dan 9:27). This protection would permit the nation to rebuild the temple and reinstitute religious rituals (Dan 9:27; Rev 11:1). But in the middle of the seven-year period (the time we are studying now in Rev 10-14) he will break that covenant, stop the ceremonies, and set up himself as god in the temple (Dan 9:27; 2 Thess 2:1-12).”

> THREE DECEPTIONS are found in REVELATION Chapter 13:
- DECEPTION #1 – THE BEAST which is the ANTICHRIST (v1-10)
- DECEPTION #2 – THE FALSE PROPHET, world religious leader (v11-15)
- DECEPTION #3 – THE MARK OF THE BEAST—666, allegiance to the Antichrist, and the devil (v16-18)

> DECEPTION #1 – THE BEAST which is the ANTICHRIST (v1-10)
(v1) The “sea” represents the sea of humanity; “the beast” represents the Antichrist; the “seven heads” represent all-former empires combined into the one beast, that is Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and a Revived-Roman Empire including the ten federations of the world (ten horns with ten crowns).

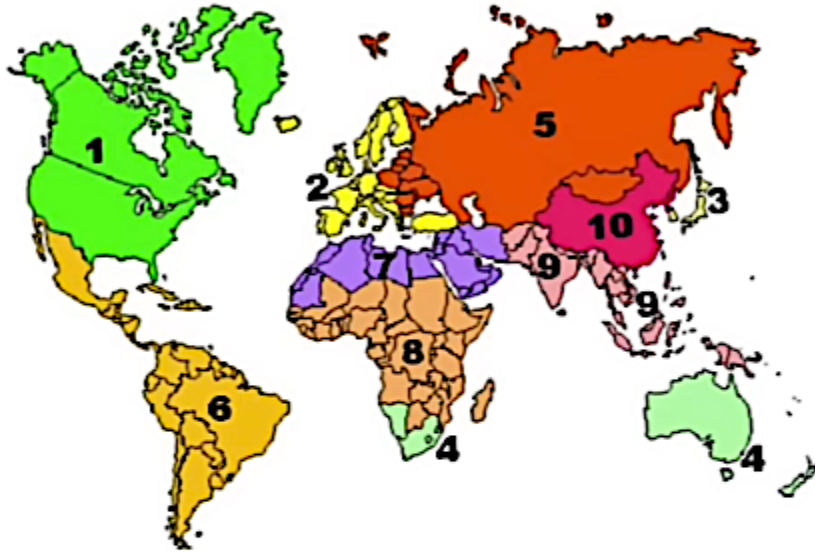
The “ten horns” are explained in Daniel 7:23-25 and Revelation 17:12-14 to be ten kings, and the whole vision is of the last form of Gentile world-power, a confederated ten-kingdom empire, most likely covering the whole Earth.

Daniel 7:23-25, “*He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.’*”

Revelation 17:12-14 - “*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. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.*”

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Regionalized Adaptive Model For The Global World System



1. North American Union (NAU)
2. European Union (EU)
3. Japan European Union (JEU)
4. Pacific Union (PU)
5. Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD)
6. South American Union (SAU)
7. Arab Customs Union (ACU)
8. African Union (AU)
9. Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
10. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

(v2) The BEAST was like a LEOPARD representing the Grecian Empire (swift in destroying); his feet like a BEAR representing the Medo-Persia Empire (with great power); and a mouth of a LION resembling the Babylonian Empire (pompous and courageous). The DRAGON is SATAN who gives the BEAST “power, his throne, and great authority.” Let’s compare Daniel’s vision Daniel 7:1-7 - *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. 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. "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!' "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. "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. 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.

(v3) Many Bible scholars believe this to be a counterfeit death and resurrection of the Antichrist.

~ Notice these powerful descriptions of the Antichrist as described in Scripture:

- The Antichrist will be an:

#1 – Intellectual genius - Daniel 7:20 - *that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.*

#2 – Oratorical genius - Daniel 7:20 (above)

#3 – Political genius - Daniel 11:21 - *And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.*

#4 – Commercial genius - Daniel 8:25 - *Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. (i.e. – Global Warming – now, Climate Change)*

#5 – Military genius - Daniel 8:24 - *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.*

#6 – Administrative genius - Revelation 13:1-2 - *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. 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.*

#7 – Religious genius - 2 Thessalonians 2:4 - *and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 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.*

(v4) Notice the world will “worship the dragon”, that is, Satan. We already see this in music, entertainment, religious systems, and politics. (The devil wanted Jesus to worship him in Matthew 4:8-10 - *Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”*

(v5-7) The BEAST blasphemes God, His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. (Blasphemy - The act of cursing, slandering, reviling, or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God. In the Old Testament, blaspheming God was a serious crime punishable by death (Lev 24:15-16). It was a violation of the Third Commandment, which required that the name and reputation of the Lord be upheld (Ex 20:7). In the sense of speaking evil of God this word is found in Psalm 74:18; Isaiah 52:5; Romans 2:24; Revelation 13:1,6; 16:9,11,21.

It denotes also any kind of calumny, or evil-speaking, or abuse (1 Kings 21:10; Acts 13:45; 18:6, etc.). Our Lord was accused of blasphemy when he claimed to be the *Son of God* (Matt 26:65; comp. Matt 9:3; Mark 2:7). They who deny his Messiahship blaspheme Jesus (Luke 22:65; John 10:36). (from Nelson’s and Easton’s Bible Dictionaries)

- This goes on for forty-two months the last half of the “Tribulation”; Daniel spoke of this in Daniel 9:27 - *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (7 year period); but in the middle of the week (3.5 years) he (the Antichrist) 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.* (Our Lord Jesus speaks of this time in Matthew 24:15-22.)

(v8-10) Here’s how to get your name written in the BOOK OF LIFE! - 1 John 5:4-5 - *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Revelation 3:5 - *He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*

- What happens to those whose names are not found in the book of life?
Answer: Revelation 20:11-15.

> - DECEPTION #2 – THE FALSE PROPHET, world religious leader (v11-15)
- This second beast is like a LAMB but speaks like a DRAGON, this is the FALSE PROPHET!

Jesus said in Matthew 7:15 – *“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”*

- There is coming a great worldwide deception! We are warned of religious deceivers in 2 Corinthians Ch. 11:3-4 - *But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted — you may well put up with it!*

Jesus said in Matthew 24:4-5 – *“Take heed that no deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”*

- Bible commentator John Philips writes, “The dynamic appeal of the false prophet will lie in his skill in combining political expediency with religious passion. . . His arguments will be subtle, convincing, and appealing. His oratory will be hypnotic, for he will be able to move the masses to tears or whip them into a frenzy. He will control the communication media of the world and will skillfully organize mass publicity to promote his ends. He will manage the truth with guile beyond words, bending it twisting it, and distorting it.”

- The ultimate demise of the *Beast and False Prophet* is found in Revelation 19:20-21 - *Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

> DECEPTION #3 – THE MARK OF THE BEAST—666, allegiance to the Antichrist, and the devil (v16-18)

- What happens to those who take the “mark of the beast”?

Revelation 13:16-17 - *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, 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.*

Revelation 14:9-11 - *Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”*

Revelation 15:2-3 - *And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.*

Revelation 16:2 - So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

Revelation 19:20-21 - Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 20:4-6 - 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. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

- Listen to John the beloved warning all believers to beware of the spirit of antichrist as well as the coming of the Antichrist in:

1 John 2:18-23 - 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. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

1 John 4:1-6 - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Let us be watchful, prayerful, and faithful!
Let us be soul-winners, making disciples, and rapture ready!
Let us “GO4GOD!” Amen!