

I. Intro – Human history is on a collision course and is closer than ever to the events described in Revelation

- a. Technology statements. John a 1st Century man using a 1st Century vocabulary to describe 21st Century technology
 - i. 2 witnesses being observed globally – Satellite TV
 - ii. Modern War Technology
 - 1. Nuclear weapons
 - 2. Helicopters dispensing neurotoxins (nerve agent)
 - 3. Tanks
 - 4. Artillery
 - iii. Mark of the Beast
 - iv. Image of the Beast

“There are, doubtless, many portions of Revelation, the meaning of which is as yet only dimly perceived, and which will be more clearly unfolded by the transpiring of future events; and it would be arrogant to claim that its interpretation had been freed from all perplexities.” ~ Sylvester Bliss – A Brief Commentary On The Apocalypse, 1853

II. Counterfeit Satanic Trinity

a. Revelation 13:1-3

- i. Dragon standing on the sand of the seashore: Satan (Revelation 12:9)
- ii. The Sea: Either the Mediterranean Sea or represents multitudes of people
- iii. The 1st Beast: The Antichrist
- iv. Satan
 - 1. Fact 1 – Satan’s key motivation: He wants our worship. He wants to be worshipped as God.
 - 2. Fact 2 – Satan is strategic. He uses various strategies (Ex. Deception, Temptation, Attack, etc...) to
 - a. Turn people from the true worship of God



- b. Turn them to the worship of himself
- v. Details regarding 1st Beast (Antichrist)
 - 1. 10 horns: 10 kings who give their power to him
 - 2. 7 heads: headship; authority. 7 is the number of completion. Satan gives his complete authority to The Antichrist
 - 3. Beast like a leopard (Greece; Alexander the Great) Daniel 7
 - 4. Feet like a bear (Media-Persian Empire) Daniel 7
 - 5. Mouth like a lion (Babylon; King Nebuchadnezzar) Daniel 7
 - 6. 1 head as if it was slain: The Antichrist **counterfeits** the death, burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - 7. Main takeaway – The Antichrist will be the most powerful world ruler in history. The sum total of all the most powerful dictators will be manifest in him because Satan gives him his complete authority and eventually indwells him

b. Revelation 13:4-10

- i. More details on Antichrist's rise to power
 - 1. People will worship both Satan and the Antichrist
 - 2. The Antichrist will seem undefeatable. Whoever tries to stop him is defeated by him
 - 3. Another name for him could be "Mr. Bigmouth." He will speak arrogant words and blasphemies

c. Revelation 13:11-15

- i. 3rd member of the Counterfeit Satanic Trinity – The False Prophet
- ii. Satanic Trinity
 - 1. Satan counterfeits God the Father
 - 2. Antichrist counterfeits Jesus the Son
 - 3. The False Prophet counterfeits the Holy Spirit
- iii. False Prophet
 - 1. Looks like a lamb but talks like a dragon. Externally looks good but the words of his mouth expose him to be evil
 - 2. We must judge all things by the Word of God. Charismatic people can deceive – test them by the Word of God and the fruit of their lives



3. Comparisons between the False Prophet and the Holy Spirit

- a. Just as the Holy Spirit is the source of God's Words to man, The False Prophet, "speaking as a dragon", brings the devil's words to man
- b. Just as the Holy Spirit is the one by whom God's signs and wonders are done, The False Prophet performs "lying signs and wonders". Even appearing to make fire come down out of heaven
- c. Just as the Holy Spirit is called The Spirit Of Truth, The False Prophet deceives those who dwell on the earth. He is The Antichrist's propaganda minister
- d. Just as the Holy Spirit is called The Comforter, The False Prophet is a tormenter
- e. Just as the Holy Spirit leads us in our worship of Jesus, The False Prophet leads lost mankind to worship The Antichrist

iv. Image of the beast

1. Technology statement. Never in human history would this image be achievable. But now with cloning, virtual reality, and artificial intelligence we can see how this image can be achieved

d. Revelation 13:16-18

i. Mark of the beast

1. Another technology statement. Without this mark you cannot buy and sell. This could have never been enforced at any time in history except our time. (Supercomputers, Microchips, Internet, etc...)

ii. 666

1. 6 is the number of man
 - a. Incomplete
 - b. Imperfect
 - c. 666 emphasizes this and also points to the 3 members of the Satanic Trinity



- iii. The Antichrist will be easily recognizable, once he is revealed
 - 1. His character will identify him (loudmouth blasphemer)
 - 2. His company will identify him (his right hand man will be the false prophet)
 - 3. His actions will identify him
 - a. Global dictator
 - b. Survive some kind of assassination attempt
 - c. Make a treaty with Israel for 7 years
 - 4. His number (666) will identify him
 - a. In many languages, including Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, letters from the alphabet were used to represent numbers. His name will probably add up to 666

