Series "Jesus Unveiled" "The Antichrist" Revelation 13:1-10 Part-27

John has mentioned the Antichrist in Revelation 11:7.

Revelation 13:1-10 – The Antichrist; Revelation 13:11-18 – The False Prophet.

Revelation 12-14 — This passage is called a **Parenthetical Passage** — interlude — pause, break of the action; reveals the mid-point of the tribulation.

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 – the book has 3 parts.

Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes

Rev 6-19 - The Tribulation - Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments.

Thought Of Our Passage: Satan's Goal Through The Antichrist Is To Take God's Place In Worship Leadership, Thus Sinking The World Into Sin.

- 1. Verses 1-2 The Antichrist's Coming
- 2. Verses 3-10 The Antichrist's Agenda

1. Verses 1-2 – The Antichrist's Coming:

Revelation 13:1

"And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore." – Context – Revelation 12:13-17 – War On Earth: Satan is thrown down to the earth and is at war with Israel, and Tribulation saints. Revelation 12:17

<u>Revelation 12</u> reveals Satan's age-long conflict with Christ and Israel. <u>Revelation 13</u> tells of the methods Satan uses to further his plans!

"the dragon" – is Satan (Devil); Revelation 12:3 gives a description of Satan which is now identical to the Antichrist.

"sand of the seashore." – The nations of the world, Revelation 20:8.

"Then I saw a beast" – Beast – 36X – description more animalistic – "cruelty instinct, vicious – unreasoning". The Antichrist, The Beast is both a <u>Kingdom</u> and an <u>Individual Ruler</u>. He is a person who enters into the temple – Matthew 24:15; Daniel 7,8,9,11.

Revelation 6:2

Un-holy Trinity – Counterfeit Trinity:

- 1. Dragon Satan Counterfeit of The Father v. 4
- 2. Beast Antichrist Counterfeit of The Son v. 4
- 3. False Prophet Counterfeit of The Holy Spirit v. 12

John 5:43

2 Thessalonians 2:3-5; 1 John 2:18; 1 John 4:3; 2 John 7.

"coming up out of the sea," – "people, multitudes and nations", Revelation 17:15.

Revelation 12 was about Satan; Revelation 13, Antichrist. Satan is very much in the background, alive and well, he works through people.

"having ten horns" – "strength" (Daniel 7:16-24); Revelation 17:12-13; Daniel 2:41-44 (Jesus will crush this system when He returns).

"seven heads" - Revelation 17:9

"and on his horns were ten diadems," – Royal crowns representing their authority.

"on his heads were blasphemous names" – Roman emperors would blaspheme God by designating themselves as gods.

Daniel 2:1-49 – An Image of a Big Rock knocks it down – Jesus' Second Coming.

Revelation 13:2

"The beast which I saw was <u>like</u> a Leopard" – Daniel 7:6 – Greece – agile, graceful. Alexander the Great – swift & fiercely overthrew Persia in 10 years.

"His feet were like those of a bear" – Daniel 7:5 – Medo-Persia – Strong, awkward in movement, wins by brute force – sheer strength.

"mouth like the mouth of a lion," – Daniel 7:4 – Babylon Royalty, wings, swiftness.

Daniel 7:7

"and the <u>dragon gave him</u> his <u>power</u> and <u>his throne</u> and <u>great authority</u>."

— As great as Antichrist is, he is but an agent or tool of Satan.

Antichrist In The Old Testament:

- "Wicked one" Psalm 10:2-4
- "The Assyrian" Isaiah 10:5-6; 30:27-33
- "King of Babylon" Isaiah 14:4
- "The Little Horn" Daniel 7:8; 8:9-12
- "A King Of Fierce Countenance" Daniel 8:23
- "The Prince That Shall Come" Daniel 9:26
- "Despicable person" Daniel 11:21
- "The Willful King" Daniel 11:36

Antichrist In The New Testament:

- "man of lawlessness" 2 Thessalonians 2:3,8
- "son of destruction" 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- "Lawless one" 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- "Antichrist" 1 John 2:22
- "Beast" Revelation 13:1

2. Verses 3-10 - The Antichrist's Agenda:

Revelation 13:3

Verse 3 – The Fatal Wound Of The Antichrist: "I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain" – Literally "as having been slain to death"; Mentioned 3X, Verses – 3,12,14, Revelation 13:14.

Zechariah 11:17

"and his fatal wound was healed" – Antichrist is going to put on some imitation resurrection, 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10.

"the whole earth was amazed and followed after the Beast" – "to wonder, marveled."

Verse 4 – The Worship Of Satan And The Antichrist: Revelation 13:4.

Worship Of Satan – "they worshiped the dragon" – Who did? The world did! To worship the beast is to worship The dragon – Satan, Isaiah 14:14.

Worship Of Antichrist – "and they worshiped the beast," – Fascination With The Beast Becomes Worship Of The Beast!

"saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" Micah 7:18

Verses 5-6 – The Arrogance Of The Antichrist: Revelation 13:5.

Daniel 7:8; Daniel 7:11; Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:6.

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name" – "all that God is, His person", Daniel 11:37.

"and His tabernacle," — "His dwelling", that is, those who dwell in heaven; "those that God dwells with"; "Mock the person of God, His Dwelling, Those that God Dwells with."

Verse 7 – The Universal Dominion Of The Antichrist: Revelation 13:7.

"overcome" - "to kill"; Saints - Revelation 6:9-11

Daniel 7:25

"authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him." – Antichrist will have universal dominion over the world. Daniel 7:23

Counterfeit Millennium

Verse 8 – The Universal Worship Of The Antichrist: Revelation 13:8.

"All who dwell on the earth will worship him" – Total Ecumenical.

Revelation 17 will describe this system called "Babylon the Religious system".

"book of life" - used 7X in Revelation.

"of the Lamb Who has been slain." – The basis for salvation and redemption.

Verses 9-10 – A Call To Hear: Revelation 13:9.

Revelation 2-3 states "Listen to what the spirit says to the churches ..."

Revelation 13:10 – The Law Of Divine Retribution.

"If anyone is destined for (leads into) captivity, to captivity he goes" – If you persecute, you will suffer God's righteous judgments.

"Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints" – Those that trust in God will act upon their faith. The enemy may take their life but not their soul and their faith!

Application:

- 1. The Antichrist Will Be Satan In The Flesh. Antichrist Will Be Empowered By Satan But Limited By God.
- 2. Antichrist Is But A Tool That Satan Will Use, To Lead Men Away From God In Order To Worship Satan.
- 3. The Antichrist Will Be Given Authority To Make War With The Saints And To Overcome Them. Tribulation Saints' Bodies Will Die But Their Souls Will Be Saved.