



FINAL CONQUEST

A VERSE-BY-VERSE STUDY OF REVELATION

THE DIABOLICAL DUO

REVELATION 13:1-18

Introduction: Numerous novels and movies through the years have been based on the subject of a future world leader commonly called the Antichrist. But as we will discover today, that leader -- and the one who will assist him in his rise to power -- are real persons who will serve as Satan's instruments for worldwide deception and damnation.

I. **The Beast Out Of The Sea: The Antichrist** (Revelation 13:1-10)

A. **Misconceptions about the Antichrist**

1. **He will be accepted, not rejected**
2. **He will be attractive, not repulsive**
3. **He will be extraordinary, not ordinary**

B. **Characteristics of the Antichrist** (Revelation 13:1-4)

Revelation 13:1-4 ¹“And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. ² And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. ³ I saw one of his heads as if it has been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; ⁴ they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?’”

1. **He is empowered by Satan**



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2. He will be a **Gentile**
3. He will be a **powerful ruler**
4. He will appear to experience a **resurrection**

C. **Activities of the Antichrist** (Revelation 13:5-8)

Revelation 13:5-8 ⁵ “There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. ⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.”

1. He will **blaspheme** God

2 Thessalonians 2:4 “[The man of lawlessness...the son of destruction] who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.”

2. He will **attack** God’s people
3. He will **attract** the worship of many

John 10:27-29 ²⁷ “[Jesus said] My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”



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D. Response to the First Beast (Revelation 13:9-10)

Revelation 13:9-10 ⁹ “If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.”

II. The Beast Out Of The Earth: The False Prophet (Revelation 13:11-18)

A. Characteristics of the False Prophet (Revelation 13:11)

Revelation 13:11 “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.”

- 1. He comes out of the earth**
- 2. He has less power than the Antichrist**
- 3. He speaks deceptively**

B. Activities of the False Prophet (Revelation 13:12-18)

Revelation 13:12-18 ¹² “He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given to him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. ¹⁵ And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷ and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”



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1. He will induce people to follow the Antichrist

Acts 17:30-31 ³⁰ “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, ³¹ because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

2. He will perform miraculous signs

Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24-25 ⁴ “And Jesus answered and said to them [the disciples], ‘See to it that no one misleads you. ⁵ For many [false prophets] will come in My name saying, “I am the Christ,” and will mislead many. ¹¹ Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you in advance.”

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 ¹¹ “For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, ¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.”

3. He will restrict commerce to those who do not worship the Antichrist

Revelation 13:16-17 ¹⁶ “And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷ and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.”

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2 Thessalonians 2:10 “...because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.”

Conclusion