

## SERMON NOTES

### Countdown to Armageddon “*The Antichrist who is Anti-Christ*” Sunday, May 3, 2020 – Online Sermon

*Text: Revelation 13*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. There is more clamoring for a one-world government at this time.
2. Did you know that this world is headed for **oneness and unity**?
  - **One world government --- under one political ruler.**
  - **One world church --- under one religious leader.**
3. One of the things that Revelation tells us is there will be a **person** who will come onto the **scene** who will **rule** the world = The Antichrist

#### I. THE PERSON OF THE ANTICHRIST

##### A. THE QUESTION – READ V. 1

- V. 1 – “Saw a beast rise up out of the sea” = Gentiles (Nations)
- The Antichrist rises up in the time of **political** and **economic** chaos.
- Read v. 2

#### EXPLANATION OF WORLD EMPIRES

First – Lion = Babylonian Empire  
Second – Bear = Medo-Persian Empire  
Third – Leopard = Grecian Empire  
Fourth – Roman Empire

- Now why is the Antichrist described as a lion, bear, leopard
  - He will be **swift** – as a **leopard** → to take over the world.
  - He will be **strong** – as a **bear** → no one can stand against him.
  - He will be **powerful** – as a **lion** → king of the jungle.
- V. 1 – “Ten horns = ten kings”

## B. THE QUEST

- The beast will head up a revived Roman Empire of 10 kingdoms.  
→ to eventually rule the world.
- **Where does his power come from?**
  - V. 2 = “...the dragon gave him his power and his seat and great authority”

\* This ruler will be filled with all the **fullness of Satan**.

\* Remember what **Satan** is like = “**Angel of Light**”

## II. THE POPULARITY OF THE ANTICHRIST – VS. 3-4

### A. HIS MIRACLE – v. 3

### B. HIS MIGHT

“We do not want another committee. We have too many already. We want a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people and to lift us up out of the economic chaos in which we are sinking. Send us such a man and – be he god or the devil – we will receive him.” Paul Henry Spaak

### III. THE PLAN OF THE ANTICHRIST

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#### A. HIS WORDS – Read v. 5

- His words are filled with blasphemy.
- What does he blaspheme? (V. 6)
  1. God's Hallowed **Person**
  2. God's Holy **Place**
  3. God's Heavenly **People**

#### B. HIS WAR

#### C. HIS WORSHIP

### IV. THE PARTNER OF THE ANTICHRIST

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1. The **Dragon** (Satan) imitates → God the **Father**.
2. The **Antichrist** imitates → God the **Son**.
3. The **False Prophet** imitates → God the **Holy Spirit**.

#### A. HIS DESCRIPTION

- Symbolically** – he looks like a **lamb**.
- “**Horns**” = **Power and authority**

#### B. HIS DESIRE – V. 12

- His desire** = to worship the **Beast**

### C. HIS DECEPTION – V. 12

- The **false prophet** becomes the **Chief Executive Officer** of the new empire under the beast.

“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”  
2 Thessalonians 2:8

### D. HIS DEMAND

- In the Tribulation – the beast will have a **demand**  
= **A simple mark stamped** on his forehead or hand.
  - **A token of allegiance.**
- The Antichrist will **control the commerce** of the world.
- No **mark – no transaction.**

## APPLICATION (STUDY) GUIDE

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Read John 8:44

How is Satan described in John 8:44?

What are some of the lies that Satan promotes today in our culture?

Anything that God deems good, Satan tries to distort, twist, or counterfeit. Can you name any that you’ve noticed in your lifetime?

The ultimate counterfeit will be during the end-times. When you hear the name “Antichrist,” what comes to your mind?

#### I. THE PERSON OF THE ANTICHRIST

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Read Revelation 13:1-2

The Antichrist is described as a world leader with great authority and power. Who gives him his power?

Why does Satan always try to oppose God and God’s people?

In what way does Satan try to oppose God today?

## **II. THE POPULARITY OF THE ANTICHRIST – VS. 3-4**

Read Revelation 13:3-4

Why do people worship the Antichrist?

Do people worship Satan today? And if so, how?

## **III. THE PLAN OF THE ANTICHRIST**

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Read Revelation 13:5-10

What does it mean to blaspheme against God?

What are some subtle things that you might do that could be considered a form of blasphemy?

Why does the Antichrist war against the saints to overcome them? Does he succeed?

Read 1 John 4:4. What great truth do you find and how does it give you assurance?

## **IV. THE PARTNER OF THE ANTICHRIST**

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According to Revelation 13:15, what happens to those who refuse to worship the beast?

What would you do in that situation knowing it would cost you your life?

From 1 to 10, how would you rate your devotion to your Savior?

Would you be willing to die for His name's sake?