

REVELATION 80 – THE ANTICHRIST'S BEGINNINGS

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SATAN'S GOAL: REUNIFICATION OF MAN TO HIM

- Since Babel, when Christ scattered the people, Satan has been working to reunite them under one leader (Ge 11:1-9; Da 2)
 - Second Age major theme; especially the Latter Days (2Ti 3:1-5; He 1:1-2)
 - Christ gathering Gentiles {Church} then Jews into His Kingdom (Ro II)
 - Satan corralling Lost into one centralized, socialism, kingdom (Ac 26:12-18)
- Latter Days {Last Days} comprised of two dualities:
 - Christ-Holy Spirit New Covenant salvation (Ac 2:1-4; Ep 1:3-14)
 - Satan banished to Earth; establishing his <u>opposing</u> throne (Re 12:7-12)

LAW OF IDENTITY: WHO IS ANTICHRIST?

- Antichrist Ultimate demon possession
 - <u>All who deny Christ are against</u> {anti} <u>Christ:</u> {Lost}-Men and Angels
 - Spirits, demons, <u>possess</u> people to function in empirical world; these unions usually unstable by demon or man (Mt 8:28-32; 2Pe 2:4; Jude 6)
 - Bar-Jesus Elymas, example of a <u>successful</u> alliance; most Lost probably have *low key* possession so they believe The Lie (Ac 13:4-12)
- Antichrist, man, will be possessed by high echelon demon willingly striving toward same goal (2Pe 2:12-20; Jude 8-11)

PROPHETIC LANGUAGE: DEFINES ANTICHRIST THE MONSTER

- Dragon stands on sands of sea {House built on sand} (Mt 7:24-27)
 - Recalls Daniel's vision of beast, monster, arising from Sin's Sea (Da 7:2-7)
 - Satan, same number heads-horns {Seven crowns} animal (Da 7:8; Re 12:3)
- Antichrist polyglot of Dragon's ancient HGDS cultures
 - Leopard {Greece}: Infused Gnosticism-Philosophy into Dialectic
 - Bear {Persia}: Finance-Comms unified Diversity into One (Is 45:1-7)
 - Lion {Babylon}: Hermeticism of Very Ancient World {Babel-Sumer} (Hab 1:13-17; 2:6-14)

ANTICHRIST'S CHARACTERISTICS: VIOLENCE AND CONTROL

- Satan's character: Lies Violence {Degradation-Death} (Ez 28:16; Jn 8:44)
- Antichrist mirrors his *father* fearlessly speaking against the *glorious ones*: Father, Son, Spirit (Da 7:19-26; 2Pe 2:10-12; Jude 8-10)
 - All antichrists, Lost, mirror their *father* Satan in these characteristics
 - He seeks to overthrow the times and seasons substituting Satan's standards, Socialism: Like French Revolution; only Metric survived
 - Receives Satan's <u>throne</u>, authority and ability to deceive based on Christless philosophy-religion: HGDS (2Th 2:3-12; Re 2:13)

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS: HEADS, HORNS, CROWNS AND NAMES

- Antichrist begins subtlety until he reveals Satan-him as god(s) (Da 9:27; 11:31-32; 12:10-11; Mt 24:15)
 - Seven heads: Foundational historic governments (Re 17:6-14)
 - Ten Horns: Ten rulers but three eliminated-Seven (Da 7:20, 24)
 - Ten Crowns: Authority from Satan
 - Blasphemous Names are Works-based religions: Hermeticism; Gnosticism; Catholicism; Zoroastrianism; Philosophy; etc. (Re 17:3)
 - Monster: Fierce, destructive, uncontrollable, irrational Lost
 - Most notable feature yet to come...Death-Resurrection