



REVELATION 85

FALSE PROPHET FALSE WORSHIP

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Revelation 13:12-14

CHRIST GIVES LIGHT: LAMP SHINING IN DARKNESS

- Christ promised believers, all ages, He would return
(Jn 14:18; He 13:5)
 - Saved given indwelling Holy Spirit, a sign of His promise (Jn 14:16-21; 16:7-11)
 - World will have the Two Witnesses just as the Egyptians had Moses and Jews had Jesus to judge the truth of: *Who is God?*
- Satan, ruler of the World, has his two emissaries (Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
 - Their message balanced by Truth of Christ's Two Witnesses
 - Issue: *Whom will you believe?* (Jos 24:14-15)

FALSE PROPHET: DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DECEIVE

- Just as Jesus was delegated power from the Father via the Spirit, the False Prophet (FP) has delegated *authority*
 - In presence of Antichrist (AC), focusing attention on AC
 - AC suffers a mortal wound; FP *restores* him {Who is more powerful?}
- FP stands with AC between the Two Witnesses (Re 11:4-5)
 - Satan shown more powerful when FP brings AC back to life, Messiah-like: Celebrate with Image
 - FP *allowed* to perform other *signs* deceiving Lost (2Th 2:3-12; 2Ti 3:1-4; 4:3-4)

HAND IN GLOVE: ONE PROMISES – ONE *PRODUCES*

- AC declares his ability to guide the world safely through its current disasters based on his deity as opposed to Christ
 - FP produces *miracles* that *appear* to legitimize AC's claims
 - Does not undo physical changes, he focuses attention of resurrection
- AC *appears* as god D/T his *resurrection*
 - FP deifies AC via The Image; True believers worship to *share* scarce goods: Non-worshippers, unbelievers {Socialism in practice}
 - Similar to Nebuchadnezzar's image of self-worship (Da 3:1-7)

WHY DO PEOPLE BELIEVE? PROMISE OF LIVING IN A DYING WORLD

- People experience cataclysmic changes with widespread death and destruction: *Who can save them?*
 - After three years of chaos, AC appears as savior
 - Hero's Journey: When hope seems to win, it is crushed: AC killed
 - AC appears Heroic by his *resurrection* {FP}: *He can save!*
 - Christ *appears* impotent but AC saved himself: False Dilemma
 - People seek salvation in AC {Saved himself-Save us} (Lk 23:28-31, 35-36)

PREPARING PEOPLE: *BUILD THE IMAGE*

- AC/FP *natural* belief resonate with Man
- Dark overcomes Light: *Resurrection*
- Empowers FP's Idol {*Emperor*} *Worship*
- Image focuses people's worship
- Choice: Accept/Reject Scripture (Jn 4:23-24)
 - Father is spirit and truth
 - True worship is in spirit and truth
- They say tolerance but demand death {*Intolerance*}; reveals their true nature

Marx's Socialism
 Lenin's Socialism
 Mao's Socialism
 Fascism Socialism
 Marcuse's Socialism
 Democratic Socialism
 Globalization Socialism
 Communism's Utopia

