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THE MID TRIBULATION EVENTS

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## THE WORSHIP OF THE ANTICHRIST

### Revelation 13:3–10

*<sup>3</sup> And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? <sup>5</sup> And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. <sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. <sup>8</sup> And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. <sup>9</sup> If any man have an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup> He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints (KJV).*

The world will see the counterfeit resurrection of the Antichrist from the dead and his power over the Two Witnesses who had tormented the unbelievers for the first 3 ½ years. Although the Two Witnesses will be resurrected, they will disappear from view and will no longer be heard from

again. The inhabitants of the earth will begin to worship the Antichrist as the king of the world and as god.

From Daniel chapter there emerged a non-descript beast from the Gentile Sea of humanity with ten horns. Then he saw an eleventh head and it is this head that is smitten unto death, but the death-stroke was healed by means of resurrection (v.3). Because he will give his authority to the Antichrist, men will begin worshipping Satan. Thus, Satan will become a counterfeit god the father. As the Father gave His authority to the true Son, Satan will give his authority to the counterfeit son. Just as the Father, is worshipped through the True Son, Satan will be worshipped through the counterfeit son (v.4). And so, men will worship him and will give him supreme glory by saying, *who is like unto the beast? And who is able to withstand him?* It should be noted that the worship is coming from the whole earth (v.3).

In verses 5-7a, the activities of the pseudo-god are related. He will speak great things and blasphemies (v.5a), declare himself to be god, and call all men to begin worshipping him. He will be given authority to continue for 42 months (v.5b), which is equivalent to 3 ½ years, and so his control is to extend throughout the second half of the Tribulation. He will blaspheme against all that is in Heaven, both God and all those who are there (v.6). He will war against the saints and overcome them (v.7a), as is evident from his murder of the Two Witnesses, and he will continue to persecute all believers in Christ. He will also hold political authority over the earth, for he will be given authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. What is stated in verses 5-7 is also found in Daniel 7:25.

At this point in time, he will not only have political authority over the whole world (v.7b), but he will also have religious authority over all the earth (v.8), and all unbelievers will worship him that have not had their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

In light of all this, a warning is given (vv.9-10). The very way that men will treat the saints, God will treat them. If they enslave the saints god will enslave them. If they kill the saints, they will be killed. This is the word of patience to the saints. It is a word of encouragement and comfort to believers living in this period of persecution. They will understand that whatever suffering they will undergo, God will in turn judge those perpetrating the persecution in the same way.

## THE FALSE PROPHET

### Revelation 13:11-15

*<sup>11</sup> And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. <sup>12</sup> And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, <sup>14</sup> and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. <sup>15</sup> And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both*

*... speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed (KJV).*

We are now dealing with the counterfeit spirit in the form of the False Prophet. Following the rise of the first beast, the Antichrist, John saw a second beast come out of the earth (as over against Heaven), thus emphasizing his humanity. He will appear like a lamb, giving the appearance of a true religious character, and thus deceive many. But he will speak like a dragon and so will betray his true nature, for he will be an agent of Satan, who throughout the book is portrayed as a dragon. This second beast is elsewhere called the False Prophet (16:13; 19:20; 20:10).

His activities as the counterfeit Holy Spirit are now spelled out (vv.12-15). As the Holy Spirit exercises equal authority with the True Son, the False Prophet will exercise equal authority with the false son (Antichrist) (v.12a). Just as the Holy Spirit calls all men to worship the resurrected Son, the False Prophet will call all men to worship the resurrected counterfeit son whose death-stroke was healed (v.12b). In order to fully carry out the deception, the False Prophet will have the power of the counterfeit spiritual gifts of miracles and will perform signs for the purpose of deception (vv.13-14a). After convincing the world of the supremacy of the Antichrist, he will command men to make an image of the Beast. After the image is made, it will be given life by the False Prophet. This power of giving life will be another factor why men will worship the Antichrist and the image, and those who refuse to do so are put to death (vv.14b-15). This completes the counterfeit trinity.

#### 666: THE MARK OF THE BEAST

##### Revelation 13:16-18

*<sup>16</sup> And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: <sup>17</sup> and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (KJV).*

In keeping with the complete counterfeit nature of the unholy trinity they will also counterfeit the supernatural sealing on the foreheads of the saints. The counterfeit seal is called the mark of the beast. This is a mark that will allow anyone who receives it on the forehead or the right hand (v.16) to be able to conduct commerce. It will be like a super passport. This has nothing to do with banking, credit or money systems since it will be one mark for all not an individual number for each person. The text gives us five clues as to its identification:

1. The name of the Beast
2. The number of his name.
3. The number of the Beast.
4. The number of a man.
5. The number is 666.

This man is the last earthly ruler of the final form of the Fourth Gentile Empire.

The Hebrew alphabet has 22 letters. Because Hebrew has no numerals letters are used to signify numbers and quantity. Greek is similarly constructed. It is no coincidence that our Bibles are written in Hebrew and Greek. Therefore, one can tell numbers from the context of the Hebrew sentences. For example, Aleph, which is the first letter, is 1. They then moving through the next successive 21 letters ending with Tav we have the following succession:

2, 3, 4,5 6,7,8,9,10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 200, 300, and 400.

By assigning each letter in a person's name a numerical value we can evaluate everyone's name. For example, Christ's name would add up to the value of 749. This is called gematria. Gematria is the calculation of the numerical equivalence of letters, words, or phrases, and, on that basis, gaining, insight into interrelation of different concepts and exploring the interrelationship between words and ideas. So, on this basis the Antichrist's name will be calculated from the gematria of Hebrew text. We may be here to see him and only then we can conclusively identify him.

#### THIRTY-THREE BIBLICAL NAMES FOR THE ANTICHRIST- OLD TESTAMENT

1. Adversary; Psalms 74:8-10; Amos 3:11
2. Assyrian; Isaiah 10:5, 12
3. Belial; Nahum 1:15
4. Bloody and Deceitful Man; Psalm5:6
5. Branch of the Terrible Ones; Isaiah 25:5; Isaiah 14:19
6. Chief Prince; Ezekiel 38:2
7. Crooked Serpent; Job 26:13; Isaiah 14:19
8. Cruel One; Jeremiah 30:14; 23
9. Destroyer of the Gentiles; Jeremiah 4:7
10. Enemy; Psalm 55:3; Jeremiah 30:14; 23
11. Evil Man; Psalm140:1
12. Head over many Countries Psalm 110:6
13. Head of the Northern Army Joel 2:20
14. Idol Shepherd; Zechariah 11:16-17
15. King of Princes; Hosea 8:10
16. King of Babylon; Isaiah 14:11-20
17. Little Horn; Daniel 7:8-11, 21-26; 8:9-12, 23-25
18. Man of the earth; Psalm 10:18
19. Merchant, deceit, oppress; Hosea 12:7
20. Mighty Man; Psalm 52:1
21. Nail; Isaiah 22:25
22. Prince That Shall Come; Daniel 9:26
23. Prince of Tyre; Ezekiel 28:2-10
24. Profane Wicked Prince of Israel; Ezekiel 21:25-27
25. Proud Man; Habakkuk 2:5
26. Rod of God's Anger; Isaiah10:5
27. Seed of the Serpent; Genesis 3:15
28. Son of the Morning; Isaiah 14:12

29. Spoiler, Destroyer; Isaiah 16:4-5
30. Vile Person; Daniel 11:21
31. Violent Man; Psalm 140:1, 10, 11
32. Wicked, Wicked One; Psalm 9:17; 10:2, 4; Isaiah 11:4; Jeremiah 30:14, 23
33. Willful King; Daniel 11:36

#### OVER TWELVE BIBLICAL NAMES FOR THE ANTICHRIST-NEW TESTAMENT

1. Angel of the Bottomless Pit; Revelation 9:11
2. Antichrist; I John 2:18, 22
3. Beast; Revelation 11:7, 13
4. Father of the Lie; John 8:44; 2 Thessalonians 2:11
5. Lawless One; 2 Thessalonians 2:8
6. Man of Sin; 2 Thessalonians 2:3
7. One Come in His Own Name; John 5:43
8. Prince of Darkness; 2 Thessalonians 2:3
9. Son of Perdition; 2 Thessalonians 2:3
10. Star; Revelation 8:10; 9:1
11. Unclean Spirit; Matthew 12:43
12. Vine of the earth; Revelation 14:18

#### CAPABILITIES OF THE ANTICHRIST-SIMILAR TO ADOLPH HITLER:

1. Big Mouth: Daniel 7:8, 11, 20
2. The Son of Satan: Genesis 3:15
3. Intellectual Genius: Daniel 7:20; Ezekiel 28:3
4. Oratorical Genius: Daniel 7:20; Revelation 13:2
5. Political Genius: Daniel 11:21
6. Commercial Genius: Daniel 8:25; Revelation 13:17; Daniel 11:38; 43; Ezekiel 28:4-5
7. Military Genius: Daniel 8:24; Revelation 6:2; Revelation 13:4; Isaiah 14:16
8. Governmental Genius: Revelation 13:1-2, 17:17
9. Religious Genius: II Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 13:3, 14, 15

#### THE SEVEN-YEAR COVENANT BROKEN

Daniel 11:40-45

*<sup>40</sup> And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. <sup>41</sup> He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. <sup>42</sup> He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. <sup>43</sup> But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. <sup>44</sup> But tidings out of the east and out*

*of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. <sup>45</sup> And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him (KJV).*

The Antichrist will invade Israel. This is made clear from Daniel 11:41 where the text tells us that “He shall enter also into the glorious land.” This invasion includes the breaking of the seven-year covenant that he will make with Israel. We further noted earlier that the signing of the covenant initiated the Tribulation. True believers in Jesus the Messiah who have given their lives to Him through belief will be caught away in the rapture sometime before the signing of the covenant.

At the exact middle of the Tribulation or 3 ½ years he will break the covenant. One passage, from states that the covenant will be annulled. There are several more which we will examine in the next event to be studied, “The Abomination of Desolation.”

Isaiah 28:14–22

*<sup>14</sup>Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, That rule this people which is in Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup> Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, And with hell are we at agreement; When the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood have we hid ourselves: <sup>16</sup> Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, A tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: He that believeth shall not make haste. <sup>17</sup> Judgment also will I lay to the line, And righteousness to the plummet: And the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters shall overflow the hiding place. <sup>18</sup> And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, And your agreement with hell shall not stand; When the overflowing scourge shall pass through, Then ye shall be trodden down by it. <sup>19</sup> From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: For morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: And it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. <sup>20</sup> For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: And the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. <sup>21</sup> For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, That he may do his work, his strange work; And bring to pass his act, his strange act. <sup>22</sup> Now therefore be ye not mockers, Lest your bands be made strong: For I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts A consumption, even determined Upon the whole earth. (KJV).*

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