

**THE COMING OF THE LORD
THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH–THE FALSE PROPHET
REVELATION 13:11-15**

Introduction

In our last three messages in Revelation, we have looked at *the Antichrist*. We saw how that the *Antichrist* was the direct opposite of Jesus Christ.

This week, we are confronted with the *Anti-holy spirit – The False Prophet*. *The False Prophet* will be the direct opposite of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. The Holy Spirit Leads Men Into All Truth (John 16:13), While The False Prophet Will Seduce Men Into All Error. (Revelation 13:11-14)**
- 2. The Holy Spirit Glorifies Christ (John 16:13-14), While The False Prophet Will Glorify The Antichrist. (Revelation 13:12)**
- 3. The Holy Spirit Made Fire To Come Down From Heaven At Pentecost (Acts 2:3), While The False Prophet Will Do Likewise On Earth In View Of Men. (Revelation 13:13)**
- 4. The Holy Spirit Gives Life (Romans 8:2), While The False Prophet Kills. (Revelation 13:15)**
- 5. The Holy Spirit Marks With A Seal All Those Who Belong To God. (Ephesians 1:13) While The False Prophet Marks Those Who Worship Satan. (Revelation 13:16-17)**

The Antichrist will be the governmental, economic, and military leader. *The False Prophet* will be the leader of false religion.

There will be a one world religion! It's coming and is even now on it's way. The world is getting ready for the advent of a new global community that will embrace all religions. (Ecumenical Movement)

Let's look in detail at this evil one known as The Beast From The Earth– The False Prophet.

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I. THE APPEARANCE OF THE BEAST. (Vs 11)

A. “Out Of The Earth.”

Literally means “*from the land.*”

Probably from Israel, possibly even a Jew.

B. Two Horns.

Power and authority. (But, no crowns)

C. Like A Lamb.

Speaks of gentleness and association with Christ.

But, this is the Anti-Lamb!

He claims authority as the chosen of God.

People will flock to hear anyone who claims to speak for God!

D. Speaks As A Dragon.

(Note: “Dragon” is one of Satan’s names)

1. With deceptiveness. (Falls in line with Scripture!)
1 Timothy 4:1–“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”
2. He is intent on devouring people’s lives and souls. (Falls in line with his Satanic association!)
1 Peter 5:8–“Be sober be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”
3. Satan is a liar and every demon is a liar.
John 8:44–“When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

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THE APPEARANCE OF THE BEAST.

II. THE AUTHORITY OF THE BEAST. (Vs 12)

- A. He is empowered by the devil and acts with the authority of the *Antichrist*.
- B. He causes the world to worship the *Antichrist* and Devil.
Re: Anti-Christ, *2 Thessalonians 2:4*—“*Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*”

Think of the repulsiveness of devil worship! One day, almost the entire world will do it and think they are worshipping God come down to man!

III. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BEAST. (Vs 13-15)

A. He Will Perform Miracles!

1. **He Will Call Fire Down From Heaven. (Vs 13)**
This is reminiscent of what the man of God, Elijah, did in 1 Kings 18 before the prophets of Baal!

Malachi 4:5—“*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.*”

(A duplicate of Elijah’s miracle?)

We need to understand that not all miracles are of God. Examples:

Pharaoh’s magicians duplicated Moses miracles in Exodus 7:11-12 (**rod became a serpent**)

Exodus 7:22 (**water turned to blood**)

Exodus 8:7 (**frogs**)

Exodus 8:18-19 (**But NOT the lice**)

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Exodus 8:19—“*Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God.*”

What about the present day Charismatic movement?
(None have raised the dead!)
Magician David Blaine.

Not all men of God do miracles! John the Baptist didn’t!
John 10:41—“*And many resorted unto him, and said John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.*”

Matthew 11:11—“*Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen greater than John the Baptist..*”

2. **He Will Use Miracles To Convince People To Become Idolaters! (Vs 14)**

3. **He Makes The Image Of The Beast To Move, Speak and Demand Worship. (Vs 15)**

All who refuse to worship the image are destroyed.
How will this happen? Robotics? Virtual Reality? Or some other deception? We don’t know!

- B. He Will Cause People To Receive The Mark Of The Beast! (Vs 16-18)**

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Conclusion:

As we conclude these thoughts on this second beast, let me ask you some questions.

- 1) How open are you to new forms of worship?
- 2) Do you believe that all religions can operate under the same umbrella?
- 3) How important is pure doctrine to you personally?
- 4) Do you think it is acceptable to worship with people of a different faith?

In these last days, we are seeing more and more of these things coming to pass. We are seeing an erosion of the truth and a disappearance of the distinctives that mark us from others.