

Lesson: Two Hundred thirty one

Series: Signs of the End.

Title:. The Antichrist, Part 4

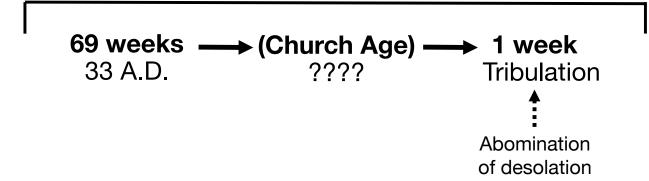
Text: Revelation 13:1-10

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The signs of Christ's return

- 1. Spiritual deception
- 2. World-wide conflict
- 3. Natural disasters
- 4. Persecution of believers
- 5. Defection from faith
- 6. Proclamation of the faith
- 7. Abomination of desolation

The 70 Weeks of Daniel



Chapters 2, 7, 9 of Daniel's Outline of the Future

70 Weeks 69 Weeks 1 Week Church **Tribulation** 10 kings Silver **Bronze** Gold Iron / Clay Iron 2. Medo-Persian 3. Greek 4. Roman 1. Babylonian 5. R. Roman Lion Bear Leopard Beast **Antichrist**

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the **abomination of desolation** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

Outline for the book of Revelation

Revelation 1:19 "Therefore write the things which you **HAVE** seen, and the things which **ARE**, and the things which **WILL** take place after these things.

Outline for the entire book of Revelation

2 **PRESENT PAST FUTURE Chapter 1 Chapters 2-3 Chapters 4-22** "The things The things The things which which you which ARE will take place HAVE seen" 96 A.D. **AFTER this** Vision of Christ The seven-year Evaluation of 7 Churches & commission **Tribulation**

First sign

Revelation 12:1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman (Israel) clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

Second sign

Revelation 12:3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a **GREAT RED DRAGON** having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.

"great, red dragon" - Satan

War in heaven between Satan / Michael

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was **THROWN DOWN**, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was **thrown down to the earth**, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 12:12 "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time."

Chapter 12 - Satan in the heavens

Chapter 13 - He is cast to the earth and will rise to power.

Revelation 13:1–10 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; 4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" 5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

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"dragon" - 12:3 "great read dragon"
[drakon] -
"sand of the seashore" - Countless #'s of people
"stood" (passive voice) - God caused him to stand.
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Then I saw a **BEAST** coming up out of the sea,

Who is this beast? -	
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The fact that John calls him a "beast" gives us a couple of insights about his origin and character.

1. Although he will be a human, God sees him as wild animal.

His nature is like that of Satan's.

"ten horns" - "seven heads" "ten diadems"

Satan

Revelation 12:3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having **SEVEN HEADS** and **TEN HORNS**, and on his heads were SEVEN **DIADEMS**.

Antichrist

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They share the same nature, goals, and power.

2. Although he is a single person, he also represents the 10 king federation.

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard (Greece), and his feet were like those of a bear (Medo-Persia), and his mouth like the mouth of a lion (Babylon).

2b And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

The Antichrist will rise to power amid the frightening and unprecedented chaos of the Tribulation.

Another reason he will rise to power.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

Who is "he"?

"until he is taken out of the way"

8 Then that lawless one **(Antichrist)** will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

The only one who can restrain sin (the secret	
rebellion of God) is the	
Since believers are sealed with Him, this must be	
referring to the .	

The abomination of desolation.

3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

"wound" - Important (12, 14)

"Who" or "what" is being slain?

Not the Roman empire.

1. The pronouns suggest it is a person.

"HIS fatal wound was healed"

Revelation 13:12 He **(false prophet)** exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

Revelation 13:14 And he **(false prophet)** deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Revelation 17:8 "The beast **(ANTICHRIST)** that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction.

"was" - Reference to his rise of power.

"is not" - Reference to his death.

"is about to come up" - Reference to his resurrection

Revelation 17:11 "The beast which was and is not, is **himself** also an eighth and is one of the seven, and **HE** goes to destruction.

Will the event be real or fake?

Three reasons why it will be a deception.

1. Jesus began the Olivet Discourse by warning that we not be mislead. (24:15 "abomination of desolation")

2. The unholy trinity will overrate through deception.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

Revelation 13:14 And he **(false prophet)** deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the **signs** which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast,....

3. It must be counterfeit because of what is at stake.

If Satan can resurrect someone from the dead, then how do we know that the resurrection of Christ wasn't the work of Satan?

Raising the dead in Scripture is reserved for God

John 5:21 "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast,

The aim - "worship the dragon"

Those who worship fals	se prophets are	unwittingly
engaging in		worship.

1 Corinthians 10:20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to **demons** and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

4b "saying, who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

"Who is like"

5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

"forty-two months"

Rev. 11:2 - "forty-two months"

Rev. 11:3 - "twelve hundred and sixty days

Rev. 12:14 - "time, times, and half a time"

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

"It was also given to him"

8 All who dwell on the earth *(Unbelievers)* will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

"book of life of the Lamb"

Revelation 3:5 'He who overcomes (*Believers*) will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the **book of life**, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

1 John 5:4–5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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"what the Spirit says to the churches"

10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

When persecution comes, we ar	e to depend on and trust
in God's	and not take
matters into our own hands.	

Discussion Guide

- 1. As a result of today's lesson, how have your thoughts changed regarding the Antichrist? Did you learn anything new? If so, what was it?
- 2. What are the two reasons the Antichrist will be so powerful during the Tribulation?
- 3. We will be studying the rapture in detail. Do you believe in a literal rapture? If so, when do you believe it will occur?
- 4. We can't dogmatically say that the "fatal wound that was healed" will be real or a counterfeit. Based on the evidence given this morning, what do you believe?
- 5. The Antichrist has not yet risen to power if he is alive. What do you see taking place in our world that might be preparing the way for his arrival?
- 6. How does Revelation 13:8 support the doctrine of election and the perseverance of the saints?

Sermon for October 4 will be from Revelation 13:11-18

ANSWERS: Antichrist, Holy Sprit, Rapture, satanic, providence