

## REVELATION: Lesson 118

### Chapter 13:1-17, The Antichrist: His Names, His Character, How He Rises to Power

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#### Revelation chapter 13:

**The Beast:** a political leader over the government of the world. This is the Antichrist.

**The False Prophet:** a religious leader who turns the world governments over to the Beast.

**The number 13:** connected with rebellion. Revelation 13 introduces the Antichrist (Beast) and False Prophet. Revelation 13:13 shows us that all the rebellion leads to the world trusting a religious leader who can perform miracles.

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#### The Names Given to the Devil's Man

- **Rev 13:1-2** The Dragon will give power to the (1) **Beast** as he rises up to power.
  - **2 Thess 2:3, 8** (2) **That man of sin**, (3) **the son of perdition**, (4) **that Wicked** revealed.
  - **1 John 2:18** (5) **Antichrist** (contrasted with "many antichrists"). This is the real deal.
1. **The Beast:** evolution teaches that we came from beasts. The super Beast will be the final outworking of the evolutionary philosophy.
    - a. Adolph Hitler was a practicing Darwinian. He killed millions of people that he truly believed would weaken the human gene pool and prevent the evolutionary process and the survival of the human race.
  2. **That man of sin:** he will be the end result of 6,000 years of sin in the human race that continues to gradually grow worse and worse until it brings forth that man of sin.
    - a. Not only are unsaved people committing sins more openly, but today's Christians are accepting sin, ignoring sin, and taking pleasure in those who commit sin (Rom 1:32).
  3. **The son of perdition:** perdition refers to the utter loss of the soul. He'll be the worst of the worst.
  4. **That Wicked:** That's what God has named him.
  5. **The Antichrist:** "Anti" = opposed to. "Anti" = like or counterfeit. This is a man who opposes Jesus Christ by trying to convince people that he IS Jesus Christ.
    - a. Why would people believe that *the Beast, that man of sin, the son of perdition*, called *that Wicked* could possibly be Jesus Christ?
      - i. Religion will have to become so corrupted and full of sin that you can't tell the difference between the activities of the churches and the activities of the world.
      - ii. Today churches are closing their eyes to known sin in the church, even welcoming it.
      - iii. Today preachers who preach against sin are criticized and attacked by saved people.
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## The Antichrist's Four Steps Toward Power

1. He will emphasize signs, wonders, and miracles instead of the Holy Bible (**Rev 13:12-14, 2 Thess 2:9**).
2. He will emphasize SELF exaltation instead of exalting the Lord Jesus Christ (**2 Thess 2:4, Dan 8:25**).
  - a. Humanism: “a rationalist outlook or system of thought attaching prime importance to human rather than divine or supernatural matters.”
  - b. Today Bible teachers and preachers are being exchanged for “Christian psychologists” who place the emphasis on you.
  - c. Christianity today emphasizes the MAN (the preacher) rather than that which is preached.
3. His movement will emphasize Heaven without JESUS—instead of JESUS.
  - a. The leopard integrates many different colors and several beasts (**Rev 13:2**).
  - b. In **Genesis 11:1-9** people who wanted to go to Heaven got together and invented a “way” to get to Heaven without God.
    - i. This is the basis for all religions: men inventing systems that require them to do something to get themselves to Heaven.
      1. Each manmade religion leaves plenty of room for the unrepentant sinner to go to Heaven. Many residents of Hell are incorrectly believed to be in Heaven.
    - ii. God segregated people by giving them different languages so they could no longer unite their ideas and desires and efforts in manmade endeavors that leave God out.
    - iii. According to **Acts 17:24-27**, God created the bounds of their habitation so people would seek the Lord instead of seeking Heaven.
      1. Men are still attempting to cross those boundaries placed by God. They send satellites into space so that there is communication between people all around the Earth.
        - a. The Antichrist will use the inter—NET to catch his prey by means of the worldwide WEB. He’ll try to undo God’s work of segregation so everybody can get together and worship the Beast.
        - b. The Antichrist will also need to create a bible that will be accepted by the world, an International Version that is non-offensive.
    - c. **Ephesians 2:11-14** speaks of the only unity between different cultures that is approved by God; those who are united in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
      - i. Any organization that promotes unity at any cost (Ecumenical movement) is unbiblical and ungodly. Where Christ is preached, we can unite. Where the preaching of Christ is prohibited, that is the work of the Antichrist.
  4. He will emphasize *peace* and *prosperity* instead of self-denial and sacrificial living (**Daniel 8:24-25**).
    - a. He will convince people that gain is godliness (1 Tim 6:5).
    - b. He’ll teach “Peace on earth, good will toward men,” but not “Glory to God in the highest” (Luke 2:14).
    - c. He will bring about a perceived peace and prosperity for a time to win over the people of the world and convince them that he is the God worthy of worship.

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What is the evidence that we are living in the last days today? A widespread abandonment of biblical Christianity in favor of a Darwinian secular humanism CALLED Christianity.