

The False Prophet

Revelation 13:11-18

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I. Introduction

- A. The beast from the sea – vs. 1-10
 - 1. Called the “man of sin” (II Thessalonians 2:3); The Antichrist (I John 2:18)
 - 2. He is one of the 10 kings of verse (17:12) and first appears in the first half of the Tribulation (6:2)
 - 3. He is a man but controlled by Satan – v. 4
- B. The beast from the land – vs. 11-18
 - 1. He will promote the worship of the Antichrist v. 12
 - 2. He is called the False Prophet (16:13; 19:20; 20:10)
 - 3. Ryrie calls him the Antichrist lieutenant

II. The Best from the Earth – vs. 11-18

- A. His Description – v. 11
 - 1. He comes up out of the earth
 - a. This may simply mean he comes from among men and not from heaven
 - b. “the earth” may be “the land” or Palestine, thus a Jew
 - 2. He has two horns yet looks like a lamb
 - a. Horns speak of his power
 - b. The first beast is a political figure, the second will be a religious figure
 - c. He speaks as a dragon
 - i. His appearance may be meek, like a lamb, but his words will be harsh and cruel.
- B. His Duties – v. 12
 - 1. His authority is equal to that of the Antichrist – v. 4
 - 2. He promotes the worship of the Antichrist (as does the Holy Spirit for Jesus in John 16:13, 14)
- C. His Deception – vs. 13-15
 - 1. He performs great miracles – v. 13
 - a. See Matthew 24:34; II Thessalonians 2:9, 10; Exodus 7:11, 22
 - 2. He deceives the people and promotes the building of an image to the Antichrist – v. 14
 - a. See also: 14:9-11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4

- 3. He causes life to come to the image – v. 15a
 - a. This may be the moment Daniel and Jesus called the Abomination of Desolation
 - i. Daniel 9:27
 - ii. Matthew 24:15
 - b. See also II Thessalonians 2:3-8
- 4. Failure to worship the image results in death – v. 15b
 - a. Nebuchadnezzar – Daniel 3
 - b. Herod – Acts 12:20-23
 - c. Nero } Historical Examples
- 5. A warning! Beware of Biblical Illiteracy
 - a. Deception is no excuse
 - b. Ignorance of the law is no excuse
 - c. It is an open book test! See Deuteronomy 13:1-4; I Kings 13

Hungry
Angry
Lonely
Tired

- D. His Decal – vs. 16-18
 - 1. “mark” - an impression made by a stamp
 - 2. It must appear on the right hand or forehead
 - 3. His mark is that of a man – 666
 - a. Genesis 1:26-31
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar’s image was 60 cubits high, 6 cubits wide – Daniel 3:1
 - c. Somehow in the future this number will identify him
- E. His Destiny
 - 1. Revelation 19:19-21; 20:10
 - 2. Matthew 25:41, 46