

Sister Shelbia opened us with prayer

Our Father Which Art in Heaven, We are so thankful that you let us get together like this. You are our rock – our provider. We are so thankful for your salvation; and the Bible, which is the only truth! We know that ‘you are the way, the truth, and the life’. I’m so thankful for each lady that participates in our Bible study. You have a purpose for each of us. Anoint this meeting and each lady. Give purpose to their life. Our families are our mission field. Please help us fulfill our purpose for being here. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Pastor Robert Jeffress:

In his novel “The Brothers Karamazov” written by Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky, has a character called the grand inquisitor who makes the argument of given the choice between freedom and security, most people will choose security.

You know that’s a debate we are having in our country right now The balance between freedom and security. It’s a debate I had early this morning on Fox and Friends with somebody. What is the balance between freedom and security? Now there are no right answers to these questions but I want you to think about it because its not always as black and white as you think it is.

For example, are we willing to give up the freedom to choose our own doctors for the promise of security of universal healthcare, not only for us but for our children and grandchildren? Are we willing to give up freedom on the second amendment that allows anyone to have any number of guns they want for any reason? Are we willing to trade this in for the security of our children’s schools from a mass shooter.

Are we willing to give up the freedom of our money in order to pay taxes that guarantee a bottom line existence for every human being? A straight level of income for all? Where is the balance between freedom and security?

In the past, tyrants like Hitler, Stalin, and Ho Chi Minh have all used the promise of security to their people to accumulate great power and become the dictators they were.

And the Bible teaches that in the final 7 years of earths history, there will be another dictator who will rise to power, not by force, but by people willingly saying they will give up their freedom for the promise of security. Its that final great world leader and his assistant who will have final ascent to world power, that is our focus in Revelation today.

Revelation 13, as we look at the diabolical duo, remember, where we are in the final 7 years of earth history.

John has described the first two sets of judgments in earth's history. The seal and trumpet judgments. There's just one more series of judgments in Revelation 16 – the worst of all - the bowl judgments. These will climax in Armageddon and the return of Jesus Christ.

But after the sounding of the 7th trumpet, John has paused to explain some other aspects of the tribulation we need to understand. In Revelation 12 and 13, John is going to explain what it is that is causing the great tribulation on the earth; and the answer is in the satanic trinity. The satanic trinity of Satan (the dragon), the antichrist, and the false prophet are the unholy trinity that is responsible for the great tribulation.

The last time we met, we looked in Revelation 12 at the dragon (satan) and the role he plays in the great tribulation. Now in Revelation 13, we look at the other members of the **unholy trinity - the antichrist and the false prophet.**

Let's first of all look at the beast who comes out of the sea. **The antichrist.** Let's look at some misconceptions you have about the antichrist:

1. **He will be accepted by the masses of people, not rejected.** Remember, after the rapture of the church, millions of Christians disappear as they are taken into heaven. The world will be thrown into chaos. The economy will be in chaos, gifted workers will be taken, the world will be in chaos and out of chaos will emerge the one, the antichrist who will promise peace. He will be accepted, not rejected. Revelation 6:2 pictures him as the rider on the horse who has no arrows. He will need no army to take over world power.
2. **He will be attractive, not repulsive.** When we think of the antichrist we think of the man beast. But he's very attractive in his appearance.
3. **He will be extraordinary, not ordinary.** He will be like nothing this world has ever seen. Someone has written about the antichrist, everything about him will be extraordinary. He will possess the eloquence of Abraham Lincoln, the charm of John F. Kennedy, the wit of Winston Churchill, the military genius of Napoleon, the visionary viewpoint of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the intelligence of Albert Einstein. Now with that introduction let's look at the antichrist and his characteristics mentioned in verses 1-4.

Revelation 13:

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 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.

4 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?

You notice the 4 characteristics:

1. **He's empowered by satan.** Satan is standing on the seashore looking over the sea. He is waving his hand over the sea and out of the sea comes the antichrist who is empowered by satan.
2. **He'll be a Gentile.** Daniel 7 – talks about the sea of humanity.

Daniel 7:

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my

3. **Out of the sea comes the four Gentile nations:** Medo-Persia, Rome, Babylon, Greece.

He will be Gentile.

4. **He'll be a powerful ruler.** He's described as having 10 horns. Horns are a symbol of having strength in the Bible. The 10 horns represent the 10 final world nations over which the antichrist will preside.

5. **He'll be the head of world wide empires in history** from John's perspective.

Revelation 17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, Medo-Persia have fallen. One is currently and one is yet to come – the revived Roman Empire (10 nation confederacy) over which the antichrist will preside with his **unusual Qualities - A leopard – strength; the majesty- of a lion; the brutality - of a bear.** *The most vivid characteristic of the antichrist is that he will appear to experience a resurrection. John said he sees one of his heads having a mortal, fatal wound, but the antichrist comes back to life again. Some believe this refers to a political death the antichrist has; but Jeffress thinks he's talking about an actual physical wound he experiences and then he appears to come back to life again.*

That raises a lot of questions. Does satan have the power to raise someone from the dead? Or is it reserved to God? If it is, does he give satan the power to raise from the dead? Or is there another possible explanation? I'll talk about that in just a moment. People will believe it's a resurrection that's occurred and they will follow after the Beast because of it. What are his activities? What will he do here on earth? Notice 3 activities, described by Chapter 13: 5-8.

5 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.

How long is this? 3 ½ years.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

He blasphemes God's name, the tabernacle and those saints who live in heaven.

7 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.

8 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.

Everyone whose name was not written in the Lamb's book of life from the foundation of the world, will be slain.

Notice his 3 activities:

He will not be fearful to **blaspheme the name of God.** He will **claim to be God himself** and he will **say horrible things about the True God.**

We find further elaboration on this in **2 Thessalonians 2:4.** Paul writes - *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.* Remember the tribulation begins with the antichrist signing a peace treaty with Israel, but half way through that treaty, the antichrist

breaks it. At the 3 ½ year mark Jesus says the antichrists actions will be called **the abomination of desolation** when the antichrist breaks this treaty. Daniel called it that too. When the antichrist breaks that peace treaty and calls himself God and takes his seat on the throne in the temple of God, in Jerusalem.

By the way, Caligula, the Roman emperor, desired to make a statue of himself and place it in the Jewish temple. But he died before he was able to accomplish that task. The antichrist will accomplish what Caligula could never accomplish.

1. **He will blaspheme the name of God.** He will claim to be God. He will attack God's people.
2. **He will make war with the saints.** Who are the saints? 144,000 of Jewish witnesses and those that are saved (Jews and Gentiles alike) during the tribulation.
3. **The antichrist will attract the worship of many.** (Verse 8) And all those who dwell on the earth will worship him. Everyone? What about the Christians and the Jews? This refers to those that are earthly minded. Its those whose names have NOT been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life (the lambs book of life, who has been slain) that contains the names of the redeemed. **At the white throne judgment it says that if any mans name is not written in the lambs book of life, he is cast into the lake of fire and tormented there day and night forever and ever. The book of life is the redeemed.** When the names of the redeemed were written in the book of life, the Bible says these names of the redeemed were written in this book before the world was created. Before the foundation of the world. How are we to understand that? There are some people who believe that because Jesus died for our sins, all human beings who ever lived has had his name written in this book. But if you die without trusting in Jesus as your savior, your name is erased from the book of life. There are some passages that say a name is erased from the book of life. Perhaps God knew who was going to be saved and who wasn't. Regardless, if you are a Christian and your name is written in this book, you are secure forever and will live in eternity with Christ. Look at ***John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.***

Look at the response to the beast in Revelation 13:9 and 10

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 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.

Have you ever heard of the doctrine, the perseverance of the saints? How will we know who is truly saved? Those who persevere until the end. Those who don't persevere don't lose their salvation cause they were never saved. Now this is the antichrist. **All true believers will persevere until the end.**

John describes the third person of the unholy unity: **The false prophet.**

11 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.

The false prophet – 3 characteristics:

1. **Comes out of the earth** – in John's day people were terrified of the water cause they couldn't see what was underneath. *John is suggesting this false prophet is not quite as fearsome as the antichrist because he comes out of the earth.*
2. **He has less power than the antichrist** – the antichrist has 10 horns. This false prophet has 2 horns – 2 symbols of power. Revelation 17, The false prophet presides over a religious and a political empire. He has less power than the antichrist.
3. **He speaks deceptively.** He has 2 horns like a lamb. A lamb is warm, fuzzy and cuddly and everyone likes a lamb. He will have that appearance to people and speak very smoothly. He's like a lamb, but make no mistake about it, he speaks like the dragon, for Satan himself which is why he speaks deceptively but very smoothly. He speaks like the dragon (Satan) himself, which is why he's the false prophet. Everything he says is a lie. He's a false prophet.

Revelation 16:13 – And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

How does he assist the antichrist. At the beginning of the 7 years of tribulation, as the antichrist ascends to power, the false prophet is primarily a religious figure who presides over the apostate church. Revelation 17 calls this apostate church the whore of Babylon. I don't think you can point to any one church and say oh, that's the false church. This false religion may be 1 part Protestant, 2 parts new age, and another part Catholic. But the antichrist will allow the false prophet to preside over the apostate church. Perhaps it will be a popular televangelist who will cause people to follow him. However, when the peace covenant is broken the false church is broken by the false prophet and he moves over into the political realm for the final 3 ½ years of earth's history.

What are the activities of the false prophet? What will he do? Look at verses 12 -18:

12 And he exerciseth all the power (authority) of the first beast before him, and causeth (makes) the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders (signs) , so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men (like pharaoh's magicians did in Moses time),

14 And deceiveth (deceives) 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.

15 And he had power to give life (breath) 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.

Notice the activities of the false prophet. He will entice people to follow after the antichrist. This member of the unholy trinity will point people to worship the antichrist. He will be able to perform miraculous signs and other miracles. How does he get that power? Remember the pharaohs magicians in the time of Moses? They were able to perform great signs. Perhaps God gave them and the false prophet the ability to do that in order to deceive those who have chosen not to believe. But perhaps the greatest sign he will be able to perform is this – he will order that an image be made of the beast and placed in the temple in Jerusalem. The beast will come to life and be able to speak and order those who refuse to worship the beast to be killed.

Now why are the people worshipping the image of the beast and not the beast himself? Could it be that he really was killed and the new image of the beast was supposedly the way he was resurrected? Could it be that he is like the wizard of Oz, working from behind a curtain in deceiving the people to believe they are worshipping his image? We don't know this, but whatever this image is, it appears to be alive.

Do you remember growing up with all those science fiction robots? Robbie the Robot, Lost in Space were things that were in my childhood. I think this will be some type of artificial intelligence that is able to speak.

Again, **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12** says that God is the one who gives the beast the ability to do these signs for those who don't believe.

2 Thessalonians 11 And for this cause (reason) God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Those who refuse to worship the image of the beast will be executed. What is that going to look and feel like? Imagine you live under a regime that persecuted Christians. You listen to the soldiers marching down the street searching for Christians at night as you huddle in the darkness; and heavy feet break in your door and ask are there Christians here? Tell me now or die. You have a choice to – confess Christ and die or profess no Christ and live. What if the gun were not pointed at your head? What if the gun is pointed at your wife or child? What if the gun man asks if you reject Christ your wife and child will live. Many will chose to reject Christ.

16 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 (mark of the beast):

17 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.

He will restrict commerce to those who do not worship the antichrist. We know in order to be able to purchase food, gas for your car, a house to live in, you will have to have a mark that allows you to buy and sell in the marketplace. If you don't worship the beast, you will be killed. My friend Ervin Lutzer writes about this choice of the beast. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, a cartoon appeared in a Russian newspaper picturing a fork in the road. On one path was labeled freedom, the other path was labeled sausage. As we might guess the path of freedom had few

takers. The path to sausage had many takers. When given a choice, most people would rather take bread and sausage above the free market and individual liberties.

It was Lenin's promise of bread in every kitchen that ignited the communist revolution. Bread with political slavery was better than starvation. Bread fills the stomach. Freedom does not. The Bible's says that in the final 7 years, those alive will have a choice to make. One choice is to refuse the mark of the beast. To experience the horror of starvation. Can you image watching your children and grandchildren starve to death because you are not able to provide food for them?

One option will be to worship Christ and refuse to take the mark of the beast. The other is to take the mark of the beast and experience the wrath of the lamb for all eternity. Amazingly, most will chose to take the mark of the beast to fill their stomach rather than care for their eternal souls.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count (calculate) the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666).

From the last part of verse 17 and this verse, we see a relationship between the name of the beast written out in Greek and this number. 666 is the name of a man. It always falls short of God's perfection, the number 7. Somehow the name of the beast and this number is interrelated and in these final 7 years of earths history, those who have wisdom will be able to identify who the beast is by his name and the number 666.

There's been lots of projection about who this person is. People have identified Stalin and Hitler, Henry Kissinger. This is a fools game to try and do this.

J. Vernon McGee says we shouldn't waste our time with trying to identify who the Beast is, but should present Jesus Christ in such a way that we might reduce those who have to go through the tribulation and therefore know the number of the beast is. That's a much better way to spend our energy – to share the gospel so others won't have to share this great tribulation and know the identity of the beast.

I want to go one step further – an even better use of our energy is to make sure we aren't one of those who will experience the wrath of the beast in the tribulation; and ultimately the wrath of God that will endure forever and ever.

Make sure you are part of the group that doesn't have to experience the tribulation and that you never have to fear that you will endure Gods wrath for eternity!!!

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

For what reason did God send this delusion? That they would believe a lie.

I don't understand this but I've seen it in 40 years of Ministry.

It is possible to say no to God once too often? Is it possible to so harden your heart against the gospel or just to neglect the gospel so many times that you reach a point that you are not able to believe? Where instead of offering you grace, God offers you judgment instead? Don't ever say no, once too often!

If today you have the understanding that you are a sinner that needs forgiveness and that Christ is the only one that can offer you the forgiveness, don't wait one minute longer and risk the wrath of the antichrist during the tribulation; or even worse, risk the wrath of Christ himself for eternity!!!

Sister Shelbia **states** this is a **Very** sobering message.

She began to review Dr. Reagans book, Wrath and Glory Book, starting on page 83 –

Chapter 13 tells us how satan will go about persecuting believers. His agent is the antichrist who is introduced to us as 'a beast' who 'comes up out of the sea' (**13:13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men**). That latter phrase is a symbolic reference to the Gentile nations (**17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns**), indicating the antichrist will be a Gentile.

So I'm going to do a little bit from Brother Jack's study notes too. Daniel also infers the antichrist will be a Gentile when he says that he will come from the people who will destroy the temple (**Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined**). The Temple was destroyed by the Romans, so the antichrist must be a. Person of Roman descent.

Two Beasts – all in the book of Revelation:

The beast is empowered by satan (**13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority**), and he immediately begins to blaspheme God (**13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven**). Satan also gives him his authority (**11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months**). The

beast proceeds to use his power and authority to ‘make war with the saints.’ In the process, dominion is granted to him ‘over every tribe and people and tongue and nation’ ***(13:7 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)***. In other words, he becomes history’s first true worldwide dictator. He very quickly accomplishes something that Alexander the Great, Napoleon and Hitler dreamed of and died trying to achieve. Even more important, from Satan’s viewpoint, the antichrist becomes the object of worldwide worship ***(13:8 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)***.

Shelbia heard Nathan Jones say with the technology we have, the antichrist may rule from outer space.

At this point ***(13:11 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)*** we are introduced to another ‘beast’ who rises up ‘out of the earth’ literally, ‘the land’. **Just as the sea is a prophetic symbol for the Gentile nations, the land is a symbol of Israel.** Thus, the implication here is that this second beast will be a Jew. This beast is later referred to as ‘the false prophet’ ***(19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone)***.

THE FALSE PROPHET:

Dr. Reagan goes on to say ‘this nefarious (wicked to the extreme) character serves as the antichrist’s right hand man. He exercises the authority of the antichrist ***(13:12 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)*** in carrying out both political and religious duties.

Spiritually, the false prophet serves as the head of a one-world religion, seeing to it that everyone worships the antichrist ***(Revelation 13:12)***. He will dazzle and deceive people with great signs, including giving life to a statue of the antichrist ***(Revelation 13:14-15 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)***.

15 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). His demonic religious system will consist of people drawn from all the world’s religions. The false prophet will argue in the name of tolerance that there are many roads to God – that God has revealed Himself in religions like Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, animism, and the new age movement, to name only a few. He will tell

people they can pray to whatever god they please as long as they accept the antichrist as the messiah of their god.

Shelbia shared that the sea in scripture represents Gentiles. Horns are a symbol of strength.

John 10:27-29

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Revelation 13:9-10 says those who persevere til the end – all true believers will persevere until the end. This is the perseverance of the saints. ***9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.***

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Revelation 16:13 says everything the false prophet says is a lie. ***13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.***

Revelation 17 – talks about the apostate church as the whore of Babylon. This will be 1 part Protestant, 2 parts new age, with a little patriotism thrown in there.

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 13:12-18. Its very important to stay close to God – watch for signs from the above video. We don't want to be without Gods word cause the enemy goes about to kill, steal and destroy!

12 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.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 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.

15 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.

16 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:

17 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.

18 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.

Shelbia is also interested in hearing Dr. Jeffress' description of the one world religion, which is made up of many religions.

Politically, the false prophet is the one responsible for administering the antichrist's enforcement system (***Revelation 13:16***). It is based on the requirement for all of mankind to take the name or the number of the beast, which is 666. No one can buy and no one can sell without the mark or the name of the beast on their right hand or their forehead

(Revelation 13:16-17

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17 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).

And since no faithful Christian or observant Jew will take this mark, at this point all Christians and Jews will become outlaws. They will have to hide out in the country side and live off the land. They will be hunted down like animals, and most of them will be killed – not all, but most. It will be a horrible period of unparalleled persecution of believers in the true God.

A SATANIC TRINITY:

As we move into the second half of the tribulation, the Earth is cursed with the presence of a satanic trinity.

The false god is satan who has been cast down to earth and cut off from heaven.

The false messiah is the antichrist who demands the world's worship.

The false counterpart of the Holy Spirit is the false prophet whose responsibility is to persuade people to give their allegiance to the antichrist.

It is no wonder that the earth will 'reel to and fro like a drunkard' and 'totter like a shack' (***Isaiah 24:20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.***) During the last half of the tribulation, the havoc that will be wrought by this satanic trio will be so great that 'the earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled' (***Isaiah 24:3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.***) Jesus emphasized the horrendous nature of this period by stating that if it were not cut short by the Lord, no one would be left alive (***Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.***)

So I'm going to take a little bit from Brother Jack's study notes too. It pertains to verse 13, which talks about the false prophet doing great wonders and makes fire come down from heaven.

Page 235 in Brother Jack's book:

Revelation 13:13 'And he doeth great wonders, so that he makes the fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men'

SO THAT HE MAKETH FIRE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN: now you could say that just means he can push buttons and send missiles. Maybe. But it would seem that the passage is intentionally presenting the picture that he has supernatural powers; for it says: **"He doeth great wonders."** This is the same term that is used for miracles in the Gospels. So: **"He makes the fire come down from heaven on the earth"**. It seems as though he is mimicking the miracles of the two witnesses, the two prophets of God, in Revelation, Chapter 11.

Remember those two prophets had 4 distinct powers: *to call forth fire from heaven; to shut the heavens so it would not rain; to turn water into blood; and to smite the earth with all plagues.* Remember two of those powers were unique to Elijah and two to Moses. But the point is, it's as if he is attempting to simulate their powers by doing equivalent kinds of things. This is exactly what happened, if you recall in (Exodus 7).

1 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

7 And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

You may recall that when Moses was before Pharaoh: We all remember the rather dramatic things that Moses could do, but let's not forget, the almost equally dramatic things, that the two priests of Pharaoh did. They also turned their staffs into snakes. Now I think most who read that think they indulged in some kind of parlor trick. But there are those who believe that these sorcerers had bone fire occultic powers. Theologians have been arguing about that for a long time: But it's interesting that in 2nd Timothy we have the names of those two characters. You don't find that in the Old Testament, but somehow Paul and Timothy knew who they were. In Paul's dialogue concerning apostates in the last days, which by the way, happens to be where we are here, (brother Jack's book was written in 2009, so think how much farther we are today), Paul makes an allusion to these two Old Testament characters in (*2 Timothy 3:8-9* *8 Now as*

Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was), where he says: “Now as Jannes and Jamborees withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. (V 9). But they shall proceed no further: (will not get very far), for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.” I.e., these two priests of Pharaoh opposed Moses, and what is interesting, it wasn’t a parlor trick that was explored, because Moses’s snake ate the other two; and that’s seemingly as if to demonstrate that both were supernatural events, but also that Moses’ source of power was superior to theirs. Paul emphasize this satanic power of the antichrist in ***(2 Thessalonians 2:9 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders)***, where we have the craft and deceit of the antichrist emphasized. It reads: “even him, whose coming is after the working of satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,”. Just a remind, satan is powerful, bu his power is limited. He can only go as far as God allows.

Shelbia wanted to bring this forth because we haven’t thought about this too much – and it’s important: since we are discussing miracles, you need to know **it was prophecy, not miracles that was Jesus’ primary evidence of who He was. We don’t ascribe Jesus Christ the Son of God just because of his miracles.** That’s an important point, by the way. In ***Matthew 11:13***, Jesus speaking says: ***“For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John”***. The NLT says ***‘For before John came, all the teachings of the scriptures looked forward to this present time’***.

The implication is that John was the last of the Prophets of the old Testament dispensation who foretold the coming of Messiah. And Jesus fulfilled all those prophesies to the minutest detail. For example: beginning in ***(John 19:17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:)*** the scene is the crucifixion; and in verse 36 it emphasizes the fact that a Roman soldier disobeyed orders by not breaking the legs of Jesus, in order that prophecy might be fulfilled. Here ***it is (John 19:36), “For these things were done, that the scriptures should be fulfilled, a bone of Him shall not be broken.”***

In order to fulfill the type of the sacrificial lamb, not a bone of him could be broken; referring back to ***(Exodus 12:45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof); (Numbers 9:12 They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it.)*** and fulfilling ***(Psalms 34:200, written nearly a 1000 years before; which reads as follows: “He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.”***

The next verse in John (John 19:37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced) points out that in this was also a fulfillment of ***(Zechariah 12:10), written over 500 years prior, (Zechariah 12:37) reads as follows: “And again, another scripture saith, they shall look on him whom they pierced.”*** This is referring back to

(Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn). We could go on but it would belabor the point.

One comment on the Miracles of Jesus before we move on: They were a foretaste of what is coming in the Millennium; and they were also prophesied. **(Isaiah 15:5-6) says: “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.” (6) ‘Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams I the desert.’**

This next verse shows how easily the natural mind is deceived –

Isaiah 15:14 “And deceive the them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sign 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 (KJV).

They did not receive the love of the truth.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Jerry and Kay Miller – update.

Pastor Paul, Christian Church at Libertyville, has had a few great visits over the past few weeks. Jerry was out sweeping the barn when Paul got there. He is up and down, depending on medications.

Kay was cleaning yesterday and doing well.

Steve and Carolyn Swink

Charles

Bessie

Ruth Ann

Regan

Caleb

Mardin,

Joyce and Keith

Della, Drew, Summer Rose – Got to come home from hospital, so this is a praise,

Judy, Kathy, Betta and Jeremy, Amir,

Jeannie Hill – lost her brother

Gene’s daughter – cancer battle

Our Event on Saturday for our church

Leaders of our country

Pastors to cover them with blood of Jesus Christ

We will know truth and hold fast to truth

Vada & Jim

Sarah & Steve

Elderly people we visited last Saturday that are afraid – peace and safety – Gods protection on them.

Heavenly Father:

We thank you for all the blessings you have given us. We thank you for our friends and family and those you bring into our lives. Please help us to focus on you and your work. Forgive us when we fail to do what you want us to and help us to grow in your likeness. Please be with each person on our prayer list. You know exactly what each person needs and we pray that you will heal them and bring them into your fold (if they are not). We ask for your touch on every person that is here today and on those that could not be with us. We ask that you will be with us on Saturday and that you will open our hearts to the needs of those that attend our church event. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.