

Lesson 19: The anti-Christ and False Prophet

In the early part of the human story, there arose a man whose heart was full of rebellion against Elohim and gave himself over to Satan to use to influence his generation which has lasted all these years. Called Nimrod, he was the first world ruler as it were.

And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar (Genesis 10: 8, KJV).

Nimrod inspired the building of the Tower of Babel as an act of rebellion against the commandment of Elohim for humans to increase, multiply and fill the earth. Since the days of Nimrod, humanity has experienced the rise of wicked men of various sorts who Satan used to execute his evil designs on humanity.

The end of the age will unveil the worst of them all: a man who will deceive Israel and the Church to embrace him as champion. He will eventually be the tormentor in chief of both streams of humanity. The full profile of the anti-Christ and his negative assignment is captured in a companion resource titled *The Things to Come: What Next?*. This will be available for free download on the websites of Kingdom Books Club and GSOM.ac

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 (Revelation 13:1, KJV).

Commentary:

1. The anti-Christ is pictured as a Beast rising up, out of the sea. This implies he will manifest from the sea of humanity. The anti-Christ will be a human who is unknown to both wife, children, associates as well as the principal people he would have deceived up till the day of manifestation, Israel and the Church.
2. The anti-Christ is pictured as having 7 heads and 10 horns which had crowns. This speaks of rulership over the key nations which matter. There is a notion that some nations will be so distraught with state of the earth: crises, wars, terrorism, and effects of the rapture that they would willingly cede power to a 'strong man' as a way to save humanity from being wiped out. Whether the nations would be from territory of the old Roman Empire (Europe) or include confederacy of the strongest 7 or 10 nations on the earth at this time is not certain.
3. The name of blasphemy is inscribed on head of this fellow. This possibly implies receiving glory and honour due to the Messiah by presenting himself as saviour of the Church and Israel. It may also imply one who would go as far as take on some blasphemous title such as Antiochus IV Epiphanes who projected himself as 'God manifested'.

The valid question is at what point in time will the anti-Christ Rise?

All through history, the spirit of anti-Christ has been manifesting as a dress rehearsal for the real deal. The pre-Tribulation school of thought makes the biblical case that the taking away of faithful saints who live like the wise virgins at the rapture is the prelude to manifestation or unveiling of the anti-Christ. The clearest biblical reference which makes a close connection between the rapture and timing of manifestation of the anti-Christ is this passage:

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 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. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 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 (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, KJV).

It is the Kingdom Church which hinders the rise of the anti-Christ. Once she is taken out of the way, the apostate Church (product of the falling away) which rejected Yeshua's rule as King, will be open to embrace a false Messiah. This is also the case with Israel who rejected the true Messiah but will embrace the false.

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive (John 5:43, KJV).

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 (Revelation 13:2, KJV).

Commentary:

Two principal tranches of truth are presented here.

1. Description of the anti-Christ. A Leopard signifies speed. The anti-Christ will outrun people in his orbit and adversaries. The Bear signifies strength. This fellow will operate with prodigious strength, able to do some heavy lifting. Lion signifies boldness and

courage. The fellow will speak with such confidence and boldness that humans who are weak will gladly embrace and submit to him.

2. Dark mandate of the anti-Christ. Satan, pictured as the Dragon will give this personality 3 things: his Power, Seat and Great Authority. The anti-Christ will most likely emerge from the political world, which Satan rules and uses to deceive, dominate, control, and manipulate masses of people nationally. This time, he will entice a man with a king-sized ego with world power and dominion.

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 (Revelation 13:3, KJV).

Commentary:

1. One of the 7 heads will be wounded almost to death. Could this be one of the 'Mountains' of society on which the anti-Christ plays prominently will be hurt? This could imply a loss of political power to the degree that people will write off the man as 'finished'.
2. The deadly wound was healed. The anti-Christ will be the greatest comeback kid of his generation. From what seemed to be a loss of power, he would with Satan's authority, return to power.
3. All the world wondered after the beast. The 'miraculous' return to power of this personality will dazzle the world, inspire many to not just admire him but also basically hand over rule of their lives to him. His political exploits will inspire confidence.

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? (Revelation 13:4, KJV).

Commentary:

1. Those who embrace the anti-Christ would worship Satan, the real power behind his throne. They would do this knowingly or unknowingly.
2. The anti-Christ would have extraordinary 'charismatic' powers which draw people to pledge blind loyalty to him.
3. Fans of the anti-Christ would dare opponents to touch or fight him. They will boast with his name.

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. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell 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 (Revelation 13:5-7, KJV).

Commentary:

1. The anti-Christ would be very brash and boastful, using blasphemous words as he receives the adulation and worship of fellow humans.
2. The period the anti-Christ would be effectively in charge is 42 months or 3 and a half years. This time frame is counted from the day he commits the abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel, Yeshua, and Paul. Yeshua had showed that the great tribulation which the anti-Christ would superintend over will be a short span of time (Matthew 24:15-22).
3. This venal human would blaspheme against Elohim, His Name, His Tabernacle and all that dwell in heaven.
4. Verse 7 says power would be given to the anti-Christ to make war with the saints and overcome them. This speaks of the large number of tribulation saints who would be killed for their faith as they refuse to take part in the Beast Economic System based on taking the name, number, and mark of the anti-Christ.
5. Power would also be given to him to rule over all kindreds, tongues and nations across the world. The anti-Christ will be a world ruler.

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. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear (Revelation 13:8-9, KJV).

Commentary:

1. All humans whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of life will worship the anti-Christ. After the rapture, there will be two types of people on earth. The first are outright unbelievers. The second, unfortunately, are believers who were not watchful and therefore missed the catching away. Because their names are in the Lamb's book, they will receive grace to not worship the anti-Christ through taking his mark, name, and number. It is sad that they would go through too much trouble because they allowed issues of life to distract them.
2. Yeshua, the Lamb, was slain from the foundation of the world. He had volunteered to be the Lamb before Adam and Eve were created! Elohim knew that humans would misuse their free will and made provision of recovery even before creation. This is an awesome and deep mystery of the vastness of the love of Elohim.
3. Verse 9 is a call for believers to take the truth of scriptures seriously. Let us hear with the inner ear, make necessary adjustments for ultimate salvation. The Lord will not force Himself and His Salvation on anyone.

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 (Revelation 13:10, KJV).

Commentary:

1. During the Great Tribulation, what people sow is what they will reap.
2. The specifics are spelt out: Those who lead others into captivity will suffer the same fate. Those who kill others will be killed.
3. The patience and faith of saints is what will keep the remnant away from trouble.

Rise of 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 (Revelation 13:11, KJV).

Commentary:

1. Whereas the first Beast, the anti-Christ rose from the seas, the second Beast will rise from the earth.
2. This is the picture of the False prophet who will be a religious leader of an earthly 'church'. This church system is Mystery Babylon.
3. The picture gets more interesting: this religious leader will look outwardly like a Lamb (seemingly Christlike: meek) but speak like a Dragon (this speaks of a false authority which holds sway over the lives of followers. While seeming to be a devout religious leader, this fellow will be working for Satan to deceive people.
4. Yeshua had warned of false prophets in the last days (Matthew 24:11, 23-24). He was also definite that no one should be fooled by 'accuracy of prophetic utterances' but discern the fruit of the lifestyle of all who come in His Name (Matthew 7:15-23).

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 (Revelation 13:12, KJV).

Commentary:

1. The False Prophet will exercise all the power of the anti-Christ.
2. He will validate the anti-Christ as a real messiah who deserves loyalty and acceptance.
3. Religion will go rogue: be used by Satan, its master to deceive humans.
4. The mutually beneficial relationship of Politics and Religion is what occasions Mystery Babylon, an apostate 'church' system which differs from the gospel of the Kingdom. After using each other to gain advantage, the anti-Christ will destroy Christian Religion, which is devoid of true Salvation in Yeshua.

Mandate of the False Prophet

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 (Revelation 13:13-15, KJV).

Commentary:

1. The false prophet will flow in a false anointing marked by false miracles, signs and wonders including making fire come down from heaven.
2. The purpose is simple: to use those miracles to deceive as many people as possible. This would be a deliberate trading in the souls of humans.
3. The false prophet would take idolatry to new heights: make an image of the beast (anti-Christ) which he will infuse with power of life. The image would have capacity to communicate intelligently.
4. The false prophet would show his true colours at a stage by ordering the execution of those who refuse to worship the image of the beast.

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 (Revelation 13:16-18, KJV).

Commentary:

1. He will institute the Beast Economic System for the world.
2. To take part in the economy, locally, nationally, or globally, one needed to have mark of the beast in the right hand or forehead.
3. It is not just the mark! Other versions of the same evil are to take the name or number of the name of the anti-Christ.
4. The number of his name is 666: could this mean the ultimate of expectations of who a successful man is since 6 is the number of humans. Physical stature; Wealth, Charisma, and other metrics with which humans are deemed as successful.
5. The reason many will fall for this gambit and risk eternal perdition is that they were compromised in a long game and cannot extricate themselves from the claws of Satan.
6. These two personalities are to work with Satan to be the ultimate imitation of Elohim: an evil triad where Satan is the Dragon imitating the Father; the anti-Christ is imitating Yeshua the Son and the False Prophet imitating the Holy Spirit.
7. The world, Israel and apostate Christian religion which rejected the gospel of the Kingdom and relationship with Elohim will heartily embrace this fake godhead and suffer eternal damnation for so doing.

Assignment: 1. Please summarize what you learned about the anti-Christ 2. Please summarize what you learned about the False Prophet. 3. What new insights did you gain today?

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