

Series: Our Hope

Title: Beware the Beast!

There is a Beast, is lurking in the shadows of history, ready to spring upon the earth at his appointed time.

He is not an animal but a man, with a heart of a beast.

He is an Arch Criminal

He has many names, or Aliases.

The Beast

The Man of Sin - Epitome of Evil.

The Son of Perdition: Headed for Judgement

The Little Horn

The Antichrist: Against Christ

Indescribably Wicked, Hideously Handsome, Brilliantly Able
(Rev 13:1)

This is describing what he saw.

God is revealing this to us in Symbols.

WE need understand what & who this Beast is, as well as what the Sea Symbolizes.

The Sea that He Sprang From : Out of the Sea (Rev 13:1)
(Rev 17:15) *And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*

(Is 57:20-21) *But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*

This world will never have peace!

Its like troubled water!

Out of this seething sea of unrest will come the Beast, the Antichrist.

Think of the social situation today?

Is there peace in this world? NO!

Is there peace in the Free world of the US? NO!

Out of this Seething, troubled Sea of Humanity, comes the B

The Seed that He Spawned From: (Rev 13:1-2)

7 Heads with 7 Crowns, 10 Horns

(Rev 13:1) - Same Devil described in (Rev 12:3)

The Beast will be the son of Satan. (Gen 3:15) *Seed of Satan*
He will be the Devil in Human Flesh. "Like father like son."

Jesus said: *"He that hath seen me hath seen my Father."*

In Like Fashion, the Antichrist will say, *"He that hath seeth me hath seen my father the devil."*

He is the offspring of the dragon.

The book of Daniel tells us that these animals are symbolic of all the former world wide empires.

The Antichrist will have the beastly characteristics of these former empires.

He will walk with the Stateliness of the Lion, yet his teeth shall shred and tear.

The Strength of the Bear.

He will have the Speed and Spread like a leopard.

The world that rejected the Jesus the Christ, will embrace Satan's Antichrist. (2 Thes 2:9) *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

He will be the visible expression of the invisible devil.
He will give his son his power.

The Sham that He Speaks From: (Rev 13:3)

He will not have long claws and hideous.
He will be appealing and desirable.

(2 Cor 11:14-15) *And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

(Rev 13:3-4)

This is not speaking of his appearance, but of his heart.
He will be a very appealing.

(Daniel 9:27a) tells us that he is a peace maker.
And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week.
(Dan 8:25b) and by peace shall destroy many:

He will be Handsome, Intelligent, Well Spoken.

(Daniel 8:23-25) *And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and **understanding dark sentences**, shall stand up.*

The World will Wonder after him: He will be a Rockstar!

(Rev 13:3b) and all the world wondered after the beast.
He will be a global charmer.

The Scheme that He Serves From:

(John 10:10a) *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:*

1. Deify Satan (Rev 13:4)

God is the Great Initiator.

Satan is the great Imitator:

(Is 14:12-14) Satan has always wanted to be worshiped.
(Matt 4:9) *And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

2. Defy the Savior (Rev 13:5-6) Speak Blasphemies.

He will be a Clever Liar (Matt 24:24) *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, **they shall deceive the very elect.***

3. Destroy the Saints (Rev 13:7a)

(Dan 8:24) *And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.*

A great multitude saved, but NOT those that have heard the gospel. (2 Thes 2:10-12)

The Rapture Closes the Door to heaven who have already heard & denied.

(John 3:18) *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

How is that Possible?

(John 3:19) *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

The Tribulation Saints will make the ultimate sacrifice to worship Jesus, they will give their lives.

They will be Beheaded! (Rev 20:4) *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

4. Dominate Society (Rev 13:7b) and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

He will have Global Control:

(Daniel 8:23) *And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*

World Dictator:

(Rev 13:3b) *and all the world wondered after the beast.*

Be- dazzel and Reward

(Dan 8:25) *And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart,*

and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

5. Delude Sinners (Rev 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.*

The devil doesn't want casualties, he wants converts!

(Rev 13:4) 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?

The Beast/Antichrist will pass himself off as the Messiah.

Imitation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

(Rev 13:3) *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.*

The Jewish Messiah: The *HaMashiach*, "the anointed one"

The Islamic Messiah: The *Mahdi*

The Zoroastrianism Messiah: The Saoshyant

The Buddhism Messiah: Maitreya or the next Buddha
(the awakened one)

Krishna is the eighth incarnation of the god Vishnu, the savior, and is one of the special avatars in Hinduism.

The Sycofant that He is Supported From (Rev 13:11)

The False Prophet (Rev 16:13; Rev 19:20; Rev 20:10)

The First Beast will be Political in nature.

His power will be world wide, containing the former empires.

This Second Beast will be Religious in nature: His will be made up of all the Apostate Religions of the World!

He having two horns like a lamb (a young male sheep) speaks of his mildness in contrast to the violence of the first beast.

Indeed, most counterfeit religious leaders take unto themselves an air of piousness and harmlessness.

This one will out do all of his predecessors.
The false prophet, will drip with phony piety and pacificism.
He speaks on behalf of the devil which is the dragon.

The Devil Imitates God.

There is a Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost
There is a Un-holy Trinity: Dragon, Beast(Antichrist), & False Prophet

The False Prophet is to the Beast what the Holy Spirit is to Jesus.

The False Prophet will cause People to Wonder after the Beast (Antichrist)!

He will exalt the Beast. (Rev 13:12-15)

This Sinister Minister will use 3 methods to bring the world under his control to worship the beast.

The Fire (Vs 13)

The Image (Vs 14-15) My Great-Great Grandfather would not have understood how this would be possible.

But with all the hand held devices, there is an image that can speak.

The Mark (16-18) He will control all commerce.

We really don't realize how tied we are to commerce.
you cannot buy, sell, get services, come or go w/o commerce.
(Dan 8:25) And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand;

You cannot get off the grid w/o commerce.

You cannot buy seed, supplies, anything w/o commerce.
Everything is controlled by commerce.

Its getting to where very few people use cash any more.

We use our handheld devices for that now.

It very easy to track you now with our phones.

You cant imagine how much other people know about you.
You can't imagine how much privacy we have forfeited for the sake of convenience.

Think of it! We chip animals.

How easy will it be to track humans?

Especially if he makes it a matter of personal security?
Or to stop child trafficking?

This Sinister Minister will make the entire world worship the beast through the Fire, Image, and the Mark.

(Rev 13:18) *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.*

6 is the number of Man.

3 is the number of Trinity.
3-6's is Man trying to make himself god.

Out of the Seething Sea there is coming a Beast, he will not seem like a Beast.

He will seem kind, compassionate, eloquent, wise.

He will be a peace maker.
Israel will say: "At Last! Our Messiah has Come!"

(John 5:43) *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.*

Before this happens, Perhaps Today, the Trumpet will sound, and we will be out of hear!

I know that I am giving you my interpretation of these scriptures, and maybe I don't have it all correct.

But what I AM SURE of, is Jesus has died for my sins.
I am sure that Jesus is Coming again & you had better be ready!

You must be born again.
OUR HOPE IS NOT IN THE ONE THAT IS COMING!

Our hope is in the one that HAS COME and is COMING AGAIN!

ARE YOU REDEEMED?

I didn't ask if you were spiritual.

I didn't ask if you are a church member.
I didn't ask if you have been baptized, taken communion.
Are you Born again?

Yes, No, Not Sure.

There will be no last minute saves.

Illus: Imagine an elevator is plunging to the bottom floor, you can't jump at the last second and avoid the crash!

He will come as a thief in the night.

Are you saved?

When were you saved?

How were you saved?

You need to get this settled.

ARE YOU READY FOR CHRIST'S RETURN?

Are you WATCHING?

Come on Christian answer the Holy Spirit!

Are you faithful in your Bible Reading, Prayer, Tithing, Church Attendance?

ARE YOU RIGHT WITH GOD? (1 John 1:8-10) *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

ARE YOU REACHING OTHERS? What are you doing to keep others out of Hell?

Who will miss the Rise of the AntiChrist because of you?
Who will be martyred in the Tribulation b/c we never told them?