

# CHAPTER 8

## The Devil's Man

In previous chapters we have studied about **Satan** and we have studied about the time of great trouble called the **Tribulation**. In this chapter we want to learn about the man that Satan will use in the Tribulation period.

When the Lord Jesus came to earth the first time, what man did the devil use in a special way (John 13:2)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Judas do what the devil wanted him to do? \_\_\_\_\_ In this lesson we will learn about another man who will do Satan's will.

### The Devil's Offer

In Matthew chapter 4 Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil. We learn in verse 8 that the devil took Jesus up into a very high \_\_\_\_\_ and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world.

The devil then made an offer. He tried to make a deal with Jesus. What did the devil promise to give to Jesus (Matthew 4:8-9)?

The devil did not promise to give Jesus just **some** of the kingdoms of the world. He did not say, "I'll give You the kingdoms of Russia and England and India and China, but that's all." No, Satan promised Him **all** the kingdoms! But according to the devil's deal, what would Jesus have to do if He were to get these kingdoms (Matthew 4:9)?

Was Jesus willing to do this (Matthew 4:10)? \_\_\_\_\_ Was Jesus willing to be a devil-worshiper? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Jesus, who is the only Person that we should worship and serve (Matthew 4:10)? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said "NO" to Satan's offer, but sometime in the future the devil will turn to another man and make the same offer, and this man will say "YES." Jesus rejected and refused the devil's offer, but there will come another man who will accept it. The devil will say, "If you worship me I will give you all the kingdoms of the world." A man will come along who will accept this offer. The devil will find his man!

### What is His Name?

What will this man's name be? We do not know what his real name will be, but we do know what the Bible calls him. The Bible calls him by three different names (among others), and each name tells us something about this evil man:

#### 1) The Beast

In the book of Revelation this man is called THE BEAST (see Rev. 13:1,2,4; 16:13; 19:19-20; 20:10). God sees this man as a BEAST! God sees him as a wild animal. When we think of a wild and ferocious animal, do we usually think of a gentle lamb or a graceful deer? No, we usually think of a dangerous animal such as a lion, tiger, leopard, or bear. We think of an animal that has the power to kill and destroy. During the time of great trouble, Satan's man will be very

dangerous and he will have power to kill and destroy (Rev. 13:7,10).

## **2) The Man of Sin**

In 2 Thessalonians 2:3 this man is called "THE MAN OF \_\_\_\_\_. " We need to remember that sin began with the devil: "for the devil \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning" (1 John 3:8). The devil was the very first creature that sinned against God. Instead of loving God and serving God Lucifer wanted to take the place of God. He even said in his heart, "I WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ THE MOST HIGH" (Isaiah 14:12-14).

The man of sin will copy Satan's sin. He will also try to take the place of God. Instead of worshiping God, he will demand that people worship him (Rev. 13:12,15). Instead of serving God, he will try to force everyone to serve him. He will even present himself as GOD (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

This man's life will be the opposite of righteousness. If you want to know what righteousness really is, then study the life of Jesus Christ the Righteous One (1 John 2:1). If you want to know what sin really is, then study the life of this man (THE BEAST) who is called the wicked one (2 Thessalonians 2:8). If sin could become a person, this man would be what sin would look like!

**Note:** The word "wicked (one)" mentioned in 2 Thessalonians 2:8 actually means "the lawless one." The Antichrist will not only be the man of sin, but the man of lawlessness. He will have no regard for the law of God. He will be a rebel against all that represents God and His standards. His greatest act of lawlessness will be when he presents himself as God (2 Thess. 2:4).

## **3) The Antichrist**

John tells us in 1 John 2:18 that "ANTICHRIST shall C\_\_\_\_\_. " John was saying something like this; "This man is not here yet, but he is coming!" The ANTICHRIST will come! The devil's man shall come! In fact, it is very possible that he is alive today!

The word "ANTICHRIST" can mean two things, and both of these are true about this man:

1) The word "ANTICHRIST" can mean "AGAINST CHRIST." We know that this man will be against Christ and against the people who believe in Christ. He will be God's enemy! He will be a foe, not a friend. He will OPPOSE God (2 Thess. 2:11) and he will fight against everything that stands for God. He also has a BIG MOUTH that will speak against God (see Daniel 7:8; Rev. 13:5). The Bible says that he "shall speak marvellous things \_\_\_\_\_ the God of gods" (Dan.11:36).

2) The word "ANTICHRIST" can also mean "To take the place of Christ." Jesus Christ is the One who should be loved and worshiped and adored, but this wicked man will try to get himself loved and worshiped and adored (2 Thess. 2:4). Instead of exalting Jesus Christ, whom will he exalt (Daniel 11:36)? \_\_\_\_\_ Instead of getting people to worship Jesus Christ, whom will he get people to worship (Rev. 13:15)? \_\_\_\_\_ And if people refuse to worship him, what will happen to them (Revelation 13:15)? \_\_\_\_\_

### **How Powerful Will This Man Be?**

How long will this evil man be in power (Rev. 13:5)? \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS (or 3½ years). We learned in Chapter 7 that this 3½ year period is called the Great Tribulation (the time of great trouble). At the beginning of this period Satan will be cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:7-12) and he only has 3½ short years to cause trouble (Rev. 12:12). Where does the BEAST get his power (Rev. 13:2,4)? \_\_\_\_\_ Who is the DRAGON (Rev. 12:7)? \_\_\_\_\_

It is during these last 3½ years that the devil gives this man absolute power over

all the kingdoms of the world. Satan is the one working behind this man (2 Thess. 2:9). People will not only worship the BEAST, but they will also worship the one who gives the BEAST his power (Rev. 13:5)!

Will anyone be able to make war with this man (Rev. 13:4)? \_\_\_\_\_ Will he have power over all peoples and nations throughout the world (Rev. 13:7)? \_\_\_\_\_ This man will be the RULER over the whole world! He will be the WORLD DICTATOR. He will be the earth's king. He will be the most powerful and the most evil ruler the world has ever known.

### The False Prophet

There will be another evil man living during the Tribulation who will help the man of sin. This man is called the FALSE PROPHET and he is described in Revelation 13:11-16. He is also called a "BEAST" (Revelation 13:11):

Revelation 13:1-10 talks about the first BEAST who is the MAN OF SIN or the ANTICHRIST. He is the world ruler.

Revelation 13:11-16 talks about ANOTHER BEAST who is the FALSE PROPHET. His job is to get people to worship the first BEAST.

The FALSE PROPHET will cause those who dwell on the earth "to \_\_\_\_\_ the first beast" (Rev. 13:12). This man will do great miracles which will really fool people. What is one miracle that he will do (Rev. 13:13)?

Where do you think he will get his power to do these amazing miracles (Rev. 13:12; 2 Thess. 2:9)?

### Two Amazing Miracles That Will Fool the World

**MIRACLE NUMBER 1**--The BEAST (man of sin) will be mortally wounded. "Mortally" means that he has the kind of wound that results in death. How did he get this wound (Rev. 13:14)? \_\_\_\_\_ What happened to his deadly wound (Rev. 13:3)?

Even though he died from this sword wound, the Bible says that he "did L \_\_\_\_\_" (Rev. 13:14). Was all the world amazed at this miracle (Rev. 13:3)? \_\_\_\_\_ [How does this miracle imitate the resurrection of Christ?]

**MIRACLE NUMBER 2**--The FALSE PROPHET tells those living on the earth to make an image or statue of the BEAST (the man of sin). We read about this in Revelation 13:14-15. What was this FALSE PROPHET able to do to this image or statue (Rev. 13:15)?

By the power of Satan he will make a lifeless statue come alive and even speak!

### The Evil Trinity of Satan

God is a TRINITY. He is ONE GOD, but He makes Himself known in three PERSONS (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). The devil tries to COUNTERFEIT and COPY God. He too has a TRINITY (three evil persons who all work together as one):

<b>THE TRUE TRINITY:</b>	<b>THE DEVIL'S TRINITY:</b>
1) God the Father "the God of gods" (Daniel 11:36)	1) Satan the Devil "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4)
2) God the Son <b>THE LORD JESUS CHRIST</b> (God's perfect Man)	2) The BEAST <b>THE ANTICHRIST</b> (The devil's man)
3) God the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's job is to draw attention to Christ and get people to worship Him.	3) The False Prophet The False Prophet's job is to draw attention to the Antichrist (BEAST) and get people to worship him.

Can you find all three members of the devil's trinity in Revelation 16:13?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### The First Two People In Hell

It does not pay to follow Satan and fight against God and God's people. God never loses. Those who fight against God always lose.

At the end of the 3½ years of Great Tribulation, Jesus Christ will return to the earth. When Jesus comes, what will He do to this wicked person (the BEAST)? We learn in 2 Thessalonians 2:8 that Jesus will D\_\_\_\_\_ him with the brightness of His coming. This same event is described in Revelation 19:20. What will happen to the BEAST and the FALSE PROPHET?

They will be the first two people to be thrown into the lake of fire. Who will join them 1000 years later (Rev. 20:10)? \_\_\_\_\_ It is in the Lake of Fire that the devil's trinity will suffer and be punished forever and ever! All three of them!

### The Mark of the Beast

The False Prophet will also cause people to receive the mark of the Beast (see Rev. 13:16). Where are the two places that this mark may be put (Rev. 13:16)?

\_\_\_\_\_ A person must have this mark in order to do what important activity (Rev. 13:17)? \_\_\_\_\_

Today many people use credit cards to buy or sell. The credit card has numbers on it and it can be handed to the clerk at the store. People living in the Tribulation will have credit "cards" also, but these credit "cards" will not be on cards. They will be on people's right hands or foreheads. If they do not have the right mark, then they will not be able to buy or sell. How well would your family do if you could not go to the grocery store, the drug store, the gasoline station or any other kind of store? You would not be able to get the things that you need for daily living.

Note: The mark of the beast will probably involve some kind of computer chip or RFID tag [radio frequency identification] attached to the right hand or forehead that will be able to be scanned at

stores, etc. Even today such technology exists and can be implanted under the skin. It is quite amazing and a tribute to the divine inspiration of the Bible, that the book of Revelation mentions such a technology that was unknown to the world until the last part of the 20th century. It was not unknown to God who knows the end from the beginning!

What will a person be saying when he takes the mark of the BEAST? Taking the mark means that he has actually made this decision:

"I have decided to worship the beast (Rev. 14:9). I am rejecting Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I am choosing to worship the devil and his man (Rev. 13:4). I do not want to be part of God's kingdom, but I want to be part of the devil's wicked system. My name will not be found in the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 13:8), and I will perish in hell forever (Rev. 14:9-11). I am choosing Satan and I am rejecting God!"

Taking the mark of the beast, in that day, will actually be a deliberate choice to go to hell (Rev. 14:9-11).

## The Great Decision

Those living in the time of great trouble will have a great decision to make. Will they take the mark or not? Will they worship the BEAST or not? Will they follow Christ or will they follow the Antichrist? Who will it be, GOD or the DEVIL? Let's think about this important decision and what people will gain and lose:

### The Person Who Takes the Mark of the Beast:

*What Will He Gain?* Will he be able to buy and sell (Rev. 13:17)? \_\_\_\_\_ Will the Beast persecute him and try to kill him (Rev. 20:4)? \_\_\_\_\_ For 3½ years the person who takes the mark will be protected by the Beast and by his government.

*What Will He Lose?* Will he be in the book of life (Rev. 13:8)? \_\_\_\_\_ Will he be punished forever and ever in fire (Rev. 14:9-11)? \_\_\_\_\_

### The Person Who Refuses to Take the Mark of the Beast:

*What Will He Lose?* Will he be able to buy and sell (Rev. 13:17)? \_\_\_\_\_ Will the Beast be after him (Rev. 13:7)? \_\_\_\_\_ Could he lose his life (Rev. 13:5)? \_\_\_\_\_ Could he lose his head (Rev. 20:4)? \_\_\_\_\_

*What Will He Gain?* If he dies in the Tribulation is he cursed or blessed (Rev. 14:13)? \_\_\_\_\_ Will he enjoy the kingdom of God (Rev. 20:4)? \_\_\_\_\_ He may suffer for 3½ years but he will enjoy the blessing of God forever (see Revelation 7:14-17).

It will not be easy to be a believer in the time of great trouble. It will be very easy to take the mark. God wants us to do what is right, even if it is not an easy thing to do. If we choose to do right, God will help us to do even those things that are very difficult.

Think about yourself and the decision you need to make. Are you going to reject Christ or receive Christ? Are you going to be part of the devil's system or are you going to be part of Christ's kingdom (Colossians 1:13)? Whom will you choose--God or the devil? If you choose to reject Christ, what will you gain? What will you lose? If you choose to receive Christ, what will you lose? What will you gain? Is it easy being a Christian today? Why? Why not? Have you decided to follow Jesus? Why? Why not?

# THE ANTICHRIST/THE MAN OF SIN/THE BEAST OF REVELATION CHAPTERS 13 AND 17

Precursors to Antichrist:

1. Antiochus Epiphanes (Daniel 8:9-14; 11:21-35).
2. The King of Babylon (Isaiah 13-14).

During latter part of the church age the man of sin will be living on earth but his identity will not yet be revealed (2 Thessalonians 2)

**HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS**  
Descriptive of Satan:  
 See Revelation 12:3.  
Descriptive of the Beast:  
 See Rev. 13:1; 17:3,7-13,16

**THE TEN HORNS**  
 (see Revelation 17:12,13,16)  
 The TEN HORNS are ten kings living contemporaneous with the beast, described also by the ten toes of Daniel 2:40-42 and the ten horns of Daniel 7:20,24.

## **THE SEVEN HEADS**

(see Revelation 17:9-11)

The SEVEN HEADS are seven mountains or governments (Rev. 17:9). These seven heads represent historic kingdoms which are not contemporaneous but which are subsequent (one following the other). Just as the four kings of Daniel 7:17 are actually four subsequent kingdoms; so also the seven kings of Revelation 17:10 are seven subsequent kingdoms, each of which had or will have direct bearing upon the nation Israel. Five of these kingdoms are fallen: 1) Egypt; 2) Assyria; 3) Babylon; 4) Media-Persia; 5) Greece. One existed as John wrote; 6) Rome. The other is not yet come: 7) Revived Rome. The eighth is the BEAST who comes out of revived Rome (Rev. 17:9-11).

## Second Coming of Christ

The Lord will destroy that lawless one with the brightness of His coming (2 Thess. 2:8)

**The Counterfeit Trinity**  
 [See Revelation 16:13]  
 1. The Dragon (Satan)  
 [See Revelation ch. 12]  
 2. The Beast (Antichrist)  
 [See Revelation 13:1-10]  
 3. The False Prophet  
 [See Revelation 13:11-18]

## **THE TRIBULATION** 7 Years

**Events that take place in the middle of the tribulation:**  
 The devil is cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:7-12)  
 Covenant or treaty with Israel is broken (Dan. 9:27)  
 The beast's abominable image is set up (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 13)  
 Antichrist kills the two witnesses (Rev. 11:7)  
 The Beast's Satan-empowered Reign of Terror Begins (Rev. 13)

3½ Years

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**The Church**

1 Thess.  
4:13-18

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 The Rapture

During this age:  
 Many antichrists (1 John 2:18)  
 The spirit of antichrist (1 John 4:3)

The Beast that was... and is not...and yet is

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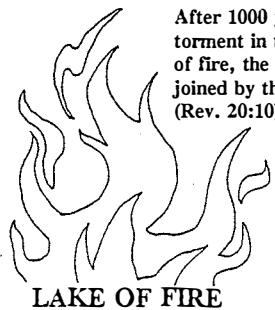
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 The Eternal State →

1000 Years

Cast ALIVE into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20)

After 1000 years of torment in the lake of fire, the beast is joined by the devil (Rev. 20:10).

**THE SON OF PERDITION:**  
 2 Thessalonians 2:3  
 Revelation 17:8,11



**The Beast that was (Rev. 17:8,11)**--This beast is the "little horn" of Daniel chapter 7 who in his rise to power subdues 3 kings of the ten nation confederation (Daniel 7:8,24,25). This is the same beast or ruler who confirms a covenant with many for one week (7 years) as we read in Daniel 9:27. He is a powerful ruler, but as we shall see, he is a mere MORTAL MAN.

**The Beast that is not (Rev. 17:8,11)**--What does it mean when it says that this beast "is not"? This is so stated because something happens to this man resulting in his physical death. Revelation chapter 13 explains what happens. He is "wounded to death" (13:3). It is a "deadly wound" (13:3,12), even "the wound by a sword" (13:14). He is mortally wounded. He dies.

**The Beast that yet is (Rev. 17:8)**--At one point he "is not," but at another point he "yet is." How can this be? How can he not be alive on earth and then suddenly be alive again? The answer is found in Revelation chapter 13. This man's "deadly wound was healed" (13:3,12). The one who had the fatal wound by a sword did live (13:14). The whole world witnesses this remarkable event (this "lying wonder"--2 Thess. 2:9) and marvels (Rev. 13:3). Following this great Satanic miracle, the Antichrist becomes Satan's "SUPERMAN," supernaturally empowered by the dragon/devil (13:2,4; 2 Thess. 2:9).