

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Beast

From out of the Earth The Second Beast – False Prophet / Anti-spirit (Religious Power)

Revelation 13:11-18 <sup>11</sup>"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.<sup>12</sup> And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.<sup>13</sup> He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.<sup>14</sup> And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. <sup>15</sup> He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666."



ith the emergence of this third beast we have the completion of the UN-HOLY TRINITY. Satan (the dragon) who wishes to be God, The Beast out of the sea (antichrist), who was dead but now is alive and the Beast out of the earth (false prophet), who causes all men to worship the first

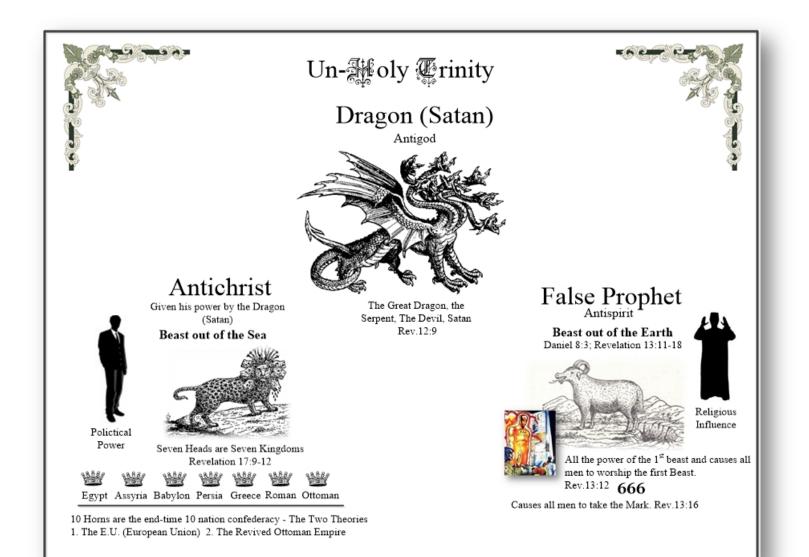
beast. Satan seeks to imitate everything about God and wants to be God. His goal is to



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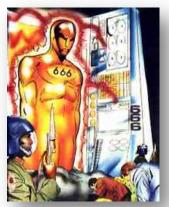
force all men by his lies and deceit to worship the first beast. Even Jesus talked about this time:

Matthew 24:23-26 <sup>23</sup>Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> "For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup> Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it."



n v12 John tells us that this second beast out of the earth uses all the power of the first beast, and CAUSES the world to worship the first beast. Notice the word "causes." Some will not need convincing, but then there are those who will need to be "caused" to worship the beast, as if by force. This FALSE PROPHET or ANTI-SPIRIT produces signs, such as fire out of heaven v13, that he may deceive the world into worshiping the Antichrist.

<sup>1</sup>As a sign of their loyalty, the false prophet will demand an **IMAGE** to the Antichrist be erected in the temple. The false prophet then gives life to the image and causes it to speak. All those who refuse to now worship this live image as their god will be killed. More loyalty will be demanded, and all men, rich and poor, free and bound, small and great, will be required to receive a mark in their right hand or forehead. No one will be able to buy or sell who will not receive this mark, and the mark is equal to the number of his name which is six hundred sixty-six (666).



Verse 17 gives us a clue as to the condition of daily life at this time of the Tribulation. At this point there sounds like there is still food to buy and so you must assume some degree of normalcy still exist. It would be safe then to also assume there must still be jobs to go to and life goes on in spite of all the horrible events of the trumpet judgments. Taking the **MARK** of the Beast might assure that you can go buy some food, or clothes or the things you need, but it also assures you of something else too ... a place in Hell for eternity. To the group of people who take the mark of the Beast they are now referred to as the "WALKING DEAD." At this point there is nothing they can do to be saved.

The first beast, who is the Antichrist, and the second beast, who is the False Prophet, they are both men they are two different people. The fact that the second beast is called the "False Prophet" is proof that he is not the "Antichrist." Jesus spoke of him when He said:

Matthew 24:24 (NASB), For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

The FALSE CHRIST is the Antichrist (Beast out of the sea) and is given his power by the DRAGON or Satan, and the FALSE PROPHET is the Anti-spirit (Beast out of the Earth). Here Jesus differentiates between "FALSE CHRISTS" and "FALSE PROPHET," therefore the ANTICHRIST and the FALSE PROPHET cannot be the same.

Again the "Antichrist" is to be a **KING** and rule over a **KINGDOM**. He will accept the "Kingdoms of this world" that Satan offered to Jesus, and that Jesus refused (Matt. 4:8-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/tbr/tbr062.htm

10). He will also **EXALT** himself, and claim to be God (2. Thess. 2:4). But the False Prophet is not a King, he does not exalt himself, he exalts the First Beast (Antichrist). His relation to the First Beast is the same as the Holy Spirit's relation to Christ. He **CAUSES** the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the First Beast. He also has power to give **life**, and in this he imitates the Holy Spirit. The followers of Christ are sealed by the Holy Spirit until the **Day of Redemption** (Eph. 4:30) likewise, the followers of Antichrist shall be sealed by the False Prophet until the **Day of Perdition** (Rev.13:16-17).

The False Prophet then commands the people to make an "IMAGE OF THE BEAST."

This is further proof that the "First Beast" is the Antichrist. It is a strange weakness of mankind that they must have some **VISIBLE** God to worship, and when the Children of Israel, who had been delivered from Egypt under Moses' leadership, thought he had forsaken them because he did not come down from the Mount, they called Aaron to make them gods which should go before them, and Aaron made for them the "GOLDEN CALF" (Ex. 32:1-6). So the False Prophet will have the people make for the purpose of worship an image of the beast. But the amazing thing about this IMAGE" is that the False Prophet will have power to give LIFE to it, and cause it to SPEAK, and to demand that all who will not worship it shall be put to death. In other words the IMAGE will be a living, speaking, AUTOMATON ... "A.I. (Artificial Intelligence)"

This Image reminds us of the **GOLDEN IMAGE** that Nebuchadnezzar commanded to be made and set up in the Plain of Dura, in the Province of Babylon (Dan. 3:1-30). At the sounding of musical instruments, the people were commanded to bow down and worship under penalty of death. For those who did not bow down would be cast into a **BURNING FIERY FURNACE**. Doubtless there will be many in the Day of Antichrist who will refuse to bow down and worship the Image of the Beast, and who will not escape death.

And as if this was not enough the False Prophet shall cause--"ALL, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK' in their RIGHT HAND, or in their FOREHEAD; and that no man might BUY or SELL, save he that has the MARK or the NAME OF THE BEAST, or the NUMBER OF HIS NAME." This mark will be known as the "BRAND OF HELL."

Revelation 13:18 (NASB), "Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six."





Revelation 6:1-8

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