The Beast-Satan's Masterpiece Pastor Tommy Nelson Revelation 13:11-18

Revelation 13:

¹¹ Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. ¹³ And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. ¹⁴ Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. NIV

Satan's masterpiece: He counterfeits the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Unholy Trinity: Satan, The Antichrist, The Beast

The Dragon: Antichrist False prophet: Beast

One produces a Bride, One produces a Harlot

The Beast with the 2 horns is the False Prophet.

Another beast-Satanic.

Antichrist is a dangerous politician, power with no sense of right and wrong Rev 13 "out of the earth"- an established place. Perhaps the Leader of the World Counsel of Churches, Imam, Pope, someone out of existing institutions, looks like a lamb and speaks peace.

He is obviously an important figure.

Rev 19:20-false prophet-antichrist and prophet establish themselves in the Temple The Beast is the Voice behind Antichrist. He is the impersonation of the Holy Spirit. False prophet w/dragon and beast

Rev 13:11

Judgment of great harlot. A woman sitting on scarlet, seductive spiritual harlotry-opposite of wisdom. Unfaithful and dangerous.

Here riding upon peace -sits on seven heads 7 mountain 7 kings. Religious, spiritual, unfaithful. Egypt Syria, etc. all religious, Satan may have an antichrist ready at any time throughout history. Worship gods-persecute Christians- one harlot on all of them and hates the people of God. Babylon the great out of Babel-nations tyrants-polytheism. Traced back to Babylon-gate of God-like in the garden. God sent confusion.

When man rejects God he makes himself god of imaginations, harlotry-Gen 11- Bab-El-the gate of God

In the last days it erupts-one government, one religion, one economy When wicked men are all one-no amount of evil they can't do. It's like12 boys sitting together making mischief. The only solution is to separate them.

Satan is the pit bull. False religion. Mother of harlots-homosexuality, Buddhism, Hinduism, atheism secularism: all come from the ideology of man making himself god.

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The Beast is a harlot. He sits upon waters

Sits on the beast

v. 7 beast that carries her.

All the world's religions are melded into one.

Have you seen the sign Coexist? Coexist is scary. If the Christian coexists and adopts all other religions in the name of tolerance, there is no final truth.

Man fashions himself to his own image.

Why do people want that? For a semblance of peace. All religion is under the false prophet.

Time would probably put him on their cover as "Man of the Year." He is restrained/until the Restrainer, the Holy Spirit is removed.

One glaring difference.

The Beast is drunk with the blood of tribulation saints. Blood of the witnesses. Comparative religions-all religions say the same thing: do mystical and moral things to earn god's favor and you will be saved.

Earning. Do good stuff to earn good stuff

Christianity says that we are saved by no deeds of our own.

Why will you have a world religion control? Think about the Third Reich.

Nebuchadnezzar-control. Keep religion but bow to his image

Rome keep your religion- Caesar, Bow once a year to the

God of "the invincible son"-Caesar is Lord.

Christians died. Take in territory-religiously. Acknowledge him as supreme.

The Beast is far more dangerous. We are better off w/Hitler. 3 1/2 yr. mark-10

horns (Antichrist) and beast. I'm not going to have these religions you now 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

Antichrist opposes and exalts himself

Daniel 11:45 The Antichrist takes his seat in temple of God:

⁴⁵He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him. NIV

Matthew 24:15-16:

¹⁵ "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. NIV

When you see abomination of desolation, run!

No more religion-Christ or antichrist-god is Satan. Just like the garden. If you don't, worship me, the Tree of knowledge of good and evil.

The Beast is a counterfeit of Elijah-he is going to try to do what Elijah did-call down fire from heaven.

Satan tried to control Jesus in Luke 4:

⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.' NIV

Men will be controlled by true god-or pseudo religion liberal Christianity: "Live by the golden rule."

Atheist-history man w/out God secularism

No law of God-can't let man go crazy-the less religion you have-more government you need.

More godless our country becomes, the more socialism you need to control people. Man may act atheistically, but when problem comes you want justice. Law and order-Napoleon Stalin Lenin Marx Mao secular humanist socialism, control.

The Beast, the False Prophet, speaks for the beast. Arsenal of one.

Punish you when you fail to worship.

2 Thessalonians 2:

Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. NIV

The Beast deceives by signs –pharoah's magicians could bring plagues but not send them away

Simon Magis, Bar-Jesus were magicians in New Testament days performing signs.

Nebuchadnezzar threw Shadrach, Meshach and Abdnego into the fiery furnace because they wouldn't bow down to the King of Babylon.

The people of that time would receive a mark on right hand or forehead. Bar codebuy or sell. Complete socialism.

Diocletian- hand over bible get certificates "traditor." Compromising believers buy a certificate to survive. Show them as if they worshipped Christ. Donatists-if church took those certificates-baptisms are rescinded. Augustine-spoke about that.

Many Tribulation saints are willing to suffer. Christ said, "When I was hungry, thirsty you took care of me. If you have done this for the least of my brethren-you've done it to me."

Yad bashin-grove of righteous gentiles-In WW II, those who housed the Jews-Schindler-watchmakers Corrie ten Boom

Does God have way of marking us? Seal of Holy Spirit.

V 18:

The number of 666-6th day God created man. Trinity –number is 3. Satan, Antichrist False Prophet. Beast is a man replacing God.

The Beast supernaturally brings miracles. The Beast seemingly raised from the dead, and reaches men through the lie.

Satan's ultimate masterpiece?

Zechariah 5: 1-4:

"I looked again, and there before me was a flying scroll.

²He asked me, "What do you see?"

I answered, "I see a flying scroll, twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide."

³ And he said to me, "This is the curse that is going out over the whole land; for according to what it says on one side, every thief will be banished, and according to what it says on the other, everyone who swears falsely will be banished. ⁴ The LORD Almighty declares, 'I will send it out, and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of anyone who swears falsely by my name. It will remain in that house and destroy it completely, both its timbers and its stones." NIV

⁵Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, "Look up and see what is appearing."

6 I asked, "What is it?"

He replied, "It is a basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land."

⁷Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman! ⁸He said, "This is wickedness," and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed its lead cover down on it.

⁹Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth.

¹⁰ "Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me.

¹¹He replied, "To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place." NIV

I saw a flying scroll. Israel returned from Persia-take what they had didn't rebuild their own house Burned house down purses with holes
This is the ephah-largest ephah basket-I see that sin-lead cover-woman v.8 wickedness.

When a believer forgets his calling.

God says, "You have been unfaithful to me. Nip it the bud-don't let it out. Insidious-forget God."

I see it-woe unto me if I forget to preach the gospel. Heavenly vision-stork migrates far and wide-women pick it up takes it far away

Throw it. Lifted up the ephah-we are going to build a house for her. Land of Shinar-Babylon.

Set there on pedestal-worldliness raised up. She will be exalted then.

"Do not love the world or the things if the world The World is passing away and lust thereof."

When God removes the church, He gives Satan free reign before He casts Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire.