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THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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PART 3: TELEVISION & TWO PROPHETS

THE LENGTH OF THE REIGN OF THE BEAST

The Antichrist is going to reign for 3.5 years before the False Prophet shows up.
Revelation 13:5

Does the Bible provide a reference for how long the Beast will reign? Yes, Jesus told the apostle John that the Man of Sin would rule for one hour. What can you do with one hour? Obviously that isn't very long to rule the world!

It turns out that God has a completely different way of measuring time in heaven. This can be confirmed by Peter's revelation that a day is with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. **2 Peter 3:8**

We can deduce God's timescale in dividing 1,000 years by 24 hours:

- ❖ One hour with God is 41.67 years for man.
- ❖ One minute with God is 8 months and 8 days for man.
- ❖ One second with God is 3 days and 22 hours for man.

If we use this conversion table, the total reign of the Beast will be 41.67 years. A much more substantial period of time, at least for us on earth! This means that the Beast is going to reign alone for 3.5 years and then he will reign together with the False Prophet for 38.07 years. What we have in the Bible is what I have presented in this sermon outline. **Revelation 17:11-13**

Christians have been taught the reign of the Antichrist, also known as the tribulation period, will last for seven years. They base this upon **Daniel 9:27**, where the Antichrist will confirm a covenant for one week, making the assumption that the seven days refers to seven years. This is actually an assumption followed by another assumption because we don't know that the week mentioned is referring to the reign of the Antichrist.
Judges 2:7-13

Look at these numbers:

- ❖ The Soviet Union lasted for 74 years.
- ❖ Nazi Germany existed for 12 years.
- ❖ The Communists have ruled China for 71 years.
- ❖ World War I lasted for 4 years.
- ❖ World War II lasted for 6 years.

Regardless, the reign of the Beast is going to be what God has allowed it to be. It is better to prepare for a longer period than to be surprised when it lasts a long time.



THE FALSE PROPHET

Jesus also calls the False Prophet a beast, but unlike the Antichrist that comes up from the ocean, he will come up out of the earth, indicating this being is not human, but a hybrid like the Beast. He is going to look and act very nice, but he will speak like the Devil. **Revelation 13:11**

The False Prophet will display the power of Satan and create a religion that will feature the Beast as the promised messiah of Israel. All worship will be directed to the Beast and the power behind the Beast which is none other than Lucifer. **verse 12**

The False Prophet will stand before the throne of the Beast and lead the people in worshipping the Beast while he performs spectacular miracles. **verses 13-14**

SATAN'S PROTOTYPE

During the time of the prophet Daniel, Satan moved upon King Nebuchadnezzar to have a monument of solid gold built that was 90 feet tall and 9 feet wide. Nebuchadnezzar ordered the people of his empire to gather at the plain of Dura where he assembled a large band of musicians. All the people were ordered to fall down prostrate and worship the image of gold when the music began to play. Mankind had not yet discovered electricity and this is why everything had to be done on site. **Daniel 3:1-7**

Nebuchadnezzar had the necessary gold needed to build this huge idol since his army had looted the temple and the treasury in Jerusalem of the gold that had been brought to King Solomon at a rate of 20 tons per year. **1 Kings 10:14; 2 Chronicles 36:17-18**

It is noteworthy that dictators have organized many large parades and rallies:

- ❖ Huge parades were held in Moscow from 1918 to 1991 during the Soviet Union era where tens of thousands of troops marched and hundreds of thousands of people watched as they paraded past the communist bosses.
- ❖ Adolf Hitler presided over the Nurnberg rallies from 1933 to 1938 that saw up to half a million people and military personnel participate.
- ❖ Communist China has its parades and worship of the communist party.

The common denominator for all three of these nations is loyalty and worship of its leaders. The same will hold true for the Beast when the False Prophet gathers the people to worship the Antichrist.

WORLDWIDE TELEVISION

Imagine you are standing in a village of the Amazon speaking to primitive jungle people through an interpreter. You are a television salesman, yet you failed to bring a television as part of your presentation. What would be their understanding? They would just stare at you blankly, not comprehending what you're trying to describe.

Jesus spoke to the apostle John some 1,900 years ago. John did not know about electricity. Jesus recognized that John would not understand, but He still wanted John to write down the prophetic words for future generations when men lived in a higher developed world that was powered by electricity.

Jesus said the False Prophet would have the ability to make images (pictures) that were live and could speak. These speaking images would exist throughout the world, enabling the False Prophet to reach and communicate with the world's population in real time. **Revelation 13:14-15**

Renegade Bible scholars scoffed at the Book of Revelation in the early 1900's. They wrote books and articles, claiming there was no truth, and that the Book of Revelation was just a book of allegories.

Bible teachers were not sure the Book of Revelation was true in the 1950's. Keep in mind that television had just started to come on the market, proving an image could indeed speak.

The United States government set up a system of satellites by 1980 that had the ability to carry television signals to different parts of the world.

By 1990 there was the talk about the Internet and how people could be connected worldwide via their computers. The Bible teachers were no longer skeptics; they could plainly see what Jesus tried to tell John about television.

The False Prophet can't bring the world's population to Jerusalem, but he will have global television at his disposal.

Giant flat screen video boards were created in 1980 in Japan by Mitsubishi Electric and Sony that became known as Jumbotrons. By 1985 they were a common sight at sport stadiums and concert venues. The largest Jumbotron measured 33 feet tall and 110 feet wide. As technology developed, the video boards began to use microprocessors and LED's that have made the resolution much better.

Every megachurch in the United States today has large screens on the walls behind the pulpit so the audience can better see the speaker.

Jesus described the world as it would be in the 21st century. We now know that the Book of Revelation is true.

LASERS, CAMERAS & MICROPHONES

A television set today can be equipped with a camera and microphone. I have a popular application known as Skype installed on my computer that provides video chat and voice calls between computers, tablets, and smartphones via the Internet. This software allows me to transmit text, video, audio and images in real time, giving me the ability to globally interact with people.

I predict that during the time of the False Prophet, all television sets will have cameras, microphones and a weapon. Each TV will have its own computer system that that can validate if people watching are worshipping the image of the Beast. If the artificial intelligence detects that people in front of the TV set are not on their knees, hands in the air, and audibly praising the Beast, they will be killed. **Revelation 13:14-15; Judges 6:16-24**

President Nixon suggested in the 1970's that all televisions in the U.S. be wired in such a way that the government could activate a system in case of an national emergency to

turn it on at a high volume and allow the president to speak to the entire nation. His suggestion was never enacted.

Tech companies have increasingly been selling the idea of smart homes. Any device in your home that uses electricity can be put on your home network and initiated by voice, remote control, tablet or smartphone. This means you can control appliances, lighting, thermostat, security, entertainment, and even your garage door.

With facial identification it will be easy for the future world government to monitor internet connected homes and its inhabitants. In this way, the Beast system will know if people are home and can monitor their whereabouts through smartphones.

GOD'S PROPHETS

Two prophets from God are going to show up in Jerusalem during the reign of the Beast and for 1,260 days (3.5 years) they will stand in front of the building used by the Antichrist as his palace.

Since there is no mention of the False Prophet during this time period, I assume this is the same 42 months of the first Beast period. **Revelation 11:1-4**

The Bible does not identify these two men and there is speculation that they will be Enoch and Elijah since they were caught up to be with God and never died. **Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5; 2 Kings 2:9-14**

The Bible states that it is appointed unto men once to die and this would validate the claim that the two witnesses are in fact Enoch and Elijah. **Hebrews 9:27**

Regardless, these two men will be fearless and invincible for 1,260 days. This is going to anger Satan and the Beast, but they will be powerless as God openly mocks the Antichrist system, hurting the credibility of the Beast and the power of Satan. **Revelation 11:5-6**

When the appointed time is over, God will withdraw His protection and these two men will be murdered. **verse 7**

Once again we see an example of global television as the Beast lets their dead bodies lie in the street where they fell. There will be live 24/7 global newscast where the world's population dances on the streets and send gifts to one another while celebrating the fact that the Beast is apparently stronger than God. **verses 8-10**

God will intervene again and there will be a resurrection when the Holy Spirit releases His resurrection power and the two witnesses will stand up like they had never been hurt. I am sure the Beast give the order to cut the live television feed since this will tarnish his image of power.

Jesus will call to the two men and they will ascend to heaven. A great earthquake strikes and a tenth of Jerusalem is destroyed and seven thousand people are killed. Great fear will descend upon the survivors as they realize the Beast is nothing compared to God! **verses 12-13**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?