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**THE TIME IS NEAR TO RECOGNIZE THE BEAST
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**Part 6 of 7
Revelation 13:1-18**

1. THE SOCIAL AGITATION THAT DELIVERS THE BEAST

“... a beast rising up out of the sea ...” v. 1

“... the waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.” Rev. 17:15

“The wicked are like the troubled sea that cannot rest whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace saith my God to the wicked.” Isaiah 57:20-21

Out of this seething sea of unrest and humanity there is going to come the antichrist.

Think of the social unrest that is in our world today.

Arnold Toynbee: “By forcing on mankind more and more lethal weapons and at the same time making the world more and more interdependent economically, technology has brought mankind to such a degree of disaster that we are ripe for the deifying of any new Caesar who might succeed in giving the world unity and peace.”

II. THE SATANIC ATTRIBUTES THAT DESCRIBE THE BEAST

“...having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horn ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”

“Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion, and the dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.” Vv 1,2

“...behold a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.” Rev. 12:3

“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan ...” Rev. 12:9

We don't have to guess who the dragon is in Chapter 12, it is Satan and now comes the Beast and He's described the same way.

The Beast is the son of Satan. The Devil in human flesh. Like father like son.

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The world that has rejected God's lamb will receive the Devil's beast.

"I've come in my father's name and you won't receive me; If another should come in his own name, him you will receive." John 5:43

"Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders." 2 Thess. 2:9

*"And the devil said to Him, 'All this authority I will give you, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish
Therefore, if you will worship before me, all will be yours.'" Luke 4:6,7*

III. THE SEDUCTIVE APPEAL THAT DISGUISES HIM

"I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast saying, who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him." Verses 3,4

Daniel says he will come as a great peacemaker and destroy the world with peace.

IV. THE SINISTER AMBITIONS THAT DRIVE THE BEAST

Jesus came to seek and to save that which is lost. The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy.

A List of Several Unholy Ambitions:

1. To deify Satan

v. 4 *"So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the Beast; and they worshipped the beast."*

Isaiah 14:12-14 – the Five "I wills"

- 1) I will ascend into heaven
- 2) I will exalt my throne above the stars of God
- 3) I will also sit on the mount of the congregation.
- 4) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.
- 5) I will be like the Most High.

Satan said to Jesus, "I'll give you the Kingdom of the world if you will bow down and worship me."

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2. To defy the Savior
v. 5 *“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemous...”*

Remember he is the antichrist.

3. To destroy the Saints
v. 7 *“And it was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.”*

They are the Tribulation Saints, not the church.

4. To dominate Society
v. 7 *“... and authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.”*

He will have global control.

5. To delude Sinners
v. 8 *“...and all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”*

The devil doesn't really want casualties – He wants converts.

2 Thess. 2:4 *“Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God showing himself that he is God.”*

V. THE SUPPORTING AGENT THAT DECLARES THE BEAST

“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.” V. 11

This is the False Prophet.

The devil imitates God.

Martin Luther called him God's ape.

Just as there is a Holy Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit,

There is an unholy trinity – The Dragon, the Beast, the False Prophet.

The false prophet will be to the beast what the Holy Spirit is to Jesus. He will cause people to wonder after and worship the beast.

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“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.” V. 12

HE WILL USE THREE CHIEF METHODS:

1. FIRE *“He performs great signs so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.” V. 13*

2. IMAGE *“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.*

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.” Verses 14-15

3. THE MARK *“And 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.*

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.

Here is wisdom, let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of man. His number is 666.” Verses 16-18

He will control commerce. How?

1) Cashless society

2) Smart card

June 22, 1999 “P.C. Magazine” Jake Kurtchner (author) – “Your identity will be digital. The growing use of smart cards especially outside the U.S. paves the way for their acceptance as standard security devices. Whether in conjunction with passwords or biometrics data to protect your digital identity by letting you carry that identity embedded in the chip on your own card. Rather than having to store the identifying information in databases scattered across or linked via the internet. In the future these chips will be embedded in our clothes and perhaps eventually in our bodies.”

Associated Press Article – “Researchers have created a computer circuitry in a single molecule. A breakthrough that could open a brave new world of tiny computers billions of times more powerful than current PC’s and sensor that could be injected into the blood stream.”