

Antichrist, False Prophet, and 666

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DISCUSS

The Bible gives us a picture of what it would look like in the End Times and tells us of how the Great Tribulation plays out when two Satanic leaders—the Antichrist and the False Prophet, exert control over every person on earth. Read Revelation 13.

Antichrist

- From this verse, what came out of the sea? (v. 1) Who is the first beast mentioned in this verse? What does the “sea” signify? What does the seven heads refer to (Revelation 17:9)? How about the 10 horns?
- Ten major nations in Europe will one day unite into one superpower and appoint one leader, the Antichrist, to rule over them. The Antichrist will first lead a “United States of Europe,” and then take over as the world's dictator. Where would America be or what would be its role in this event?
- What would the Antichrist attempt to do or mimic that would make the world wonder after the beast (v. 13.3)?
- How would the Antichrist be in control? (v. 15-16) How does this verse tell you that Satan can do nothing without God's permission? Is there anything sacred or holy to the Antichrist? What is Jesus warning in Luke 21:16-28?
- The more we see bad people and bad deeds abound, the more we should look up towards God, because it shows Jesus is coming very soon.
- To whom do verses 9-10 refer to? What should you remember when you suffer for Christ? How can you prepare yourself for persecution (Matthew 26:51-54; 2 Cor.10:4; 1 Peter 2:19-24). What would be given to you at the time that you may suffer for Him?

- Our God controls the future, and believers belong to Him. We will triumph on that glorious day when, “The kingdom of the world (becomes) the kingdom of our Lord...and will reign forever and ever.” (Rev. 11:15)

False Prophet

- Who is verse 10-12 referring to? How is he described? What would he try to duplicate? The False Prophet will be the Antichrist's right-hand man! He will work purely to get mankind to worship the Antichrist—thus imitating the present ministry of the Holy Spirit in leading people to the true Christ (John 16:7-15).
- Someday, the world's religions will not just “coexist” but will separately co-exist together. “One-World Religion ” means exactly that—all religions will merge together to worship the antichrist, guided by the False Prophet.
- What would the False Prophet order to build (v. 14-15)? What are the three possibilities that the great image of the Beast would look like? What would happen to those who would not worship the beast (v. 15b)? Again, what should every follower of Christ remember when they suffer for Him?
- The world of the Last Days will involve three interconnected elements on this planet Earth: global economy, world government, and world religion. What identifying mark on everyone would the False Prophet decree to have? Why would this “loyalty mark” become the “Key to Survival” on earth?

“666”

- What is the number given in verse 18 about the number of the beast?
- What are some of the conjectures on what “666” means?

REFLECT

- Although all the Christians will be raptured before the Tribulation, let us be aware and beware of world events happening today. Jesus is coming—what if it were TODAY?
- For End-Times believers, reflect on these verses on how you can have victory:
 - Ephesians 6:10
 - James 4:7

- Ephesians 4:27
- Revelation 12:11
- If you aren't sure of what your future holds because you haven't accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, you can pray this prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for dying for my sins. Please come into my heart, and forgive my sins. I now believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and trust in Him alone as my personal Savior. Thank You, dear God, for giving me eternal life, and abundant life in Christ. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for opening my mind through Your Word about what the End Times would look like. It is truly scary, but thank You that as Your child, I don't have to worry about it because Jesus has already saved me from experiencing it. Lord, help me not to be complacent, but give me boldness to share the salvation that anyone could have in Christ Jesus to those who aren't in Your family yet. May You use what Your Word says about what will happen in the future to motivate Your children to share the gospel with others. In Jesus' mighty name I pray these things. Amen.