

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Only God can prophesy; only God knows the future.
  - i) Isaiah 46:9-10
- b) The devil does not know the future.
- c) History is headed for a climax, and we need to study the sure word of prophecy that we have in the Bible.
  - i) No Christian living in these times can afford to be ignorant.
- d) Standing in the shadows of history is a man known as the antichrist.
  - i) The antichrist has many aliases:
    - (1) The beast
    - (2) The man of sin
    - (3) The son of perdition
    - (4) The little horn
  - ii) In spite of his many aliases, he has one motive.
- e) There are five specific things we will learn as we study the biography of the beast.

2) THE SOCIAL AGITATION THAT DELIVERS THE BEAST (Revelation 13:1)

- a) The sea, in this passage, represents and is symbolic of evil and wicked people.
  - i) Isaiah 57:20
  - ii) Revelation 17:15
- b) We see social agitation in Revelation 13, with the peoples of the world in turmoil like a troubled sea.
  - i) Out of this troubled sea and agitation, the beast will come.
- c) We can see today that the waters of society are agitated and troubled.
  - i) World-wide terrorism
  - ii) Famines and natural disasters
  - iii) Political intrigue

3) THE SATANIC ATTRIBUTES THAT DESCRIBE THE BEAST (Revelation 13:1-2)

- a) He will have all of the attributes of his father.
  - i) Revelation 13:1
    - (1) The beast is described in the same way as his father, the devil.
      - (a) Revelation 12:3
        - (i) The dragon mentioned here is the devil himself.
        - (ii) Revelation 12:9
    - ii) When the beast comes, he will have all of the power of Satan.
      - (1) 2 Thessalonians 2:9
    - iii) John 14:9
      - (1) When Jesus walked the Earth, He said that those who had seen Him had seen His Father.
      - (2) When the devil enters into the antichrist, the antichrist will be able to say, "He that hath seen me hath seen my father."

- iv) All of the attributes of Satan will be in this man of sin.
  - (1) His father is the devil; and the lusts and the works of his father, he will do.
  - (2) He will be a consummate liar.
  - (3) Like father, like son.
- b) He will have the attributes of his family.
  - i) Revelation 13:2
    - (1) The word “seat” in this passage means “throne.”
  - ii) Daniel 7 helps us understand what the lion, bear and leopard represent in Revelation 13.
    - (1) Daniel delineates the four great empires of the world and describes them as beasts.
      - (a) The Babylonian Empire
        - (i) Described as a lion.
        - (ii) The rulers of Babylon were regal like the lion.
        - (iii) The lion also has a ravenous appetite and incredible strength; he’s able to terrify.
      - (b) The Medo-Persian Empire
        - (i) Described as a bear.
        - (ii) The bear has massive strength to grasp and to hold and to crush.
      - (c) The Greek Empire
        - (i) Described as a leopard.
        - (ii) The leopard has rapid movement.
          - 1. The Greeks conquered the known world with rapidity.
      - (d) The antichrist will be the last of these world rulers.
        - (i) Daniel saw one more kingdom coming, and that is the kingdom over which the antichrist will rule and reign.
        - (ii) The last world empire will be that of the antichrist.
  - iii) When the antichrist comes, he will have this lineage and history behind him.
    - (1) He will have all of the strength and abilities of these previous world empires and rulers.
    - (2) He will be all of the Napoleons, Caesars, Alexander the Greats, the Hitlers, etc., of this world all combined into one man.
- c) He will have his family’s fortune.
  - i) Revelation 13:2
  - ii) This man of sin will receive from Satan power, a throne and authority.
    - (1) Satan took dominion from Adam.
      - (a) Genesis 3
    - (2) Jesus did not dispute Satan’s right to give the kingdoms of the world to Him because Satan had taken dominion from Adam.
      - (a) Matthew 4:8-10

- (i) Jesus took back this dominion by overcoming Satan on the cross.
    - (3) The devil will offer the kingdoms to the antichrist.
      - (a) This man of sin will be so wicked that he will give his heart, mind, soul and everything to the devil.
    - (4) Satan will enter into this man and will give him power and a throne and authority.
  - d) This is a prophecy that one day those who would not receive the Lord Jesus Christ will receive the antichrist.
    - i) John 5:43
- 4) THE SEDUCTIVE APPEAL THAT DISGUISES THE BEAST (Revelation 13:3-4)
- a) The antichrist will have worldwide appeal.
    - i) He will come as a very appealing person in the eyes of the world.
    - ii) When the Bible describes Him as a beast, the Bible is not describing his appearance but his character.
      - (1) Satan is wicked, and he sometimes appears as an angel of light.
        - (a) 2 Corinthians 11:14
  - b) The beast will be handsome, charming, clever and greatly intelligent.
    - i) He will be a global charmer.
  - c) The whole world will wonder after the beast.
    - i) One reason for this will be a counterfeit resurrection.
      - (1) Somehow the beast will be wounded; he will receive a fatal wound in his head.
      - (2) He will suddenly come back to life.
        - (a) The devil has always wanted to imitate God.
        - (b) Satan tries to counterfeit all that God has.
          - (i) There are counterfeit Christians; we call them hypocrites.
          - (ii) There is a counterfeit church; the Bible calls it the synagogue of Satan.
          - (iii) There is a counterfeit trinity.
            - 1. The holy trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
            - 2. The counterfeit trinity: the dragon, the beast and the false prophet.
        - (c) The devil is a fake, a fraud and a counterfeiter; and he will counterfeit the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
      - (3) Satan's propaganda machine will churn out the news that the beast has come back from the dead.
  - d) People will be seduced by the devil.
    - i) 1 Timothy 4:1
    - ii) Matthew 24:24
- 5) THE SINISTER AMBITIONS THAT DRIVE THE BEAST (Revelation 13:4-10)

- a) He wants to deify Satan.
    - i) Revelation 13:4
    - ii) The antichrist wants people to worship Satan.
    - iii) Satan has always wanted to be worshipped.
    - iv) Just as God the Father receives worship through God the Son, the devil will receive worship through the antichrist.
  - b) He is coming to defy the Savior.
    - i) Revelation 13:5-6
    - ii) He is a blasphemer.
      - (1) He cannot touch God Himself, so the beast is reduced to name-calling.
    - iii) With eloquence, he will turn people away from Jesus Christ and to himself.
    - iv) The ultimate blasphemy will be when he comes to the temple of God and presents himself as God.
      - (1) The word “anti” means “against” and “instead of.”
  - c) He wants to destroy the saints.
    - i) Revelation 13:7
    - ii) He wants to stamp out every belief in the true God.
    - iii) True believers will face horrible torture and death.
      - (1) They will be beheaded for the cause of Christ.
  - d) He wants to dominate society.
    - i) Revelation 13:7
    - ii) The beast will have global control.
      - (1) Even today, we are moving toward a one-world society and globalism.
    - iii) Either by intimidation or by bedazzling others, the beast will gain global control of this world.
  - e) He wants to delude sinners.
    - i) Revelation 13:8-10
    - ii) As we get closer to the end of time, we will see more and more Satanic worship, occultism and witchcraft.
    - iii) The antichrist will oppose and exalt himself above God.
    - iv) The devil does not want casualties but converts.
- 6) THE SUPPORTING AGENT WHO DECLARES THE BEAST (Revelation 13:11-18)
- a) The antichrist will have a propaganda agent who will declare him to the world.
    - i) This second beast will come out of the earth.
      - (1) “Earth” in this passage may be translated “land.”
      - (2) When the Bible speaks prophetically of the sea, it is speaking primarily of the Mediterranean.
        - (a) The first beast (the antichrist) may come out of the Old Roman Empire that surrounded the Mediterranean.
      - (3) When the Bible speaks of the land, it is most likely speaking of Israel.
        - (a) This second beast may come out of Israel.

- (i) The antichrist will make a league with Israel.
- b) This second beast will have the voice of a dragon.
  - i) Revelation 13:11
  - ii) The dragon is the anti-God; the beast is the anti-Christ.
  - iii) This supporting agent is the anti-Holy Spirit.
    - (1) The work of the Holy Spirit of God is to cause us to love and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - (2) The anti-Spirit will cause people to worship the beast.
- c) This supporting agent will control the minds and the wills of people by three major methods:
  - i) Deceiving wonders
    - (1) Revelation 13:13-14
    - (2) He will be able to do mighty miracles and deceiving wonders.
      - (a) The devil has the power to do miracles.
        - (i) Revelation 16:13
        - (ii) Exodus 7:10-22
        - (iii) We need to put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and not in miracles.
      - (3) One miracle that he will perform will be to set the heavens ablaze.
  - ii) Enforced worship
    - (1) Revelation 13:14-15
    - (2) The “image” of the beast may simply be television or virtual reality.
    - (3) Everyone will be forced to worship the antichrist.
  - iii) Controlled wealth
    - (1) Revelation 13:16-18
    - (2) This false prophet who causes people to worship the beast will control the commerce and wealth of the world.
      - (a) Those who go through the Great Tribulation will be branded by the beast.
      - (b) The only way to buy groceries, medicine, make house payments, buy gasoline, etc., will be to show the mark.
    - (3) We are moving, even today, toward a regimentation of people by computer.
    - (4) This “regimentation” by the mark of the beast will seem reasonable and efficient.
    - (5) The mark of the beast is 666.
      - (a) The number of man is six.
        - (i) Man was created on the sixth day.
        - (ii) Man is a sinner.
      - (b) Seven is the number of perfection.
      - (c) The divine number is three.
      - (d) This mark is man showing himself to be God.

## 7) CONCLUSION

- a) We are living in a time where many people take offense when we share that there is only one way to Heaven and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - i) What many want today is to homogenize society: put everyone together in one world church and one world system.
- b) We have a choice today: the beast or the Lamb.
  - i) If the rapture is near, then the beast is alive and well today on planet Earth.
  - ii) Matthew 11:28
- c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31
  - v) John 3:16