

Urgency 19 a

Revelation 13:1-10 Amp ¹ And the [a]dragon (Satan) stood on the sandy shore of the sea. Then I saw a [vicious] beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten royal [b]crowns (diadems), and on his heads were blasphemous names. ² And the beast that I saw resembled a [c]leopard, but his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth was like that of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. ³ *I saw* one of his heads which seemed to have a fatal wound, but his fatal wound was healed; and the entire earth *followed* after the beast in amazement. ⁴ They fell down *and* worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; they also worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like (as great as) the beast, and who is able to wage war against him?" ⁵ And the beast was given a mouth (the power of speech), uttering great things *and* arrogant and blasphemous words, and he was given freedom *and* authority to act *and* to do as he pleased for [d]forty-two months (three and a half years). ⁶ And he opened his mouth to speak blasphemies (abusive speech, slander) against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, and those who live in heaven. ⁷ He was also [e]permitted to wage war against the saints (God's people) and to overcome them, and authority *and* power over every tribe and people and language and nation. ⁸ All the inhabitants of the earth will fall down *and* worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written since the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who has been slain [as a willing sacrifice]. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If anyone *is destined* for captivity, he will go into captivity; if anyone kills with a sword, he must be killed with a sword. Here is [the call for] the patient endurance and the faithfulness of the saints [which is seen in the response of God's people to difficult times].

The attack through the first beast: A Political leader. This chapter discusses the two terrible leaders that will arise in the end times. The antichrist and his cohort, the world wide religious leader. The attacks will be horrible.

1. The antichrist: He rises up out of the sea. Revelation 17:15. The people and the nations will be looking for a leader who can offer them hope and help.(deception)

Isaiah 17:12-14 ¹² Woe to the multitude of many people *Who* make a noise like the roar of the seas ,And to the rushing of nations *That* make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! ¹³ The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters; But *God* will rebuke them and they will flee far away, And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.¹⁴ Then behold, at eventide, trouble! *And* before the morning, he *is* no more. This *is* the portion of those who plunder us, And the lot of those who rob us.

Isaiah 57:20-21 ²⁰ But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.²¹ "*There is no peace,*" 'Says my God, "for the wicked."

2. The large amount of political power the antichrist will gain in the last days: If you look today they are ushering in the antichrist, they are talking about the new world order, he will be the true embodiment of blasphemy. The antichrist will combine and embody three of the world's most powerful empires. That is empires that had conquered and controlled most of the known world in their day. They are like three animals. The leopard-Germany The bear- Russia The lion Great Britain.

Daniel 7 Vision of the Four Beasts

¹ In the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, Daniel [a]had a dream and visions of his head *while* on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling [b]the main facts. ² Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ⁴ The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ⁵ "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' ⁶ "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷ "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking [c]pompous words.

Vision of the Ancient of Days

⁹ "I watched till thrones were [d]put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment *was* white as snow, And the hair of His head *was* like pure wool. His throne *was* a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The [e]court was seated, And the books were opened. ¹¹ "I watched then because of the sound of the [f]pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³ "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel's Visions Interpreted

¹⁵ "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit [g]within *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me. ¹⁶ I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 'Those great beasts, which are four, *are* four ^[h]kings *which* arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.' 19 "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, *with* its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, *which* devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; 20 and the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke ^[i]pompous words, whose appearance *was* greater than his fellows. 21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. 23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. 24 The ten horns *are* ten kings *Who* shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first *ones*, And shall subdue three kings. 25 He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute^[i] the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. 26 'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy *it* forever. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' 28 "This *is* the end of the ^[k]account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."

Revelation 13:1 ¹ Then ^[a]I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having ^[b]seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

I believe this verse could represent the European Union. Satan will give all his power to the antichrist the same power that he offered Christ in Matthew

Matthew 4:8-10 ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, ^[a]"Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

The antichrist is to rule over the finale government of the earth **Revelation 13:14** ¹⁴ And he deceives ^[a]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.

This verse shows that the antichrist will be wounded and live. This could be the cause of an assentation attempt. People will think it is a true miracle.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 ³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of ^[a]sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits ^[b]as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Every time you hear the word new world order in the news you should pay close attention. The antichrist will secure power because of the world and ungodly people. Also I believe this will all happen after a catastrophic event in the world.

Revelation 9:20-21 ²⁰ But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹ And they did not repent of their murders or their ^[a]sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The antichrist will secure power by atheism and humanism. He will secure power through imperial worship. We will talk about the false prophet in the next lesson.

Matthew 24:15 ¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),

Revelation 14:9-11 ⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

The adversaries of the antichrist are the true believers:

Matthew 10:22 ²² And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

1 Corinthians 15:58 ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

James 1:12 ¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

1 Peter 2:19 ¹⁹ For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

Matthew 5:11-13 ¹¹ Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Believers Are Salt and Light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

1 Peter 5:8-9 ⁸ Be ^[a]sober, be ^[b]vigilant; ^[c]because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Revelation 3:11 ¹¹ Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Go tell people about Jesus and make disciples