

## Kingdom Feature, April 2023

### ***“Are you Erroneously Following and Worshipping the Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet?”***

***[Part 1 of 4]***

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And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. **{Revelation 13:11-18}**

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. **{Revelation 14:9-12}**

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. **{Revelation 16:13-16}**

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw

the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. **{Revelation 19:17-21}**

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. **{Revelation 20:4-6}**

One of the greatest misconceptions connected with understanding these scriptures is that the majority of those who attempt to put most of their emphasis on one area; and that is the 'mark of the beast or the number 666'. You cannot correctly understand this vital message for the last days without understanding who and what the Dragon

represents; who, what, and where the Beast represents; and who and what the False Prophet represents.

Another misconception connected with these scriptures in the modern day group referred to as Evangelical Christians is that these events are still yet to come and that the rapture will take place before they really happen; therefore it doesn't really matter if you have wisdom and understanding concerning the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet or exactly what is the Mark of the Beast, when in actuality, the Dragon has already implemented his plan with the Beast System that is now being orchestrated by the False Prophet, and the Mark of the Beast is now intensifying each and every day.

In order to help you understand this vital message, we must lay a groundwork by looking at the Dragon; the Beast; the False Prophet; the Beast who rises out of the sea; the seven heads; the ten horns and the ten crowns; the beast who came out of the earth; the two horns like a lamb; and the voice like a dragon. Hopefully I can cover all this ground in 4 sessions, but if not, I will continue in a very concise and precise method in order to impart wisdom and understanding that will be easy to follow. For many, a lot of the material will be things you have never heard before, so I encourage you once again to do your own research and: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **{II Timothy 2:15}**

**Now let's look at the Dragon: The dragon represents satan himself presenting himself as the true and living God, in order to**

**receive what he has always desired and by any and all means receive; that is WORSHIP. This is not his first attempt; he has attempted this before and was thrown out of heaven because of this perverted iniquity. Read Ezekiel 28:12-19; Isaiah 14:12-27; Revelation 12th chapter; Luke 10:1-18; and Matthew 4:1-11.**

**What the dragon has cleverly carried out and especially in our day and time is presenting a counterfeit God who is not the true and living God; and the greatest tool that he has utilized is the False Prophet or the organized religious system. The organized false religious system has empowered the dragon by:**

- \*\*\* Changing God's commandments and true laws.**
- \*\*\* Promoting the worship of paganism and idolatry.**
- \*\*\* Promoting doctrines of devils as being the truth.**
- \*\*\* Promoting the false religious doctrine of selfism.**
- \*\*\* Promoting the love of money above living a sacrificial life.**
- \*\*\* Promoting political figures and their governments instead of the Kingdom of God and His government.**
- \*\*\* Promoting the worship of man instead of the worship of God.**
- \*\*\* Promoting a false Jesus instead of the true Savior, Deliverer, King of kings, and Lord of lords.**
- \*\*\* Promoting the antichrist and funding his throne in the country of Israel.**
- \*\*\* Promoting perversion, the spirit of control, and humanism within the church.**
- \*\*\* Promoting the false unity movement that will help the antichrist rule the world.**

**\*\*\* Promoting alternative ways to God instead of declaring that Jesus is the only way.**

**STAY TUNED FOR PART II COMING NEXT MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017.**