

# Revelation 12-13

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## SEC: The Significance of the Number Seven in Revelation

God's work is not only complete when He does it, but it is also based around the number seven. You find the number seven in your Bible set apart in the second chapter of Genesis, and then over 800 times throughout the rest of the Old Testament. You find that God is drawing your attention to how He uses the number seven. So it is no great mystery that the Bible itself is built around the number seven. We have been coming through the seven mysteries in the Bible, the seven baptisms, the seven resurrections, and showing you how the Bible really compositely goes together based around that.

Then we came to the book of Revelation, which is supposedly the hardest book in the Bible. I told you that in reality, it is the easiest book in the Bible if you just follow the same guidelines for the rest of the Bible. The book of Revelation is a book that, if you are going to break it down and you are going to study it, you are going to find that the number seven is the key. The book of Revelation itself breaks down into seven sections. God took a very complicated book and then broke it down into seven sections that you and I might be able to study it in sections and then put it together from there. You are going to find that within the book of Revelation, you have seven churches, seven years of tribulation, seven angels, seven vials, seven trumpets—all of the things that take place.

What we have been doing is we started, and I showed you the seven churches. I showed you the seven ways the book breaks down. Then we started in what I think is probably really the key to the book of Revelation, if not only the whole Bible, is the seven personalities or the seven people that the book of Revelation is built around. We have come through all of them now, and we are faced with the last three, which have to do with the devil and the Antichrist.

## SEC: The Antichrist in Popular Culture and Biblical Truth

Last week, I laid the groundwork and I showed you the background for what we are going to get into today, which is really understanding how the Antichrist, and I told you last week, it would be hard in America to find anybody who does not know something about the Antichrist, at least as to who he is. I just saw on TV last week another movie that is coming out called *\*The Reaper\** or something like that. It has all the tribulation plagues, and I do not know what it is all about, but it is over and over and over again. We had *\*The Omen\**; I think we had *\*Omen One\** and *\*Two\** and *\*Three\** and *\*Four\** and *\*Five\** and *\*Six\**. Back in my early days was *\*Rosemary's Baby\** and all of that. All of those movies kind of gave America or the world an understanding of the Antichrist. Then, of course, you have had preachers preaching on it for years now and decades. So all that information is floating around out there. Then you have the books by Tim LaHaye that deal with all the end-time stuff and all the prophecy conferences. Everybody likes to think about the end of the world and the book of Revelation.

I told you last week, most of that material, though it is good and you can learn from it, most of it is not based solely on the Word of God; therefore, you get a lot of air into it. What I have been

showing you is nothing other than the Bible. We have been going through the scriptures and laying this thing out. Last week, I laid the foundation. Today, we are going to move into the two greatest chapters in all of the New Testament that deal with the Antichrist and the tribulation period and how he is going to portray himself and how he is going to pull off this thing. There are all kinds of concepts on that. We know when the rapture of the church takes place that the Antichrist is going to reveal himself and all the excitement about the mark of the beast and all of that. In reality, when you get to the scriptures, the Bible kind of unmasks the whole thing and really shows you what he is going to do and how he is going to accomplish it. It is one of the greatest studies in the Bible.

So we are going to pick it up today in Revelation 12. I am going to read the whole chapter here. Then we are going to look at chapter 13 and we are going to read that chapter. Then we are going to come down and we are going to break these chapters down almost verse by verse. Then we are going to put it all together for you as we look at these last three identities that really the book of Revelation is built around.

SEC: Revelation Chapter 12 (KJV)

*Revelation 12:1-17*

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*

*And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

*And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*

*And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

*And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

*And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

*And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

*And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

*Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

*And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.*

*And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*

*And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.*

*And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.*

*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Let us pray. Father, we do thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. We love You today. We ask You to give us wisdom and insight into all that we talk about and help us to lay out these passages, Lord, where Your people can grasp the truth of it. Lord, the book of Revelation is such an easy book, and we just follow the guideline, the blueprint that You have given us. Help us, Lord, today to lay it all out. Help us, Lord, to take the time to define it and to help Your people go home today understanding truth and the Word of God greater than when they came here today. Lord, we know that we do not have anything to offer anybody. Only through Your Holy Spirit of God do we have the ability to teach Your Word. Lord, I pray today that You will take this time that we have set aside, that You would use me, even as unworthy as I am, Lord, to take the Word of God and to speak to Your people. Lord, Holy Spirit of God, come down and meet with us today and give us what we need to have, and we will be thankful and praise You in all that we do, Lord. In Jesus' name, for His sake, we ask it, Amen.

SEC: The Devil's Three Expulsions from Heaven

Now we are going to come through here and we are going to mark some key passages in helping understand it. Keep in mind, we are coming through the last seven personalities that the book of Revelation is built around, and it is going to deal specifically with the Antichrist and the devil.

When we begin to study the devil, I gave you this simple outline months ago when we were talking about something else. The greatest way to understand the devil in your Bible is to understand this concept: the devil is kicked out of heaven three times in your Bible. Whenever you want to look at your Bible, whenever you want to understand the devil, you want to look at it in this three-way concept.

1. Positionally: We know that originally, back in Genesis 1, the devil was not always the devil. Back then, his name was Lucifer. We know that he was some kind of anointed cherub that had something to do with the throne of God and God's pre-Adamic kingdom back there, whatever God was doing. We also know this from Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14. We also know that he was not satisfied with that position, and he wanted to exalt himself above very God. So what he did, the Bible says in those passages, is that he led a revolt. He led a revolt, and the Bible says that one-third of the angels that were God's angels sided with Lucifer. When that took place, he tried to overthrow God's throne. When he tried to overthrow God's throne, it threw the universe into a galactic chaos. This is why we pick it up in Genesis 1:2, that the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. That is the aftermath of whatever took place in Genesis 1:1. At that point, this is where the devil gets kicked out of heaven the first time. This time, he is kicked out of heaven positionally. That is a very important word: positionally. He is kicked out of heaven as far as his position as the anointed cherub. What he does now, from Genesis 2 up to Revelation 12 and 13, the Bible says, is that he stands before the throne of God as Satan, no longer Lucifer. Now he is the devil. Now he is Satan. He stands before the throne of God, the Bible says, day and night, and he accuses the people of God before the throne of God. We know that is true because the book of Job tells us this. Job 1 and Job 2, the early chapters of Job, show you exactly this concept. The Bible says that there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. You see, he is not called Lucifer anymore. He goes in and he accuses Job the first time. He accuses Job of loving God because of all that God has given him. So he kind of puts a challenge out to God: "If You took everything that You gave him, he would hate You." God allows him to do that, and Job still loves God. Then a little bit later, he comes back in, and when Job passed that test, he says this: "Ah, if You put Your hand on his body and give him some terrible disease and some agonizing disease, then he will curse You to Your face." Of course, God says, "Go ahead, but you cannot kill him." Again, Job loves God all the way through the end. But that passage shows you the example that I am talking about, that he is standing before God as the accuser of the brethren. He does that basically in your Bible from Genesis 1:2 all the way up to where we are at today in Revelation 12.
2. Bodily: We just read in Revelation 12 where now he is kicked out of heaven. Here is the key: the first time he was kicked out positionally. This time, he is kicked out bodily. In other words, the first time he got kicked out, he lost his job. The second time he got kicked out, he got thrown out the door. Then he shows up on Earth as the Antichrist, which is what we are getting ready to do. I am setting the scene now for you. He runs for three and a half years.
3. Eternally: Then the third time he is kicked out, he is kicked out at the Great White Throne Judgment, and he is kicked out of heaven eternally. He goes to the lake of fire. See how easy it is? He is kicked out once positionally. Then he runs the gamut of 6,000, 7,000 years of man's history. Then at the tribulation period, he is kicked out bodily. Then at the end of the book of Revelation, at the Great White Throne Judgment, he is kicked out eternally. If you want to stun the devil in an easy format, that is the way that you do it. That is what we are looking at here in this chapter. Chapter 12 of the book of Revelation is a record of the events of him being kicked out bodily. That is what it says. We are going to look at it. We are going

to come through chapter 12 now and we are going to do it part by part so that you understand how this works. Then we are going to go to chapter 13 and put it all together for you, and you will leave here today understanding this concept a lot better.

SEC: The Woman, the Man Child, and the Dragon in Revelation 12

Let us look at Revelation 12:1-5. Here is what it says in verse 1:

*Revelation 12:1*

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*

The standard teaching on this, and this comes out of the Roman Catholic Church, is that this is Mary. If you ever were a Roman Catholic or you ever did any study with a Roman Catholic, you will find that the Roman Catholic Church teaches Mary is the queen of heaven. This is one of the verses that they use to support that. They look at this woman here, and this woman is a great wonder. She is clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. Any Catholic church you go into in any city on this planet will have a picture of Mary or a statue of Mary, and the moon will be under her feet, the sun will be under her back, and she will have a crown of twelve stars. You know why? They teach that is who she is.

Let us go back to the Bible. It is not Mary. You say, "How do you know it is not Mary?" Well, first of all, at the end of the chapter, the dragon is chasing her down with a flood. I do not ever know that that happened to Mary. I do not remember reading in the Bible when she is trucking down the road with water coming after her. No, the woman is the nation of Israel. I hate to do a terrible thing, but let us use the Bible. I mean, that is what we came for. We do not have to go through these all today, but if you go back to Genesis 37:9-10, you are going to find that the woman and the moon and the stars are all defined. The woman is the nation of Israel. The moon is Rachel back in Genesis 37, who represents the nation of Israel. The twelve stars, you might have guessed it by now, are the twelve tribes that come out of Rachel, which comes out of the nation of Israel. So you are going to find again, the Bible is the one that lays it all out. What you have here in the first eight or nine verses is he sets a perspective for you. He begins to bring you through a basic history of the nation of Israel, showing you and bringing you right up to where they are at in the tribulation period.

So what he does here in Revelation 12:1-5, he talks about how this woman was clothed with the sun. It says in verse 2 that she, being with child, travailed in birth, being pained to be delivered. We talked about this last week: the woman in travail. We found in 1 Thessalonians 5:3, Isaiah 21:3, Revelation 12:2, Isaiah 26:17, John 16:21, Isaiah 65:49—this is Israel. Anytime you find a woman in travail, pained to be delivered with a baby, it is going to be a picture of the nation of Israel in your Bible. This is why, ladies and gentlemen, the Apostle Paul said to the church in the book of Thessalonians, "Of the times and the seasons, brethren, I have no need to write unto you." Then he made a reference to a woman travailing in birth.

Ladies, most of you probably here have had children. You know that when you go to the doctor and the doctor tells you that the rabbit just died and you are going to have a baby, you know he

gives you a due date. That due date is when you are due, right? When is your due date, sweetheart? April what? You are never going to make it to April 21st. In fact, I want you to know, right as we speak, I am always prepared. Somebody is boiling water right now, and I have rubber gloves and a catcher's mitt. I am prepared. Me and Kyle are going to deliver that baby, are not we, Kyle? Your due date is April 21st. Now I am not a betting man, but let us have a little fun today. I have \$5 that says she does not hit on the 21st. You know, the exception proves the rule. Most women do not hit their due date. I have to ask this: how many women here—do not lie because God knows you are lying, and when they get to heaven, I will know you are lying, and I will look at you real funny because I know you are lying—how many women here that had children hit your due date? Two, three, now it is all four. Four out of what, 600 people here today? Yeah. See, I always think big. I had a guy try to one-up me one time. He said, "I preached last night, and I had 40 people make decisions." I said, "That is great. I preached the other day, and I had 500 people make decisions. They all decided to go home when I was done." What is your point? Four people, that proves it, see? The exception proves the rule. You do not know when you are going to have that baby for sure. The doctor makes an assumption based on doctor's assumption. But the proof of the matter is, you know when you are getting ready, and it may not be today, but you know you better not go too far from home. You know you better not go skydiving this afternoon. You know that it is getting close, and everybody else knows you are getting close. You look like you are going to pop. You look like you are going to explode. Little Jamie, I tell you what, I felt, she is so little anyhow, and she looked like she had swallowed an NBA basketball. I mean, she just carried that little thing around. I felt terrible for her, terrible for her. But I could tell, and you are getting miserable. You just know. A woman knows, you see? Everybody around her knows because when she knows, she tells everybody, you see? "No, get away, do not touch me." You know how it works.

Well, that is the way it is with Israel. I do not know the due date when Christ is coming back to establish the nation of Israel, but I am telling you, do not stray too far from God in your life now because it is real close. She is ready. She is ready to give forth that man child, and that man child historically is Christ. It is the nation of Israel because Christ comes from the nation of Israel. See, I do not have to worry about where I am at in time. That is why Paul said, "Of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need." Watch the lady with child. Child works. Real simple.

Now look at Revelation 12:3.

*Revelation 12:3*

*And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*

*Revelation 12:4 says:*

*And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

You see what we have got here is a perspective. We saw in the first verse that this woman is identified as the nation of Israel, and the verse that goes along with this is all the way back in Genesis 37. Now we are up to the first coming of Christ, and she is going to have this child, and the devil is standing there to devour that child as soon as it was born. I like the word, and this is why you cannot ever change one word in your Bible. The word "devour" is a key word because 1 Peter 5:8 says:

*1 Peter 5:8*

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

See, there is your connection. This is the devil. Now this is the first coming of Christ. How do you know that? Because first of all, at the first coming of Christ, the devil caused Rome, Caesar, who was being run by the devil at that time, to call all the world to be taxed. So here Joseph and Mary, she is great with child, what, 20, 30 miles away, who has to get on the back of a donkey when she is any day going to have a baby and ride on the back of a donkey for 10, 15, 20 miles? That is not the best situation to be in when you are that far along. The devil wanted her to miscarry that baby. Then when they finally got there, they get all the story, there is no room in the inn. So they have to go on a 30-mile, 20-mile trek, however far it was, on the back of a donkey with bad shocks. I mean, it was a rough ride. Have you ever ridden on a horse or a donkey? It is, I mean, I cannot stay on a horse for an hour without having to get off. I cannot imagine being with child and ready to be delivered. I mean, not just a couple of weeks along or too much. I mean, you are ready to have that baby on the back of a donkey for a 20-mile ride. Whoo, that is tough. When that did not work, you know what happens then, a little bit later on there in one of the other gospels, what does Herod do? Once that does not work, the devil gets Herod to kill all the babies from two years old down. Remember that? You know why? That is a fulfillment of Revelation 12, giving you the perspective that the devil is standing before that woman to devour that child. That is what he wanted to do.

Now look at Revelation 12:5.

*Revelation 12:5*

*And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

Now verse 5, we skip right up past the church age, right up past the crucifixion, we are dealing with Israel here. There we go, right into the tribulation period. She brings forth a man child. Oh, you want to watch the man child in the Bible. I mean, the key to that is in Jeremiah. I will tell you what, "man child" is one of the greatest keys in your Bible to the second coming of Christ. The whole book of Jeremiah is built around that. Jeremiah is called the man child over the Revelation. There is a real key there. We do not have time to get into it this morning, but I am telling you, you have to watch that word "man child." Here is a myth: he brings forth a man child, and you are going to find that it was who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. See, he gets caught up to the throne of God. That is the first coming of Christ and the ascension. He is

taken up to heaven right there. Then the Bible says down through here, he was to rule all nations with a rod of iron, and he was caught up to God. That is a reference to the millennium. So what you have in the first four or five verses is a perspective of where we are coming from with Israel and the devil and God. I am telling you what, when you see this and you understand these things, when they are laid out this way, they show you there is such a difference between the church and the nation of Israel. There is such a division in your Bible between the two.

Then in Revelation 12:6, we go right into the tribulation period where we are at right now.

*Revelation 12:6*

*And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

When we studied this thing back in Revelation 11 with our two other characters, Moses and Elijah, how long was their ministry? The same period of time. You know how long 1,260 days is? Three and a half years. Half the tribulation period. So the woman, now we are dealing with a time element here. The woman is now in the last half of the tribulation period. She is running into the wilderness, and the devil is going after her to wipe her out.

I told you last week, there are four things the devil hates:

- He hates Christ because Christ is the rightful heir to the throne and the King.
- He hates Israel because Israel is going to get the land that he wants to have, and you are going to get the city Jerusalem that he wants.
- He hates you and I because we are part of God's plan. So if he can screw your life and my life up, he will never help God do what God wants us to do.
- Then, of course, he hates the Bible. The reason why he hates the Bible is because the Bible reveals who he is. That is why he got all the new Bibles today.

I told you the greatest four chapters in your Bible, two in the Old Testament, two in the New Testament, on revealing the devil: in the Old Testament, Job 40 and 41; in the New Testament, right where we are at, Revelation 12 and Revelation 13. This is why the devil hates the nation of Israel. This is why he goes after her with such persecution to wipe her out.

Now we come to Revelation 12:7-9. Here he comes.

*Revelation 12:7-9*

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

*And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

*And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

War in heaven, verse 7, Michael the Archangel. Now I got it, this is another deal. Michael the Archangel was one of the greatest studies in the Bible, I think for me personally. Michael has,

and I do not understand the whole thing because I do not have all the information. I am sure it is in there, I am just too stupid to see it. But I know this, Michael and the devil have had a running grudge for a long time. They have been up against each other for a long time. We know in the book of Jude that when they were arguing over the body of Moses, it was Michael and it was the devil. We know from the book of Daniel, I think it is in Daniel 10 and 12 there, that when they are fighting over Israel and the devil is wiping them out, it is Michael that God sent. Michael and the devil have had a feud going on ever since this whole thing started. I really believe it does not say it, but when the great angel comes down in Revelation and bounds Satan up in a chain, I think it is going to be Michael. They have had something going on against each other for a long time. I think it has to do with Michael represents something to do with the nation of Israel and his job and the devil hating Israel. I mean, it is a great study.

But here he comes. The Bible says in Revelation 12:8, "no place found anymore in heaven." Here is where he is. Revelation 12:10, he is kicked out. Remember our little analogy when we started: Genesis 1:1, he is kicked out positionally. He comes down and now he is the accuser of the brethren. In Revelation 12:10, here is where he is kicked out bodily. He is kicked out bodily in the middle of the tribulation period at the three and a half year mark. At that point, he comes down to Earth, is what we are going to see in just a moment. Then he runs for three and a half years. Then in Revelation 20, he is kicked out the third time, this time eternally dumped into the lake of fire. But let us stay with what we have here now.

All right, Revelation 12:8, "no place found anymore in heaven," kicked out bodily as the accuser of the brethren, Revelation 12:10. Then Revelation 12:9, a great definitive chapter on the devil: "the great dragon, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan." Now you just take those words right there: great dragon, old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan. Those are the key definitive words in your Bible that will link at least 40 passages and unlock for you. You are sitting here saying, "Well, what in the world does this passage mean here?" And you get one of those keys, and you understand it is talking about the devil, the devil. It is a great definitive passage. It says that, "called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world." Then the Bible says, "was cast into the earth." You see, he has set up the deception through misdirection and misinformation. He has set up everything that he is ready to do at this particular point. Now he is cast out into the Earth.

Look at Revelation 12:12.

#### *Revelation 12:12*

*Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

See, three and a half years. Then Revelation 12:13 says that he persecutes the woman, the nation of Israel. Revelation 12:14 says that she is given two great wings of an eagle. The key to that is Deuteronomy 32. You want to find out, I mean, it does not mean that God made some humongous eagle the size of the Twin Towers that came down and everybody got on her back. It

is symbolism, but the answer of that is in Deuteronomy 32. You will find the mother eagle over there right around verse 11.

What we have got now is a timeframe. We now know that we have a short perspective history of the nation of Israel. Coming back, the woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, 12 stars around her head, the 12 tribes. We had come up to the first coming of Christ when Satan, through Rome and Herod, tried to take up the man child, kill him. He gets caught up to the throne of God, but he is going to rule the nation with a rod of iron in the millennium. Now it brings us right up to the woman running into the wilderness, the devil coming down, being kicked out bodily this time, the second time he is kicked out, shows up the last three and a half years of the tribulation period, and he shows up as the Antichrist.

Let me refresh your memory of what I told you last week before we go any farther. Next week, and I have struggled with this all week, but I have laid this thing out. I thought I was going to finish up today, but I am not going to be able to because I have to do this justice. I have to, you guys that are really wanting to study the Bible, I have to show you how you come to this. Next week, I am going to show you how you know who the Antichrist is. Now, do not get nervous and run out and think it is George Bush or Clinton or any of those. Hillary, I do not know, but do not worry about it, okay? Do not forget, do not even go there. I am going to show you from the Bible, and that is part of the misdirection. You do not have to worry about anybody that we know in politics today, I promise you. I have heard it all my life, who the Antichrist was, all the way back to every man down through history that was a bad guy: Hitler, Stalin, all of that. At the time, and we will get into this next week, they looked like they could have been, but they were not. If you knew the Bible, you knew why they were not. Next week, I am going to show you how you take that book, King James 1611, Authorized Version, and comparing Scripture with Scripture, get exactly who the Antichrist is. I am going to show you his weight. I am going to show you his sexual persuasion. I am going to show you everything about him, and then I am going to show you who he is in the Bible. We will go through that next week, but we have to finish this out today and look at this for what it is.

Now what we have is a timeframe. I told you last week that Judas was a man that when he was trying to portray Christ, the devil entered into him at that betrayal. Up to that point, the Bible says in John 6:70 that he was a devil. He was a satanic implant. He was a counterfeit. He went along for the first three and a half years and did everything the other twelve did. Right before the crucifixion, right before God's wrath fell on His Son, just like right before God's wrath will fall on the nation of Israel, the Bible says Satan entered into Judas for the final act of betrayal. Because the devil wanted to be inside Judas when the betrayal took place because he wanted to stop Christ. So he entered into Judas. Now you see that when the Antichrist shows up again, he is going to be here for the first three and a half years in the tribulation period, just like Judas was here for the three and a half years of Christ's public ministry. But just as the devil entered into Judas for the betrayal, the devil, Revelation 12 and 13, is kicked out of heaven as accuser of the brethren. Then he enters into the Antichrist, just like the devil entered into Judas, this time to wipe out the nation of Israel. It is the same scenario. We will really get into it next week. But that is where we are at right now. We have seen now where he has been kicked out of heaven, bodily.

Now he shows up on this Earth, and they are saying, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea, because the devil has come down to you." He is here. When he is here, brother, he has one thing on his mind, and that is to wipe out the nation of Israel, to stop the second coming of Christ. He tried to stop the first coming of Christ. He is going to try to stop the second coming of Christ. He will not be successful in either. But brother, it is a great study.

SEC: Revelation Chapter 13 (KJV)

*All right, now we are going to come down through here, and we have to look at Revelation 13. Now we are going to read this chapter.*

*Revelation 13:1-18*

*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

*And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*

*And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

*And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*

*And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

*If any man have an ear, let him hear.*

*He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

*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.*

SEC: The Antichrist's Deception and the False Trinity

When you come through this passage here, to me, once we have laid out what we have laid out, one glaring thing stands out to me that I think most people miss. When you want to talk to people about the devil and the Antichrist, one of the things the devil has done through misinformation and misdirection, and you see it in all the movies, and let us face it, unsaved men do not make movies just because they want to make movies. Unsaved men, the guy, when you read down through the credits of a movie, like *\*The Omen\** or whatever movie, and it is put up by unsaved people, the guy that really is directing it, his name will not be in the credits. The one who is really directing it is the devil. This is how the devil uses misinformation. Because in every movie you see, you get the appearance that the devil and the Antichrist are totally wicked at every appearance. It is a great thing between the devil and religion. There is such a stark contrast between the devil and the Antichrist and whoever is the church or the man or the priest or whoever who has taken God's side. It is such a misdirection in truth.

Because when you read Revelation 13, you see, we all got the idea that the devil is somebody who walks around in a red union suit with a big long tail with a spear on the end of it, with a pitchfork, with horns and a big nose, you know, and big ears and a big old tongue. He walks around looking like we all think of the devil. That is not the devil. Now, all of those things are found in the Bible. You know why he is painted in picture as red? Because he is a great red dragon, you see. You know why he is always showed as a cleft foot like an ox? Because as one of the cherubs, he had the face of an ox. You know why he has a pitchfork in history? It is because of the fact that back in 1 and 2 Samuel, when the children of Belial or the priests of Baal turned their sacrifice, they used a three-pronged pitchfork. See, it all comes from the Bible, but it does not paint the picture, but man has to get everything from the Bible. I mean, he does. You do not have an original thought as an unsaved man that does not have its source in the Bible. I do not care what you do. I do not care what you see. Every movie you ever saw in your life has this basic plot from the Bible. It does.

















































































