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Tonight, we continue in Chapter 11, which is perhaps one of the most important chapters in the Book of Revelation. Chapter 11, like chapters 7 and 10, continues as a parenthetical chapter. We have observed 6 Trumpets, but the 7th is not sounded until Rev. 11:15.

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Rev. 13:18 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.

❖ The “beast” is a man, ascending out of the bottomless pit.

Rev. 9:11 And they had **a king** over them, *which is* **the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in the **Hebrew tongue is Abaddon**, but in the **Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon**.

❖ The “beast” in the bottomless pit is a “king.”

Dan. 7:3 And **four great beasts** came up from the sea, diverse one from another. ...

17 These great beasts, which are four, **are four kings**, *which* shall arise out of the earth. ...

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be **the fourth kingdom** upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

❖ The “beasts” are four “kings” BEFORE they are identified as “kingdoms.”

Rev. 17:8 **The beast** that thou sawest **was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition:** and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, **when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.**

1. The beast is a *man*.
2. The beast is an *angel* of the bottomless pit.
3. The beast is a *king* out of the bottomless pit.
4. The beast has *two names*: one in *Hebrew* and one in *Greek*.
5. The beast is the *angel of destruction*.

Rev. 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and **his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him**. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

- ❖ The “beast” is a man who was on earth *before* John wrote; the “beast” is presently in the bottomless pit; the “beast” will ascend out of the bottomless pit during *The Tribulation*.
- ❖ Satan will produce a *counterfeit Christ*, the *son of perdition*, a *counterfeit incarnation* (“...the mystery of iniquity...”) and sit upon the throne in Jerusalem as a *counterfeit Messiah*.

2 Thess. 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. ...

7 For **the mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall **that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 *Even him*, whose coming is **after the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Jn. 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but **the son of perdition**; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Zech. 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver.

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the **thirty pieces of silver**, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, lo, **I will raise up a shepherd in the land**, *which* shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 Woe to **the idol shepherd** that leaveth the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Jn. 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is **a devil**?

Acts 1:24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,
25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which **Judas** by transgression fell, that he might **go to his own place**.

❖ The “beast” appears as a man, the *son of perdition*, who is *a devil*, and who will attempt to sit on the throne of David and feign himself as God.

Dan. 11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and **he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods**, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.
37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for **he shall magnify himself above all**.

- ❖ The ultimate act of *collusion* was when Judas pretended to be a Christian and was an instrument of Satan for the attack upon Christ.

Luke 22:3 **Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot**, being of the number of the twelve.

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- ❖ In Rev. 11:2, Jerusalem is called “the holy city,” but, in Rev. 11:8, the spiritual description from God’s perspective is...”... which spiritually is called **Sodom and Egypt**, where also our Lord was crucified.”

Psa. 79:1 O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; **thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.**

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and **there was none to bury them.**

Jer. 22:8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, **Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?**

9 Then they shall answer, **Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.**

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❖ The great voice from heaven saying “Come up hither” could represent a rapture of the Tribulation saints.

Mt. 24:29 **Immediately after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Conclusion

1 Jn. 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 **We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us;** he that is not of God heareth not us. **Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.**