



## The Counterfeit Christ, the Antichrist

By Ken Terry on November 10, 2021

**READING:** Revelation 13

My brothers and sisters, our reading today takes us into the Great Tribulation period. This passage introduces us to the beast! The beast is seen rising out of the sea. In Warren Weirsby's commentary it suggests that the sea symbolizes the Gentile nations and from them Satan will bring forth a super leader--the man we call the antichrist. The antichrist is about to embark on a new career as Satan's world dictator. This is a very evil individual whose only purpose is to mislead and tear down the name of God, *"And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven"* Revelation 13:5-6.

This is a superpower who is fueled with satanic energy, pure evil. Evil like we have never known. Looking at this beast we need to understand his origin and character. Our Heavenly Father does not see him as a man, made in the divine image, but as a wild animal under the control of Satan. He is a man, as stated in vs. 18, but he is energized from the depths of hell, for he comes out of the pit, as seen in yesterday's reading.

Have you started to get your mind around this evil? You see, we must gain a better understanding of what will transpire. We get so caught up in the day in and day out grind of life. Most of us have praise, worship and prayer time at the bottom of our list of daily activities. If we add something to our day, those spirit-filled items get bumped down further on our list. My friend, I can tell you Satan relies on that thought. He keeps you busy so you will be distracted from God. He is the master deceiver, and we play right along with him as we justify why we do not abide in Christ as we are called to. My friends, if we are struggling now, do you think it will get any better as we approach the Great Tribulation era?

Our time here on this earth is truly short. We must focus on what we know to be true and walk in that light. Unfortunately, many will not and just as the world rejected Christ, prophecy states that they will receive the antichrist. Do you believe this? Think about it this way, how many people believe the truth, the good news about Christ Jesus our Lord? If we are honest, few. Now how many people will believe a lie? I will not get into detail here, but I want to point out: If people say things loud enough and frequently enough, and there is no opposing logic, people tend to believe what they hear. This, my friend, is what the antichrist is dependent upon. This is how he will turn the people against God. *"Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation"* Revelation 13:6-7 NKJV.

My friend, this is only the beginning of the pains of distress from this evil villain who will change the world as we know it. If this is not bad enough, there is another beast cited in our passage that will rise and make the Satanic Trinity! This beast is called the false prophet. He will point to

the antichrist and his image and compel people to worship Satan through the beast. This is far too much for the light hearted. However, these are the compelling things of God. Ready your heart and mind for the things to come.

PRAYER: Jehovah, our Father in the Heavens, we come before you in thanksgiving. Father, we thank You for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Father, we ask that you strengthen us spiritually and incline our hearts to abide in Christ. Help us, Father, grow deeper in Him. Help us, Father, be grounded and rooted in Him. We pray that all we are, and all we may become, will be completed in our walk in Him. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Revelation 14

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