

Eight Facts About The ANTICHRIST

One of the most disturbing chapters in the entire Bible is also one that gives us various explicit details about the *antichrist*. The chapter I'm referring to is Revelation 13. In that chapter, the antichrist is symbolically represented as a *beast* with 10 horns and 7 heads which is first seen as coming out of the sea.

Fact 1

The dragon, which is also the *devil* in Revelation (12:9; 20:2), gives the beast his **power, throne and great authority** (13:2). This fact is very significant, that is, **the antichrist gets his power and authority from the devil himself.**

Fact 2

The whole world will *follow* the beast or antichrist:

One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. **The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.** (Rev 13:3)

It seems that the reason why the whole world followed the antichrist was because 1 of his 7 heads was healed of a fatal wound.

Fact 3

The world's society as a whole, at that time, will be so sinful that people will *knowingly worship the devil* because they learn it was the devil (the *dragon*) who gave his **authority** to the antichrist:

Men **worshiped the dragon because** he had given authority to the beast, and they also **worshiped the beast** and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?" (Rev 13:4)

This proves there will be no worldwide revival that will usher in the Lord's return. This also shows the predominant spiritual future of America, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the rest of the world, that is, **Satan worship and idolatry.** **Satan worship** will be open and the norm during the reign of the antichrist. **Imagine a society like that.**

Fact 4

The *proud and blasphemous* antichrist will exercise his **reign of terror for 42 months**, that is, 3-1/2 years:

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for **forty-two months.** (Rev 13:5)

His rule will be **ended** when the Lord Jesus returns. In Rev 19:19,20 we read of this where the Lord Jesus is referred to as **the rider on the horse:**

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to **make war against the rider on the horse and his army.** But the beast was captured, and with him the **false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.** The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Hence, the antichrist and the false prophet are conquered by the Christ and thrown alive, into **the fiery lake of burning sulfur**. That will occur exactly **42 months** after he begins his reign.

Fact 5

One of the most shocking and terrifying verses in the entire Bible for Christians is Rev 13:7, which says:

He was given power to make **war against the saints and to conquer them**. And he was given authority over **every tribe, people, language and nation**.

Sad but true: The antichrist will make war against the saints and conquer them and this will be on a world-

wide scale. With the technologies that exist today and their advancements, one can see how trying to hide from the antichrist then will be almost an impossibility. Also, the prayers of the saints for deliverance from the antichrist will **not** prevail then! This will be a **test** that the saints will have to face. In addition, the antichrist will be **the world's leader at that point in time**.

Fact 6

The saints will either be **killed** or go into **captivity**. Rev 13:10 says:

If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. **This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.**

Especially the saints then, who face the antichrist, will have to **patiently endure persecutions and be faithful to God. The rapture will not save them from the antichrist.** Furthermore, **if they take the mark of the beast, they will lose their salvation**, based on Rev 14:9-12, which says:

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: **If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.** This calls for **patient endur-**

ance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and **remain faithful to Jesus.**

Fact 7

The antichrist will have a man promoting his popularity and reign known as **the false prophet**. He will actually perform **miraculous** signs and **deceive multitudes by his miracles**. Rev 13:14 says:

Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he **deceived** the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

Besides causing *fire to come down from the sky* he will also cause *a statue* of the antichrist to **breathe** and **speak**. Rev 13:15 says:

He was given power to **give breath to the image of the first beast**, so that **it could speak** and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

Fact 8

The false prophet is the one who will **force** all people to receive the **mark of the beast** in order to buy or sell. That mark will be on the right hand or forehead of the recipients. That mark is also the same as the **name** of the beast or the **number** of his name:

He also **forced** everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on **his right hand or on his forehead**, so that **no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark**, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666. (Rev 13:16-18)

Is The Mark Of The Beast Out Now In May 2012?

Absolutely not. How can we be sure? **We can still buy and sell without any kind of mark on either our right hand or forehead.** Furthermore, receiving that mark is also associated with **worshipping** the antichrist or his statue, which also didn't happen yet. Remember the fate of the antichrist. Both he and the false prophet will be thrown alive into **the lake of burning sulfur. The Christ will defeat the antichrist** at the battle of Armageddon, then the Lord's 1,000 year reign on earth from Jerusalem will begin. **He who endures to the end will be saved** (Mt 10:22; Mt 24:13; Mk 13:13).

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