

The Second Beast: Antichrist

Another **beast with two horns** is described in Revelation chapter 13:

Rev 13:11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. And it had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon.

12 t uses all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and those living on it **worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.**

13 It performs **spectacular signs**, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people.

14 It deceives those living on earth with the signs that it is allowed to do on behalf of the first beast, telling them to make an image for the beast who was wounded by a sword and yet lived.

15 The second beast was allowed to give a spiri to **the image of the first beast so that the image of the beast could talk and put to death those who would not worship the image of the beast.**

16 The second beast forces all people—important and unimportant, rich and poor, free and slaves—to **be marked on their right hands or on their foreheads,**

17 so that **no one may buy or sell unless he has the mark, which is the beast's name or the number of its name.**

18 Here is wisdom: Let the one having reason count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man and its number is **six hundred and sixty-six.**

The healing of the deadly wound (v.13:12) refers to the world power of which the Revelation says: *he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed* and 17:8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction ...

And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been

written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come; V.13:15 says, that the second beast was allowed to give a spiri to the image of the first beast so that the **image of the beast could talk and put to death those who would not worship the image of the beast.** – Which beast is the Bible speaking when it comes to giving breath to the beast's image? The beast's *image* cannot be the first beast which is a world power. Or can it? What does the Bible say?

13:14 It deceives those living on earth with the signs that it is allowed to do on behalf of the first beast, telling them to **make an image for the beast who was wounded by a sword and yet lived.**

One might think that the beast whose image is made and the image bowed should present the Antichrist. I also thought that the Antichrist, proclaiming God, would be the beast that requires to be worshiped and whose image people should bow the way people had to bow to the king's statue in Daniel's days: Dan 3:5 at the time you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, *you shall fall down and worship the golden image* that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. – Rev 13:14 however tells, that those who dwell on the earth will make an image to the beast who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. Generally, it is accepted that, the beast is a world power that has lost its power (wounded by the sword), but who may, after a long time, re-emerge for a new blossoming. Biblical scholars have traditionally been of the opinion that the so-called "the fourth kingdom, i.e. Rome, now wounded by the sword, will rise again. With al-Qaeda and Isis's caliphate, however, Islam has received strong support for being the world power beast. *Islam* fulfills the requirements very well in this respect.

In Rev 13 the second beast is spoken of, there is no third beast. Is this second beast the False prophet or the

Antichrist? Pay attention to Rev 13:14 *he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform*. 2 Jhn 1:7 says that many deceivers are entered into the world, who do not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This deceiver is the **Antichrist** (ἀντίχριστος).

In fact, I was of the opinion that the second beast describes the Antichrist, but there are many scholars who are of the opinion that the second beast is the the False prophet. Both cannot be beasts, can they?

Could it be a double-beast? One horn depicts the Antichrist and the other one the False prophet. Even Daniel wrote in his prophecies of his visions e.g. 7:24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom, ten kings will arise ... 7:21 ... that Horn was waging war with the Saints and overpowering them. – Similar expressions are also found in Revelation. The horns depict kings or similar men of power. Why then, cannot this lamb with two horns describe both the False prophet and the Antichrist? *The False prophet acts like John the Baptist; he only prepares the way to the Antichrist!*

The Dragon i.e. Satan has so far been in the background when the Fifth Angel blows the Trumpet (Rev 9:1), so John says: When the fifth angel blew his trumpet, I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky. The star was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. – Satan releases from the captives of the bottomless his own troops such in order to haunt people of the earth. We are now in the midst of the tribulation. Satan still does not appear publicly, but utilises his 'apostles', the False prophet and Antichrist. The Antichrist introduces himself in the name of Christ instead of his own name (the word *anti* means against, instead of).

The Bible calls upon the one who has understanding, to determine the name of the beast by counting the number. Both the Hebrew and Greek and Latin languages, the letters are each assigned a numeric value. When adding the number of a word or

words together, it should be summed up to 666 in order to be the number of the Beast meant by the Bible. For example, Jesus, in Greek Ἰησοῦς, produces a numerical value of 888. Scriptural languages are the Hebrew of OT and Greek of the NT. A pretty popular candidate for the Beast is the Pope. One of the Pope's titles is Vicarius Filii Dei, the Vicar of God's Son. These words amount to 666. Latin is not the original language of the Bible, and one should not use it to derive the name of the Beast. Numerous people in history have calculated names this way and have received as result 666, but unanimity is not achieved with this method.

The identity of this false counterpart of Christ in devil's staff has been tried to identify since the days of the apostles. Popular candidates for this post have been the Roman emperors Nero, Domitianus and Caligula, and some of the most recent propositions are Prophet Muhammad, Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein. These suggestions are right only in one sense: they are humans. Lesser Antichrists have been in the world since Jesus' times. Of course, the above mentioned examples also include these. The Antichrist is indeed a man, not an organization, an unpleasant idea, etc. In the Bible, anticrist is described by the Greek word Anthropos (ἄνθρωπος). Those who do not agree with The Catholic Church's have named the pope to be the Antichrist. Pope or papacy does not, however, fulfill the Bible's conditions, the clearest of which is this: 1 Jhn 2:22 ***The person who denies the Father and the Son is the antichrist.***

1 Jhn 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour. Just as you heard that an antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have appeared. This is how **we know it is the last hour.**

4:3 But every spirit who does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist. You have heard that he is coming, and now he is already in the world.

The word Antichrist consists of two parts. The anti-prefix signifies "against", but also instead of someone else. The

Antichrist, therefore, means a person who opposes God and His Christ, and also someone who seeks to replace them of their position. The Pope has had a tiara, where was written the words *Vicarius Filii Dei*, which means vicar of the Son of God. The total numeric value of these words in Latin is 666. Matthew 23:9 instructs: "Do not call anyone on earth your Father; for ONE is your Father, He who is in Heaven. "- The priests in the Catholic Church are called as *Father* and the Pope is as high as the *Holy Father*. All the popes have not been ungodly. Among them there have been pious popes, and none of them has renounce the Father or the Son. The pope cannot therefore be the Antichrist, unless there will be new popes who fulfill this condition.

When does the Antichrist appear? During the end-times, it's clear. We also know that the Antichrist emerges before the second coming of Christ and when three things have happened:

- 1) *apostasia* (ἀποστασία), a falling away come first, and
- 2) *man of sin [antichrist] is revealed, the son of perdition (KJV)*. 2 The 2:3 ... and the man of sin [lawlessness] is revealed, the son of destruction.
- 3) *The Antichrist settles in the temple of God and proclaiming himself to be God. 2:4 the one opposing and exalting himself over everything being called God, or object of worship, so as for him to sit in the temple of God, proclaiming that he himself is God.*

Which temple is this? Many are confident that this is the third temple to be built in Jerusalem. I would not be so sure of that, but God's temple, though. Why not even in St. Peter's Church in the Vatican, if Catholicism should play a significant role in the appearance of the Antichrist? The Antichrist is the counterpart of Satan to Christ. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ never declares himself to be God, even less Almighty God El Shaddai. What kind of god the Antichrist proclaims to be? Hardly any Almighty God the Father whom no one has seen and survived. People would not swallow

this claim. This remains to be seen, but this declaration is in any case a most clear sign of Satan's deception. From this proclamation we know that this is the Antichrist, and the second coming of Jesus is near.

Satan wants to become the ruler of the whole world. That is why I believe that he does not content himself with the proclamation God of then Christians through the Antichrist but wants all religions to acknowledge him as god. Could a growing ecumenical movement be developed to include the gods of all religions? One possibility for the proclamation of the Antichrist: He could name the mosque in Jerusalem, for example, as the Temple of God. When he makes his declaration there, he may declare this way: "All of you who believe in God believe in me; I am. I am Jehovah, and I am Allah. When you believe in me and do my will, I will give you heavenly peace and earthly abundance."

If the timing is right and people are worried about what is happening to the world and then comes such a proclamation together with great miracles – for example, a large number of angels testify to the proclamation – the Antichrist's declaration unites the faiths of billions of people's. People will be excited about the coming divine peace and the earthly time of happiness.