

Demonism (part 21)

(Continuation of the study of the ten ways Satan is effectively paving the way for the Antichrist)

#1, Globalism, One-World Order.

#2, Occultism.

#3, Apostasy.

#4, Worldwide Web.

#5, Animosity towards Israel.

#6, Buildup of the kings of the east, Asian power.

#7, Buildup of the king of the north, Russian power.

#8, Buildup of Europe (the European Common Market), the Revived Roman Empire.

#9, Preparation of the Jews to accept the False Prophet.

#10, Destruction of the United States as we presently know it.

(continuation of **#3 Apostasy**)

9. The Final Apostasy. We have noted the growth of apostasy in Roman Catholicism and in Protestantism in our age. Satan is working within these heresies to bring both groups together to form Antichrist's ecumenical one-world "church" that will be so dominant in the Tribulation. There are at least seven characteristics of this global world religion:
 - a) First, the religion is satanic: "*And they worshipped the dragon . . .*" The dragon is Satan. By false doctrine and personal magnetism, Satan will be able to cause all of the world to worship him. He is already the "god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4), so it is but a small step for people, by the billions, to worship him. Given that his false doctrines are already worshipped by believers in the Word of Faith Movement, and there is vast doctrinal darkness that exists in mainline Christianity, and there is a corrupt modern mindset he has been able to mold even in the doctrinal camp (anti-metaphysical and false views of God/*Esse*), it is not hard to believe that after the Church Age (when the ministry of the Holy Spirit is very limited due to removal of believers from planet earth), virtually all of mankind will fall in deception and obeisance to him.

- b) Second, the satanic religion will be humanistic: “...and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” The beast is a man of great, but perverse capabilities. He will far surpass American Idol favorites, TV soap hotties and hunks, fitness gurus, and all of the mental titans of all time. He will sweep away all of those individuals who are sensate and so mesmerized by good looks and talent—those who are more taken by outward beauty than inner beauty and truth. He will be known by many names, but his most common name is the Antichrist.
- c) Third, the satanic religion will be universal. It will not allow for any other: “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” (Rev. 13:8). He is the true liberal in that he will preach tolerance, except for those who do not suck up his mantra.
- d) Fourth, this satanic religion will be ecumenical. The organizers of this global religion will put together a minimal doctrinal statement to which people can easily subscribe. I am sure his praise and worship services will be very impressive far exceeding anything done by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The worship of Satan will be very emotional and thus the people will believe this must be right. Consider the modern “Christian” mindset: ‘what I feel and get out of a message (i.e., the truth *in* me that the Word brings out) is far more important than the truth *in* the biblical passage’—feelings are more important than orthodox doctrine. Most Christians today are far more impressed with how something makes them *feel* than *thinking* about the objective truth in a passage. It will be far worse for unbelievers during the Tribulation.

Revelation 13:11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

- e) Fifth, the satanic religion will be phenomenal: “And he does great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men (Rev. 13:13). He will far exceed Benny Hinn’s and Oral Roberts’s chicanery. His power will gather great attention. Many will believe in him as God because of what they see him do. Satan will finally get something of what he wanted when he expressed his wish to be like the Most High.
- f) Sixth, this devilish religion will be essentially pagan. The beast authorizes the construction of an image of himself and requires the world to worship that image: “And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the mean of those miracles which he had the 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” (Rev. 13:14).

- g) Seventh, the Antichrist's religion will be exceedingly cruel: *“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”* (Rev. 13:15). DOCTRINE MATTERS!!!!!!

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