

Part 2 – The Beast (Antichrist) and False Prophet Revelation 13, 17

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Summary: *Please study Part 1 first. This topic details the worst time and worst leaders in human history but then GOOD NEWS – Jesus returns and establishes his righteous kingdom. Plus, it's great news knowing we have Almighty God with us so watch what's happening but don't fear the agents of darkness. We have God who is light, and light will prevail over the darkness of the Beast (antichrist) and false prophet. Learn what's coming*

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Many people love prophecy. **This is PART 2 of my sermon on The Beast and False Prophet of Revelation 13.** Prophecy and news events seem to be moving so fast that it's hard to keep up! **Please be sure you've heard and studied my part 1 Sermon on “the Antichrist, the Beast”.** I believe the first Beast of Revelation 13 is one and the same as the Antichrist, the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition, or the Lawless one of 2 Thessalonians 2.

But the problem is that what we're told in the Bible still often leaves big gaps – so we end up with varying ideas of when and how each event takes place. **I've taken my time coming out with this part 2 because** there were still too many unsettled issues in my own mind. I prayed to God a lot, asking for guidance. And as the years roll by, everything will become more and more clear to all of us.

I suggest you use this sermon more like a Bible study on the topic of the Beast and end-time prophecy. Really deeply study on your own many of the scriptures as I only have time to refer to several of them without fully reading.

Since the late 1960's, for over 50-60 years now, I've heard over and over, “We're surely in the last decade before Christ returns.” And I'm hearing it again, and one of these years, that will be true. But could it be that we just might have more than ten more years, maybe even 30-50 years before Jesus the Christ returns for his Bride and soon after that rules the world? I still lean towards the soon coming of Christ, but we need to be flexible since nobody knows for sure yet exactly when all these things will happen. We'll see.

In the meantime, there are endless dogmatically stated explanations and revelations on **YouTube** about the Beast and 666 and the mark of the beast of Rev 13. *Some of these no doubt are the false prophets Jesus warned us about.*

So greetings everybody. I'm Philip Shields, founder and leader of **Light on the Rock Ministries, Inc.** Our focus is on seeking and having a very close relationship with God our Father with all our heart and on Yeshua/Jesus our Savior and Messiah. It's all about relationship and loving God and loving fellow mankind! The two great commandments. I hope you all talk to God and Yeshua frequently and think of God and how to please Him.

In part 1 of this sermon series I **often used the term “Anti-Christ”** – a term used by many in various churches. But today I am going to go back to **using “The Beast and the False Prophet”** – as they're identified that way in **Revelation 13 and 19** and other places. There are two “Beasts” mentioned in Rev 13. The first one is the one I'll call the Beast. The second Beast is also called The False Prophet – so that's what I'll call him.

The term “**Antichrist**” is used only four times in the entire Bible – all by apostle John with three in 1 John and once in 2 John. John never uses the term in Revelation, and neither do other prophets. **Antichrist can also be translated as “anti-Messiah”.**

Most of you probably think of AntiChrist as being the one great false leader who brings about the Great tribulation and martyrs many, many believers. That's true --*but “anti-Christ” is a much broader term* in scripture than just pointing to one man, though ultimately it will be mostly about the Beast of Rev. 13 – one man.

DENYING JESUS/Yeshua as MESSIAH is the Spirit of Anti-Christ

The term “anti-Christ” can be broader than just being about that one evil person: **John says actually anyone or any group who DENIES that Yeshua/Jesus was/is the Messiah, or was the Christ, the Anointed one, who will rule the earth at the right time – IS Antichrist.**

1 John 2:18 – “even NOW, many Antichrists have come”, John tells us.

For example, understand that Judaism denies that God even *has* a SON. They should **study Psalm 2, Prov 30:3-4, and especially Psalm 110:1-2.** **Jews**, please read your Tanakh, your Hebrew scriptures. Study chapters that never get read in synagogue - like **Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Zechariah 12.**

Please read those. There are many prophecies in the Tanakh (Old Testament) to identify the Messiah.

The Christian Bible – or the “New Testament” – has never been read by most Jews. But many of them have never read *their own* Hebrew scriptures from start to finish either. ALL of the New Testament was written by Jews, except possibly Luke who may have been a Gentile. All those Jews came to know Yeshua was the promised Messiah.

The Christian New Testament is NOT an attack against Jews, as many assume it will be. Paul even said he would give up his own eternal life if that could save all the Jews! (**Romans 9:1-4**). You’ll notice how Matthew, the first book written by another Jew, lists all the genealogies – including to Abraham. What do you have to lose to read the New Testament? MUCH of the New Testament directly quotes, in fact, from the “Hebrew scriptures”.

Jews, also be aware that the apostles teach that Jesus was killed in ignorance, not with knowledge of who he was. Jews of his day didn’t know what they were doing. I understand much of Christianity treated Jews horribly in the pogroms, inquisitions, wars, Hitler’s ovens, and more. Those were not true Christians doing those things. They certainly were not representing Yeshua.

Now let’s see how John more broadly defines “anti-Christ”.

1 John 2:22-23

“Who is a liar but **he who denies that Jesus is the Christ [Messiah]?**
He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.
23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.”

Judaism certainly strongly rejects that Yeshua was the promised Messiah or the son of God. John, a Jew himself, clearly says **anyone who denies that Yeshua** was the promised Messiah is in the spirit of anti-Messiah. See below.

1 John 4:2-3

“By this you know the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ [Messiah] *has come in the flesh* is of God,**
3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And ***this is the spirit of the Antichrist,*** which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.”

Complete Jewish Bible, 1 John 4:3 says “every spirit who does not acknowledge Yeshua, is not from God—in fact, is the spirit of Anti-Messiah.”

So according to the above, Judaism -- which fights and rejects Jesus -- is part of the spirit of antichrist.

Remember the title “Christ” comes from the Greek for “Anointed one”, while “Messiah” comes from the Hebrew for “Anointed one”. In Judaism, **the Messiah is generally seen as the promised KING who will restore Israel – but he won’t be a super human being.** All the kings of Israel and Judah were all anointed ones, remember. The **promised** Messiah will be the king who will rule over all the earth. Orthodox Jews do NOT acknowledge Yeshua as being that Messiah, since he didn’t rule the world and bring peace when he came, so John says that is included in the “spirit of antichrist”.

JUDAISM fails to see that their own scriptures explain the Promised Messiah would come TWICE. His first coming was as the suffering Servant of Isaiah 53 who died for our sins *but NOT to rule yet*. Please my Jewish friends, read Isaiah 53 in your Tanakh, *your Bible*. Most Jews just hear the Torah read in synagogues, and they pray the formal Jewish prayers from the Siddur but few ever read or know even their own entire Bible. **Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 just never get read.** Why not? Please read it.

The SECOND time Yeshua comes, He’s coming in POWER, as the Lion of Judah, this time to take reins of power and rule the whole world from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2, Micah 4). Read **Zechariah 14**. Jews miss all that. And Yeshua, meaning “Salvation or Savior”, was a JEW! And I am ecstatic that more and more Jews are coming to learn about and believe in Yeshua. It’s to their credit because it is so hard for a strong Jew to leave Judaism.

Remember also how last time I showed how the term “AntiChrist” can also be translated as “Anti-Messiah”. I also showed in part 1 how AntiChrist can also mean counterfeit Messiah, counterfeit Christ, a FALSE Christ.

SO be sure you study part 1 first.

WHY do we need these sermons about the end-time Beast and False Prophet and end-time events? ‘WHY? *Jesus wants us to look for and recognize key events as they happen so we’re not taken by surprise!*

Matthew 24:23-25

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs [false messiahs] and false prophets will rise and **show great signs and wonders to deceive**, if possible, even the elect.

²⁵ **See, I have told you beforehand.**"

That's why we need these sermons: so we are alert to what's happening. *But I believe too many spend so much time just on prophecy and miss more important elements. Yes, prophecy is important. But don't go overboard!*

My Goals in giving this sermon

- *I want to explain in this sermon how there may be whole areas of prophecy we have come to believe a certain way – that really may not work out that way. Be willing to grow in understanding; be flexible.*
- **Something else is becoming clear: President TRUMP** is certainly changing the world economy and more. The tariffs he's announcing is really to just make it fair to all parties. USA often was charged high tariffs or American goods were not allowed to be sold in many countries. Trump is putting an end to any country wanting to still sell to the US market but who were grossly overcharging tariffs to USA.

Trump has also put an end to six wars already in his first six months! **Could it be that Trump's presidency is "buying more time" for true believers** to get ready better for Christ's return? Could Trump even possibly be the one "restraining" the Beast from making his appearance, mentioned in 2 Thess 2? I don't know. Maybe not. Just a thought. Keep watching.

Don't dismiss this about Trump off hand. Just watch, be ready. **Trump** *is not going to PREVENT the Antichrist from showing up – but may delay his arrival, if that's within God's plan and God's will.*

But we're told in the last days **someone will be restraining** all the devious plans from going forward for a while. Is "He who now restrains" possibly God himself? Or is it a man? We'll have to wait and see.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

"And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; **only he who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way**".

One example of Trump delaying things: on January 23, 2025 by his Executive Order, Trump cancelled **the USA's plans to have any involvement in the CBDC – CENTRAL Bank Digital Currency.**

Though Trump's actions stopped this digital currency idea from being started **in the USA**, the idea of a GLOBAL CENTRAL BANKING digital currency system is already well underway, paving the way for the **Rev.**

13:16-17 where “no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark of the Beast” scenario. Trump recognized having a CBDC cancels a lot of personal freedoms and **puts too much control over everyone’s personal finances** into the hands of central government. But the rest of the world will wait.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: the “Genius Act” of July 18, 2025 however, I believe IS setting the scene for the Beast’s mark and total control over who buys what and when. Keep watching. I’m NOT a fan of the “Genius Act”.

- **Let me remind you: more than prophecy – let’s focus on our relationship with Jesus Christ. This is most important. Jesus is not a religion. He’s a relationship, he’s our LIFE.** We’re praying, overcoming, growing in his grace and knowledge and growing in our love for him and for one another. **So I want us focusing on what is MOST important:** coming to KNOW our SAVIOR!
- **And be sure we are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Pray about that. And never ever take the mark of the Beast.** Rev. **14:9-10** clearly says those who take the mark of the Beast are *clearly saying they are part of that Beast system, and reject Jesus Christ. They will suffer God’s wrath* and be thrown into the lake of FIRE. **Our choice is either the Beast system – or Jesus. True believers will openly confess belief in Jesus Christ as Lord.**
- **Revelation 14:9-12**
 “Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,**
10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. *He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.* 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”
 12 Here is **the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.**

REVELATION 13 – the First Beast of Rev. 13

SO many preachers on YouTube claim to be able to identify the two beasts of Revelation 13. Beware of those who claim to know already. We *don’t* know yet who they will be. These two men, whom Scripture tells us **work under and**

by Satan's power, are so full of the Devil that they are **called Beasts**, like wild animals – and yet when we put all the scriptures together about them, **they apparently will WIN OVER** much of the world. They're convincing!

The first Beast is the main political-military ruler who will rule for 42 months, thankfully a limited time, and will influence the whole world. **He wins over much of the world who like his familiar and comfortable solutions. He will initially bring peace and prosperity to the world and so it will be easy to like him, as he will hide his dark side.**

As a result, **“the whole earth”** follows after and worships this man called the Beast (**Rev. 13:3b**). **He is given power to make WAR against the holy people** and to prevail (**Rev. 13:7**) and kill many of the saints – presumably those who were not taken by God to a special **place of safety** prepared for them (**Rev. 12:13-17; 3:10**). *But not all believers go to this place of safety.*

Many are not zealous enough and will have more refining to go through. They are called the remnant of the woman's children (**Rev. 12:17**).

Satan goes after this remnant of the woman – other believers – and they're described as those “who keep the commandments **and** have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (**Rev. 12:17**). They continue to bear witness to Jesus. This is KEY to understand. IF you don't end up in God's place of safety, by all means you must proclaim your Savior and HE alone is your leader.

Whatever happens, we must always confess Jesus and have his testimony, including these prophecies.

Revelation 13:7-9 NASU

“It was also given to him to **make war with the saints and to overcome them**, and authority **over every tribe** and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

8 **ALL who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone** whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who has been slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.”

Note: how can the Beast make war with the saints of God if they had all been **raptured**? See my sermon on the Rapture. *There is no pre-tribulation or mid-tribulation rapture.* Otherwise how can he make war against the saints? So some believers who know Christ intimately will be taken to their place prepared for them in the wilderness where God protects and nourishes them. Those not deemed worthy to escape, will be severely persecuted.

And also note that scripture says “ALL” the world will worship this Beast person. I believe “all” means exactly that.

VARIOUS WARS are prophesied, but exactly WHEN?

Another issue: when do all these various wars fit in that are in scripture?

Psalm 83:2-4 speaks of nations around Israel uniting to fight against Israel but God fights for Israel. They say they want to make the name of Israel be forgotten. **WHEN is this war supposed to happen?** The list of nations include those nations all around Israel – Ishmaelites = Saudi Arabia; Moab, Ammon (children of Lot) would be Jordan. Amalek and Philistia could be the Palestinians. Anyway, when is this war?

Another verse says **Damascus is reduced to RUBBLE (Isaiah 17:1)** In all the wars til now, though Damascus has been conquered, it's never been reduced to rubble so far. **WHO** will do it? **WHEN** will it be? Is it coming still ahead of us? Is that nuclear war?

Isaiah 17:1

The burden against Damascus.

**"Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city,
And it will be a ruinous heap."**

And how about the **wars mentioned in Daniel 11 – between the King of the North and the King of the South?** Has that war already happened long ago – or yet to come, and where would those wars fit in with the rest? And is the “NORTH” Europe reconfigured and the South be a Muslim coalition? There are so many questions. But **Daniel 11:40 says these wars will happen at “the time of the END.”**

There's another often discussed war: Ezekiel 38-39. Someone called GOG (a title?) of the LAND of Magog to the far **north** of Israel shall come against Israel (v.15). **WHEN is this war?** In any case, God fights for Israel here too. I'll give a separate detailed sermon about Ezekiel 38. The nations that will ally together against Israel are given their ancient names and we have to figure them out. Many believe Land of Magog is Russia. Others claim it's more likely Turkey. Wait for my more detailed sermon on this. In the meantime, you should read Ezek 38.

Notice that their leader – “GOG” comes from a land in the distant NORTH of Israel (**Ezek 38:15**). Iran is NE. Turkey is NW. Europe is NW. **Other nations are mentioned in Ezek 38: Persia (Iran), very likely**

Turkey, plus Libya (Put), Sudan, Ethiopia (Cush) join in too (ancient names given). Many expect this war to happen at any time now. Will it? We'll see. God himself is the one who draws them to war against Israel for his own purposes (v4) and in the end God himself demolishes them with a massive earthquake, fiery hail, and confusion so the invaders kill each other. There's more to say about this. It takes seven months to bury all these dead soldiers.

NO NATION is mentioned as coming to Israel's AID. Could they invade for Israel's newly-discovered plentiful oil and natural gas?

Could it be that due to *this* war, the world is thrown into confusion and huge problems? Could this **set the stage** of the BEAST power to come on to the scene as a great peacemaker – and wins over the world, and even wins over Judah/"Israel". But we're not told WHEN Ezek 38 -39 happens, but perhaps it sets the STAGE for the Beast power to even bring peace between Muslims and Jews and perhaps helps build the THIRD TEMPLE.

He creates a peace treaty – a 7 year covenant (**Daniel 9:27**), **restarts the temple sacrifices and then halfway through all that he reveals who he really is: the enemy of true believers and even of the Jews.**

The Beast makes the Jerusalem temple his world headquarters where he tries to reign over the whole world.

But Israel and Jerusalem do not come out of end time prophecies totally unscathed. We're told that great trouble comes against Jerusalem – and many of the women are raped, many are sold into slavery around the world. WHEN does all that happen? (**Zechariah 14:1-2**). But in Zech 14:3 onwards, we're told God does save Israel by landing on the Mount of Olives.

I don't feel we have to know exactly what, where and when each of these prophesied wars take place. Just WATCH and stay awake and close to God.

Does God have a 6-7,000 year plan, counting the Millennium?

Question: Many of us believed in the 6,000 year prophetic plan. One day for a thousand years, so man has the first 6000 years, then Christ was supposed to come and set up his millennial reign making for seven thousand years. But is there really strong Biblical support for the 6,000 or 7,000 year prophetic plan? And was everything in the universe really created just 6000 years ago? It was all based on the weekly calendar and what Peter said in 2 Peter 3:8.

2 Peter 3:8 NKJV

“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

Is that explanation of God’s plan still valid? I believe we’re way PAST the 6,000 year mark now. Whether we are or not, I’m just saying – be open to challenging this long-held belief. Could it be that instead of everything wrapping up quickly – that in fact we may still have 30-40-50 more years? I don’t know and don’t think so! But I DO know, that back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, you would have been laughed if you said we could all still be here in 2025, fifty years from 1975. Laughed at.

What Peter went on to say is – since we know a lot of big events are coming, we should be diligent to live a holy and blameless life (v. 11, 14). That’s what I’m saying too. Focus on our relationship more than on understanding Bible prophetic time lines and charts we create – that could end up being wrong.

2 Peter 3:11, 14 NLT

“11 Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live...

14 And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight”.

People have been trying to explain the end time Beast and False prophet for 2000 years now.

My suggestion: stay awake and alert. First watch your relationship with God and then of course stay up-to-date on World news too – *and pray God opens your eyes to know what to do when all these things happen. Whatever timing God has in the end, stay faithful, regardless of whether your ideas were right or not.*

BIG events to be aware of, about events before Christ returns

When you study all the big prophetic events mentioned by Jesus and the prophets like Daniel especially -- you’ll see some of them are already in place. Some are yet to come. However OTHER events mentioned in Matthew 24 have gone on for years – like wars, rumors of war, pestilences, earthquakes, false prophets – all those have been around forever.

But certain other things ARE unique to our time. Here are some of the HUGE events in my view:

- **The establishment of nation of Israel in May 1948. This one is HUGE** and readily recognized by most prophecy watchers. End time prophecy always centers on Jerusalem in the nation called Israel. End time prophecies require there be an existing nation of Israel. Satan is doing what he's always tried to do: eradicate the name Israel.
- **Ability to erase all life** off the planet – many times over as Jesus mentioned if he didn't return, no life would remain. **Matthew 24:22** This has been possible only since after World war 2.
- **The STAGE is rapidly being set for ONE WORLD Government. The Beast Antichrist won't have to set this up. It's already largely set up.** More and more people believe that in order to solve world problems, we need global solutions. In a way that is what Jesus does when he returns: He provides a worldwide solution to problems.

After WW1 – League of Nations. **After WW2** – **United Nations**. Now we have **WHO** (World Health) trying to dictate each country's actions in a pandemic. We have the **Paris Climate Accords** trying to set the rules about pollution, while letting world's biggest polluters like China, India, Indonesia off the hook! After the Lehman Brothers collapse in Sept 2018, the whole world economic system almost collapsed. Now we have growing calls for CBDC, BIT COIN, to stop using paper money, and monitoring every purchase everyone ever makes.

- **Worldwide MONITORING** of every individual is well underway in much of the world. Rev. 13 can't happen without constant worldwide monitoring. Your face can be recognized in a crowd. Your cell phone records everywhere you go, who you talk to, what you say, what you do on the internet, every penny you spend and who with – **so WHEN The BEAST ARRIVES, the work of monitoring and identifying everyone is done. I refer to the work of identifying everyone and seeing what each one buys and sells and where you go.**

SO the Beast of Rev 13 will be readily accepted, as he'll bring a familiar, secure and comfortable way of doing things all around the world. He probably also will appear at a time of chaos and bring a lot of order, peace and unity to the world at a crazy time ahead.

- **Be aware of the powerful impacts AI (Artificial Intelligence) will have on world events. AI in minutes can create a program of YOU** talking, in your own voice, your mannerisms, your inflections— *and it's getting harder and harder to tell if something is REAL or fake.*

THESE ARE DEEP FAKE SCAMS. Watch for it! Beware of false advertising featuring world famous people touting a product – Oprah Winfrey, Elon Musk, Baron Trump, Taylor Swift, Tom Hanks – but don’t be fooled, though it will look like it’s really them, sound like them. It will actually not have been produced by them.

- **For the first time, this GOSPEL/good news of kingdom of God is being preached around the world** – even in countries that try to prohibit it. This means we’re very close. Remember there can be no kingdom without the king, who will be Jesus. So it’s the good news about the kingdom ruled by the Savior Jesus Christ. Look up my sermon about the True Gospel. This good news is now going to all the world.

Matthew 24:14

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and THEN the end will come.”

- **Be aware how greatly events from space can affect prophecy and world events.** For example, there’s an **asteroid** that will come very, very close to earth on April 13, 2029. NASA has called it “APOPHIS” – named after an Egyptian god of chaos and confusion.

Could this be the Revelation 8:4-13 “Wormwood” (v 10-11).

Read it on your own. These start the seven TRUMPET plagues. Talk about chaos and destruction! **In April 2029, an ASTERO ID named APOPHIS is coming within 31,000 kms or 19,000 miles** of earth. But get this: That’s 3,000 miles closer than some of our communications satellites, which orbit at 22,000 miles (35,000 km). We’re officially being told that Apophis will not be a danger, though it will be very visible to the naked eye as a bright object in the sky – but not dangerous, or so we’re told now. OK. Sure. But Revelation 8 is still in the Bible. And what would happen to our world economy, military, communications – if all our satellites are wiped out by Apophis?

This could really mess things up! Maybe Rev 8 isn’t about Apophis. But watch. The first of the last 7 trumpets is fire and hail – debris, common to hit first when a bigger piece like Apophis is on the way. 2nd plague – is something like a big mountain burning with fire and then the third trumpet plague is a “star” falling, which the Bible calls Wormwood. The Greek word for “star” in verse 10, by the way, is “aster”, as in asteroid?

Also note this: Revelation 8:8 indicates the “burning mountain” was thrown INTO the sea. To me that means it does slam into the earth!

What worldwide chaos that will cause. Then verse 10 indicates that the burning star Wormwood, the 3rd Trumpet of GOD, will fall ON the fresh water supplies. To me “on” means it hits the earth. We’ll see.

Revelation 8:7-11 the first 3 of seven TRUMPET PLAGUES

“The **FIRST** angel sounded: **And hail and fire followed**, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. **And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.**

8 Then the SECOND angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown INTO the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. **9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.**

10 Then the THIRD angel sounded: And a great star (*Greek “aster”*) fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell ON a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. **11 The name of the star is Wormwood.** A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.”

Wormwood, possibly Apophis, is the THIRD Trumpet Plague. So extraterrestrial events like asteroids or meteorites can really impact what will be happening on the earth.

KEEP THIS in mind though: if we are close to God, HE is able to protect his children. These are God’s trumpet plagues, but they’re not intended for believers, but for unbelievers who will follow the antichrist.

Also the SUN is coming into a time of more activity – more solar flares, more Coronal Mass Ejections (CME’s) which could drastically affect our power grids, GPS signals, internet, and it can affect satellites, communications IF it happens. These unexpected solar system events can cause chaos on earth and completely affect the course of events. Just be aware of this possibility.

Those are the first three of seven trumpet plagues of God. Remember the First resurrection is the 7TH TRUMPET. So these are all end time events.

- Back to earth: **When we see the 3RD TEMPLE BUILT in Jerusalem – that will be HUGE. There’s been no physical temple since 70 AD. Once sacrifices begin, even before the**

building is complete, end time is close. The Beast Antichrist and False Prophet MAY even help build the 3rd temple! Be open to possibilities.

Of course spirit-filled children of God comprise His spiritual temple today, so in the very end time, there will be God's spiritual temple (His saints) and a physical temple that's built in Jerusalem at the same time.

- **Be watching the impact AI** (artificial intelligence) will have more and more. It's getting harder to tell the real from AI-generated.
- **Watch for The Beast #1 of Rev. 13, the Anti-Christ, to win the world over to him.** He's likely to be charismatic (based on things said in Daniel). I believe the world will be in chaos after the big wars and the results of asteroid hits which will turn the whole world into turmoil. They'll be looking for a good leader who can bring order out of the chaos. Peacemaker. Bringing the world together. Most people will like him.

He'll be aligned with a RELIGIOUS FALSE PROPHET, also called the 2nd Beast in Rev.13, imbued with supernatural power from Satan to produce unbelievable miracles, even calling down fire from heaven. These two will work as ONE, and really both of them working *by the power of Satan*, the Dragon himself. In the meantime, the righteous Two Witnesses of Rev. 11, will be very unpopular, as they'll be calling for droughts and problems.

Revelation 13:2-4

"Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. **The Dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.**

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. **And all the world marveled and followed the beast.**

4 So they worshiped the Dragon who gave authority to the Beast; AND they worshiped the Beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

He also survives a mortal wound, like counterfeit Christ.

- **The Ten horns on the Beast are Ten Kings or world leaders (Revelation 17:12)** who will give their power to this end time Beast system. WHO are they? Keep your eyes open. Be open to unexpected possibilities that may differ from the usual explanations for decades.

- When the **Beast Power enters the newly built third TEMPLE**, proclaiming he is God and stops the daily sacrifices, that will be fulfillment of **Matthew 24:15, the ABOMINATION of desolation.**

When that happens, Jesus gives one command: those in Judea are to FLEE with NO hesitation. Don't go home to get anything. Just get out. Instantly.

Matthew 24:15-18

"Therefore when you see **the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place**" (whoever reads, let him understand),

16 **"then let those who are in JUDEA FLEE to the mountains.**

17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes."

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not **come unless the falling away (apostasy) comes first**, and **the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition**, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, **so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**"

Satan's man will be a counterfeit Messiah. As Jesus will rule from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2; Micah 4) so will this Man of Sin, this Beast Anti-Christ. He will set up his throne in the newly built temple and rule the world from Jerusalem.

Many believers will have been falling away from the truth. The **apostasy**, which means to reject your beliefs, or reject Jesus the Messiah. Apostasy means leaving behind all the truth you once had!

It will be a terrible time where even family members report on, or "snitch" on their own parents, or their own siblings, causing their death!

Matthew 10:21-23

"**Now brother will deliver up brother to death**, and a father his child; and **children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.**

22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

23 When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Once the Beast Antichrist enters the Holy of Holies and sets up his throne in there to rule, the Great tribulation, the awful time of trouble like the world has

never seen, will begin and last 3.-1/2 years. As soon as you see this, if you are in Judea – GET OUT of Jerusalem and all Judea even. Without hesitation, without trying to gather up anything – just obey what Christ says and get out. Then begins the worst time of trouble this weary world has ever seen.

Matthew 24:21-22

“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. **22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved;** but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.” (NLT: “...not a single person will survive.”)

I could go on and on forever on this....

IF you’ve ever wanted to live “in Bible times” --- folks, you are living in and will be living in what will be the most exciting Bible times EVER. The KEY is to draw closer to God now than ever before.

TWO GREAT ENCOURAGING POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Thankfully, some **good news: the prophesied BEAST will be in power for just a short time**; just 42 months, or just 3 and a half years. The ten kings give him power – it says – for one hour; a very short time. Will the ten kings even be with the Beast for that 42 month period?
- We know how it all ends well for God’s saints. Our King – JESUS The Christ, WINS and puts an end to the Beast’s cruel, lying reign. JESUS WINS in the end. And then we will start a truly new way of living on earth. Jesus consumes this Man of Sin “with the breath of his mouth and the brightness of his coming” (2 Thessalonians 2:8). More good news.

So there’s a lot to watch for. We really can’t be certain yet about certain prophetic events.

- Exactly **when will the Ezek 38-39 war happen?**
- Who the Beast#1 and False Prophet (Beast 2) ARE or when they will appear. Are they already born and on the world scene? Probably.
- **Who are the Two Witnesses?** Presumably they appear at the start of the Great Tribulation.
- **When will all the other wars mentioned** actually happen?
- What effect will the Wormwood and falling stars of **Revelation 8** have on world events?
- Who exactly the **TEN HORNS** are on the 7 heads of the Beast power **Rev. 17:12-14. Yes it says “ten kings”** – but will they be literal kings or other kinds of leaders? Ten rulers over nations, or rulers over ten

divisions of the whole world? Are they European -- or Muslim? Everyone has his own idea, so watch.

- **Read and study deeply on your own Rev. 12, 13, 17, 18, 19.** Also Daniel 7, 9; Matthew 24, Luke 21. Plus Ezekiel 38-39; Psalm 83.
- **Why does it say this final Beast “will ascend out of the bottomless pit” (Revelation 17:8).** Many miss this sentence. **What can that possibly mean?** Satan himself is not in the bottomless pit right now. That’s where Satan will be locked up for a thousand years (**Rev. 20:1-3**) and where the worst of the worst demons are, as you can read in **Revelation 9**. Could it mean that the Beast #1 could be someone very, very unusual? I don’t know. But watch.
- **Who is the harlot woman riding the beast?** One thing many miss is that this **harlot woman cannot be the same as the Great False Prophet. WHY?** Because the ten horns – the 10 leaders on the 7 heads of the Beast – turn against the woman and kill her and devour her (Rev. 17:15-17).

Revelation 17:15-17

“Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot [the woman], make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

17 For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled”.

The **WOMAN, we’re told, represents the great CITY** ruling over the kings of the world. Many believe that it **is the Vatican in ROME**. Certainly world leaders do come and give homage to the Pope. Others believe it is **New York City**, while others believe it will be **Jerusalem** – since the Beast power will reign over the world from Jerusalem. And yet ship merchants – from the sea – can see its destruction (**Rev. 18:9-18**), so I’m not clear how Rome or Jerusalem could fulfill that. Watch.

However, world leaders certainly did flock to the Vatican when the new Pope Leo XIV was chosen. They don’t do that for protestant or Muslim leaders.

Revelation 17:18

“And the woman whom you saw is that great CITY which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

Now, let's prove that this woman – the great city -- is not the great false prophet.

Revelation 19:19-20

“And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured, AND WITH HIM the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. **These TWO were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.”**

So those who teach the Woman riding the Beast is the same as the False Prophet, have that wrong.

Are you getting my point? USE THIS TIME TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD and Jesus Christ as never before. He is Life. He is OUR life. And DEEPLY STUDY the Bible. READ REVELATION several times, **especially Rev 7, 12, 13, 17 and Daniel 7, 8, 9 several times.** There's so much more we could cover. Revelation 13 often quotes from Daniel 7.

Be thrilled you are living in the most exciting Bible times. Know you will be protected if you are close to God and daily seeking him and turning from the carnal life of this world. Copy Apostle Paul who said his whole goal was to be close to Yeshua. His goal: “that I may know him” **(Philippians 3:9-10).**

So watch your spiritual condition and your relationship with God and Jesus. I'll give a sermon soon on fasting, for example. Fasting is humbling ourselves as we seek God and a closer walk with Him, being guided by His Spirit. I'm pleased that many of our brethren in Kenya often fast. I sure appreciate those of you who sometimes help them, as they are so poor. Thank you. They are your brethren too.

May our Father send Jesus back soon.

Closing prayer.