

# The King Is Coming - 6

## The Mark of the Beast and the Unholy Trinity (Part I)

**Introduction:** This is the sixth lesson in this series entitled The King is Coming. In this lesson, we will cover two different topics (which cover several chapters),

1. The Mark of the Beast and the Unholy Trinity.
2. The Man on the White Horse and Armageddon.

We have been looking at all the events which precede the **Second Coming of the Lord**.



Today, let us begin by reading a passage in **I John 2:18**. In the epistle of I John, John is writing to Christians to encourage both those who are **spiritually mature** and those who were **babes in Christ** to abide in fellowship with God. God has designed the Christian life for His children to be in intimate fellowship with Him.

**1 John 2:18** *“18 Little children, it is the **last time**: and as ye have heard that **antichrist shall come**, even now are **there many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.”*

**Dr. Lee Robertson** commented on this passage, “There are many antichrists in the world today. All movements and men against our Savior are antichrists. But let us notice that there is coming an Antichrist. When the Word of God speaks of **the Antichrist**, the masculine pronoun “*he*” is used.”

We can see this in **Revelation chapter 13**. The pronoun used in that passage is “his.” On our way to **Revelation 13**, let’s look quickly at **Revelation chapter 4**.

**Revelation 4:1–2** *“1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set **in heaven**, and one sat on the throne.”*

**Revelation 13:1:** *“1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon **his** horns ten crowns, and upon **his** heads the name of blasphemy.”*

“The Beast, as set before us in **Revelation 13**, is the dragon’s masterpiece of delusion. Satan has always wanted people to worship him, and now, through the work of the Beast, they do so, for **verse 4...**” tells us this. - Dr. Lee Robertson

**Revelation 13:4** *“4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”*

The question pondered is, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?

This leads us to the **third person** of the unholy three mentioned, **the False Prophet**. Up to this point, we have identified two main agents involved in the war against God in the last days. The **first** is a fallen angel, our Adversary, whose name is **Satan**. He is spoken about in the Bible as the dragon/serpent. He once was an angel of light but rebelled against God. Then, during these last seven years preceding the Second Advent of the Lord, we have a dynamic Satan-empowered figure whom we identify as **the Antichrist**. In **verse 2** of **Revelation 13**, we are told of Satan’s empowerment of the Antichrist.

**Revelation 13:2** *“2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”*

But in **verses 12-15**, we are introduced to **another figure**. He is “*another beast...*” and referred to as **the False Prophet**. This title is found in **Revelation 16:13**, **Revelation 19:20**, and **Revelation 20:10**. **False prophets** are discovered and described throughout the Bible.

**Deuteronomy 18:21–22** describes the test for false prophets.

**Deuteronomy 13:1–3** warns about **signs and wonders** that cause people to worship idols and false gods.

**1 John 4:1–2** warns that **many false prophets** have entered the World.

The Lord Himself gave the same warning, comparing them to **ferocious wolves** according to **Matthew 7:15–16**.

Other verses that allude to these false prophets are:

**Jeremiah 14:14; Jeremiah 23:32; Zechariah 10:2; Matthew 24:11, 24; Mark 13:22; Luke 6:26; Acts 13:6; II Peter 2:1; Jude 4–7**

Like the Antichrist, **the False Prophet will be the antitype of all who preceded Him**.

Notice with me what the Bible says, **Revelation 13:12–15** *“11 And I beheld another*

*beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had 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. 15 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.”*

The First Beast is a **world ruler**. The Second Beast is a **religious leader**. The Bible, in this passage, gives us many details about this third figure:

1. He will be a **man**. Again, this passage uses the masculine pronoun in describing the second beast.
2. He will exercise **all of the power** of the first beast. vs. 12
3. He will cause the earth and them which dwell therein **to worship the Beast**. vs. 15
4. He will **deceive** those on the earth by miracles. vs. 14
5. He will **call fire down from heaven** and do **great wonders**. vs. 13
6. He will cause the people of the world **to make an image** to the Beast. vs. 14
7. He will **give life to the image** --- it will speak, and whoever will not worship the image shall be killed. vs. 15

**Revelation 13:16–18** *“16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”*

“In the tribulation, men will either worship the Beast or starve.” - Dr. Lee Robertson

According to this passage, there will be no exclusion of any to buy or sell unless they have **this mark**, whatever it may be. According to the Scriptures, The mark of the beast is introduced during the Tribulation period, so no Christian has to worry about taking the mark.

As we look through the lens of Scripture, we **see these things falling into place**. At the end of this passage, we have the expression concerning the number of the Beast. The Bible says in **verse 18**, *“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the*

***number of the beast: ...***

The number of the Beast is the number of **a man** according to the Word of God, which is 666. One expositor stated concerning this number that **whoever are saints during the tribulation** will understand what this number means when needed. “They will know and understand this man, and His number will be plain to them...”

“Many people have tried to arrive at this mysterious number. It has been pointed out that the word Latin spelled in Greek letters, lateinos, makes six hundred sixty-six in their numerical value. Others have called attention to the same fact concerning Nero Caesar spelled in Hebrew---the numerical value comes to six hundred sixty-six. But putting aside vain guesses, we know that six is the utmost reach of man. Man was **created on the sixth day**. God’s great human opponents have been **marked by the number six**. **Goliath was six cubits in height**. His **spear’s head weighed six shekels**, and he had **six pieces of armor**. **Nebuchadnezzar’s image was sixty cubits high and six broad**. These are but few of the sixes which attach themselves to men.” - Dr. Lee Robertson

The tribulation will mark the height of man’s pride— and this is undoubtedly the number of the Beast. As bad as all of these things are, we move to the second half of this lesson and will see the end of these things. All of the terrible judgments found in **Revelation will culminate in the return of the Lord Jesus Christ**. He is the Man on the White Horse found in **Revelation 19**. We are told that the Lord’s return will be both **personal** and **literal**. In **John 14**, the Lord promised He would come again.

In **Acts** chapter 1, we see the two stating, “*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*”

The Bible tells us of the **two phases** of this blessed return. The first is described for us in **1 Thessalonians chapter 4**. This occurs **before the Tribulation**. In **verses 13-18**, the Bible tells us of His coming for His Church. There are three great truths associated with this phase.

### **The Personal \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ**

**Verse 16** of that passage states, “*16 For **the Lord himself** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*”

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Dead in Christ**

The Bible says, “*And the dead in Christ shall rise first...*”

“There will be no resurrection apart from the coming of Christ. It is at His coming that we will be gathered unto Him. The first resurrection concerns the dead in Christ, and the second resurrection will be for those who are lost. They will be resurrected to stand before the Great White Throne.” - Dr. Lee Robertson

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**1 Thessalonians 4:17** states, *“17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*

This verse outlines for you and me what **three things** will take place:

A. There will be a **reuniting of body and spirit**.

The Bible tells us that “body and spirit were separated by death, but now when Jesus comes, *“...them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him...”* (vs. 14)

B. The living will be **changed in a moment**.

**1 Corinthians 15:51** states, *“51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,”*

C. We **shall ever be** with the Lord.

We will be brought together with our Savior and loved ones who have gone on before us.

This pertains to the Christian, but what is pictured in **Revelation 19** is Christ **coming with His Saints**. While **I Thessalonians** deals with the rapture, Christ coming for His Saints, **II Thessalonians** depicts our **Mighty Christ as he comes with His Saints**. Notice what the Bible states in **chapter 1 of II Thessalonians**:

**2 Thessalonians 1:7–8** states, *“7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels**, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:”*

We discover from this passage first:

**1. The Lord shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels.**

You will find throughout the Scriptures that angels are often present and make visible appearances during the major epochs of God's plan.

Dr. Robertson, in His messages on this subject, listed a few:

The angels came to the Lord in the wilderness.

The angels appeared in the garden of Gethsemane.

The angels appeared at His resurrection and also at His ascension.

**2. He comes to take vengeance upon a Christ-rejecting world.**

**3. He comes to be glorified in His saints.**

**2 Thessalonians 1:10** *"10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."*

"The saints will be with Him and will be like Him. The resurrection of the translated saints will be in the image of Christ..." - Dr. Lee Robertson

The Bible tells us of this wonderful truth in **1 John 3:2** *"2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."*

**4. He comes to destroy that Man of Sin, the son of perdition.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:8–10** *"8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."*

**Revelation 19:20** *"20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**"*

"This is the end of the Antichrist who exalted himself above God, and brought together the armies of the earth to make war against Christ as He came from heaven." - Dr. Lee Robertson

This glorious return of Christ is vastly different from when He came the first time. The  
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Bible described His character as a lamb.

**Isaiah 53:7** states, *“7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, Yet he opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, So he openeth not his mouth.”*

But here, though He is the Lamb of God and referred to in that way in **Revelation 5:6**, He comes as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. As we will see next week, His eyes are as a flame of fire.\