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Bible Study: Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Topic: THE MARK OF THE BEAST Part II

TEXT: Rev 13: 1-18.

The previous chapter told us basically why the beast is going to go after the whole world. He lost the battle to destroy the Jesus Christ. He also lost the battle to destroy God's chosen land and the land of the birth of Jesus. He fights a battle in heaven which he lost and a time is therefore set for him to end his war against mankind and the drive to make man worship him (Rev 12:12). In a bid to bring enough people to his side and make them disobey God, he decides on a worldwide rule. It is the details of the emergence of this rule and his mode of operation that you find in Revelation Chapter 13. There are more details in the entire book of Revelation but we want to use Chapter 13 as a stepping stone into the scenario of the operations of the antichrist. We will be supporting this chapter extensively with the Revelations to Daniel in the book of Prophet Daniel.

I cannot tell you everything about the Antichrist or the beast today that will give you all the information you need to know about him. However, I intend to set your mind in deep thoughts and to open your eyes to scriptures that looked obscure in the past so that when you see them after today, you will have enlightened understanding of what they are saying.

DISCUSSION:

Who is the Beast? Rev 13:1-3, Rev 17:1-3, Daniel 7: 7-8, 19, 23-25. 8:9.

Where will the Beast emanate from? The Bible tells us that he rose out of the sea. Dan 7:2-3, Rev 13:1. Rev 17:5. Rev 17:8. Rev 17:5.

He will have tremendous political power Rev 13:1 Rev 13:3-4

He will be very blasphemous. He will utter blasphemy and abominations. Rev 17: 1-7, 13:1, Daniel 7:8, 11, 20 and 25.

Mention some blasphemous operations which you know about.

1. Manipulations of the bible.
2. Jesus been portrayed as gay.
3. Legal and political endorsement of things that are against God.
4. False Christianity. II Tim 4:3-4.

Preparations for the Antichrist: Changing times to usher in the reign of the antichrist.

1. Increase in natural disaster Luke 2:11
2. Increased lawlessness. Matthew 24:12
3. False and deceitful Christianity. II Peter 2:1-3, Gal 1:7
4. Unbridled Capitalism, materialism self-control, II Tim 3:1-4
5. The cry for peace I Thess 5:3
6. Quick spread of the gospel Matt 24:24

Who is the major enemy of the antichrist? The major enemy of the antichrist will be the church or anyone that aligns with God. Dan 7:21, 25. Rev 13:1.

New laws and regulations: The antichrist will be very active in setting new laws and regulations that will be anti-God. Dan 7:25, Rev 13:5-6.

Is the Beast already come and gone? The Beast is not a past character. He is a character that is yet to come. The operations of the beast will be at the 3.5 years. Daniel 9:25-26.

Which geographical part will he come from? The beast will most probably come from Europe. (Dan 9:26). Rev 13:3 says he was mortally wounded. A way of saying he was virtually dead as his wound was fatal. People were shocked about his healing and revival.

Will the Beast be a political or a spiritual leader? The beast will drift from political power to spiritual power. Rev 13:4-6, Dan 11:36. This will probably take place in the last 3.5 years of the seven years.

Where will be the extent of his power? I said two weeks ago that the Dake's bible commentary said that the Beast will not have power over the entire earth. Dake's annotated reference Bible Page 516. He believes that the powers of the antichrist will be limited to parts

of the old Roman Empire. I do not believe this because of this is to be true, the effect of the antichrist will be so limited that it will not be felt in the world. Secondly the greatest Christian/spiritual force in our days is not focused on the old Roman Empire but on North America and Africa. Rev 13:7-8 says his power will cover the entire world.. Rev 17:8.

CONCLUSION: It is of no use if we study these and still fall victim to the antichrist. The aim of this study is not to frighten anyone but to get us ready so nothing we see today scares or surprises us. We should be spiritually, physically and emotionally prepared having known these truths. This is not the time to argue but the time to be thoughtful. This is the time to behave like the Berea believers. This is the time to go back and study and see of these things are true. May the Lord grant us wisdom and enablement?