

INTRODUCTION

The world of unbelieving mankind is ripe for the coming world ruler. Man, in his fallen state, bristles at God's standard of righteousness and the truth about the way things really are; how life is suppose to operate. There is coming a ruler who will embody all that fallen man seeks for in alternative to God's rule of life. For the next three messages, we will consider this man whom Scripture states will highlight the final world-wide kingdom. We will consider his arrival; his character, his activities and his demise.

- I. SCRIPTURE PROPHESED THE COMING OF THE SATAN'S MAN.
 - A. His arrival is described in Daniel's vision with the phrase "came up" is the word seleek which is used elsewhere in the book of Daniel of **rising up; coming onto the scene; appeared**. Dan. 7:20 Cf. Dan. 7:3 (of the four beast that came up from the sea).
 - B. Daniel also uses the word "Amad" to note his arrival. Dan. 8:23
 1. "Amad" is used over 400 times in Hebrew and Aramaic.
 2. "Amad" is used of a literal standing. Cf. Gen. 41:1 (of Pharaoh standing by the river)
 3. "Amad" is used militarily in Scripture. Cf. Ez. 37:10 (of Israel rising up in the last days); Dan. 11:4 (it is used of the head of the Grecian kingdom)
 - C. The apostle Paul notes that this man will be "revealed". 2 Thess. 2:3
 1. The term "revealed" is apokalupto which is used in Scripture of the unveiling of something and causing one to understand the its disclosure. Cf. Matt. 16:17 (of Jesus' true identity); 1st Co. 3:13 (of the works of Grace Believers at the bema seat)
 2. A trio of passives are used to note that that man is not in control of the timing of the unveiling. Cf. 2 Thess. 2:3,6,8
 - D. The apostle John is given a picture of the arrival of that man. Rev. 13:1
 1. "Rise up" is the Greek word anabiano -- which is used in the New Testament of making an ascent. John 3:13 (into heaven); Rev. 13:11 (used of rising to authority)
 2. "Sea" is used in Scripture as a picture of humanity. Cf.

II. THE APOSTLE JOHN REVEALS NEWS OF A SECOND BEAST THAT WILL ARISE EQUAL TO THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS. Rev. 13:11

A. The similarity of this man to the beast is emphasized by the use of the adjective *allos*. Vs. 11

1. The word “*allos*” is used in Scripture to indicate ***that which is similar in kind to something***. Strong’s lexicon defines it as “***corresponding or equivalent to, the same as***” Cf. Gal. 1:7 (of a gospel the Galatians believed that was not similar to the one Paul preached); Rev. 12:3 (of another wonder revealed to John) Rev. 20:12 (of the book of life which was similar to other books in heaven)
2. The beast was similar to the first beast.

B. A distinction is made between the places from which they arise.

1. The first beast arose from the “sea”.
2. The second beast arose “out from the earth”. Vs. 11
 - a) The phrase “the earth” is used in the New Testament to emphasize the life, terrain and people of this planet. Cf. Matt. 17:25 (is used of the kings of the earth); Rev. 8:13 (it is used of the inhabitants of the earth)
 - b) This beast had mixed characteristics. Vs. 11
 - (1) He had two horns like a lamb. Cf. Acts 8:32 (lambs are seen as docile)
 - (2) He “spake” (*laleo* -- to verbalize; articulate; generally the articulation of a message) as a dragan. Acts 18:25 (of Apollos who spoke concerning the Baptism of John); Rev. 1:12 (of the Lord speaking to the apostle John concerning what he was to write)

C. The second beast is seen as the equal of the first beast. Rev. 13:12

1. His equality is seen in his exercising of “power” (authority) of the first beast in the presence of the first beast.
2. He causes worship to be given to the first beast.

III. THE DETAILS BEHIND HIS RISE TO POWER ARE OUTLINED IN SCRIPTURE.

A. Satan provides him energizing power. 2 Thess. 2:9-10 cf. Rev. 13:1

1. “Energizing” is from the Greek word *energeo*.
 - a) The first part of the word is the preposition “in”.
 - b) The second part is the word *ergo* which means to work (we get our word “ergonomics from it)

2. Energeo is used in Scripture to denote that which provides the power for operation. Cf. Eph. 1:19 (of the Father energizing all things according to his desirous will); Eph. 2:2 (used of Satan energizing in his sons)
- B. He arrives on the world scene at the proper time that God has allowed.
1. The Holy Spirit's removal from the earth opens the door to his arrival. 2 Thess. 2:6-8
 2. He is unveiled after the rapture. 2 Thess. 2:3
 3. The world system church brings him forth. Rev. 17:7
 4. He makes a peaceful entry. Dan. 11:21

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