

Guide & Record of your thoughts

6/27/10

Week 26 - Revelation 13:11 - 18

Following the Message:

1. Satan's appearance is not initially ugly or evil. Satan wants us to see him as an angel of light.
2. Satan's major weapon in his arsenal is deception.
3. The antichrist (the beast) will have a partner in Satan's final world deception. While the antichrist will be primarily a political and military leader, the false prophet (2nd beast) will be his high priest, a world religious leader who will direct people to worship the antichrist.
4. (13:11) This false prophet (2nd beast) is like a lamb and appears harmless as he professes to represent the truth, but speaks as a dragon.
5. (13:12) With his authority this false prophet (2nd beast) compels those on earth to worship the 1st beast and performs great signs.
6. (13:14) With amazing signs/miracles this false prophet will be successful in deceiving those dwelling on the earth.
7. (13:15) The false prophet will animate the image of the antichrist so that it gives the appearance of being alive. As a result all who do not worship this image will be killed. There is no room for religious freedom in the beast's empire.
8. (13:16, 17) The result of this great miracle is that the false prophet will cause all to be given a mark for identification and in order to be able to buy or sell.

9. (13:16, 17) The mark will be more than just an economic issue. The forehead represents thought processes and commitment. The right hand represents the working out of commitment.

10. (13:11-18) This is a serious passage for two reasons:
 - It is a warning to the unbelieving world
 - It challenges believers to lead careful, watchful, godly lives, and to evangelize a lost world which is headed for destruction.

Greek words used today: (Not seen on screen, just mentioned)

Revelation 13:1, another: **allos**, *al'-los* A primary word; "else", another of the same kind: - more

Revelation 13:12, exercises: **poieo** *poy-eh'-o*; to *make* or *do*: - abide, bring (forth)

Revelation 13:15 breath, **pneuma**, *pn̄yoo'-mah*; a current of air, breath, a breeze; a spirit, that is, (human) the rational soul, or (superhuman) an angel

Reflecting on the Text

Ponder – From where does your peace/safety come? If it comes from your trust in Christ, you have nothing to fear!

Beware of political, religious, economic or life style pressures which attempt to pull you from Christ and cause you to COMPROMISE CONVICTIONS.

People are designed to worship. Everyone worships someone or something. What do you worship?

Do not be fooled; Satan can fabricate supernatural signs just like the magicians in Pharaoh's court. The discerning believer will test miracles and false teaching against the Word of God.

It is interesting that in the Tribulation, believers who will not receive the mark will be clearly distinguishable. However, today we can blend into society and be nearly indistinguishable.