



Revelation Chapter 13 part 2 -- The Beast

Basic and General Study of Revelation *compiled by Gaetan.*

**In this part 2, we will focus on the first Beast,
the Antichrist.**

REV.13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Now, what is meant by this statement, “One of his heads was wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed”? We know that this is referring to the seventh head, the Antichrist, because later on in this same chapter we see that the Antichrist has a false prophet, a promoter, who

“...causeth the Earth and them which dwell therein to worship the Beast, whose deadly wound was healed... 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!” (Verses 12 to 14)

So it seems like the Beast received a deadly wound but came back to life.

Two possible interpretations for the
“wounded to death” phrase:

When the Antichrist first rises to power and confirms the seven-year Covenant, (***Dan9:27***) he is the head of the seventh great empire. But he is not yet really completely anti-Christ; he hasn't yet been fully possessed of the Devil.

But ***“in the middle of the week,”*** three and a half years after confirming the Covenant, he is killed and resuscitated. This ***“resurrection”*** would serve as his credentials to divinity. How is he revived, we don't know at this moment, but it seems that it is at this point the Antichrist becomes possessed completely by the Devil. He looks like the very same man, the seventh head, only he is different, now the eighth? (See ***Rev.17:11***)





The World won't know the difference really, they'll think it's the same government, the same man--but the Devil will take him over!

This would explain the tremendous change, why he suddenly breaks the Covenant, profanes the altar, places the Abomination of Desolation, the Image of the Beast, and causes himself to be worshipped--which sounds just like the Devil all the way!

The Bible records a significant behavior change at this point. Now Satan has always wanted to be worshiped as God. He even tried to get Jesus to “*fall down and worship [him]*” (Matthew 4:9). Satan in the form of a man is finally going to get what he’s been after all the time, kingship of the world, and to be worshiped as God.

**** 2TH.2:8-12** *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: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all **deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall **send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie...*

(2) Others believe that it symbolizes the decline and apparent death of the ancient Roman Empire, and then the resurgence of a type of new Roman Empire in the Antichrist World government.



EV.13:4 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?



They're literally worshipping the Devil in the Antichrist! The people who love him and worship him are going to say, *"Who is like him? There's nobody in the World like him! Who is able to make war with him?"*

No wonder the Antichrist is so powerful and such a superman and wonder-worker! Satan has at last been

cast out of Heaven, as we learn in *Revelation 12:7-10*, and in his fury, knowing that his time is short, he possesses this Antichrist, this Beast, and makes him a Superman, the Devil in the flesh, like Jesus was God in the flesh!

He will be the Devil in the flesh who will run the World and command all to worship him and attempt to slaughter all who refuse! The Devil, the **"god of this World"!** (2Co.4:4) That's what he always wanted: the whole World to worship him! And he's going to get it for awhile! Except from us and others who love the Lord and will dare to defy and resist him!

**** DAN.11:36** *And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak*

*marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for **he shall magnify himself above all.***



**** 2TH.2:3-4** *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition**; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.***

REV.13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months.**

The end of this age is going to see a worldwide propaganda of deceit unleashed, and it will deceive millions. The Book of Revelation indicates that the time span for the proliferation of this deceit will be short, **forty and two months.**





REV.13:6 And he **opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.**

This description of the Antichrist having a big mouth was also used by Daniel in various passages. (*Dan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25 ; 11:36*) He's going to be a big mouth! He's going to roar like a lion!--Speak with the roars of Satan himself and say great things, great blasphemies against God!

REV.13:7 And it was given unto him **to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him** over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (*Dan.7:25; Dan.8:24; Dan.12:7; Rev.12:11, 17*)

What?!—You mean to say this Antichrist prevails against the Saints?—He wins? Well, during the cold war, did it look like the Communists won, had actually prevailed against the Church in Russia and the East Block? Does it look like the Communists have prevailed against the Church in China?

Does this mean the Church is absolutely dead and gone there?—No! Only the political and economic power had been destroyed!





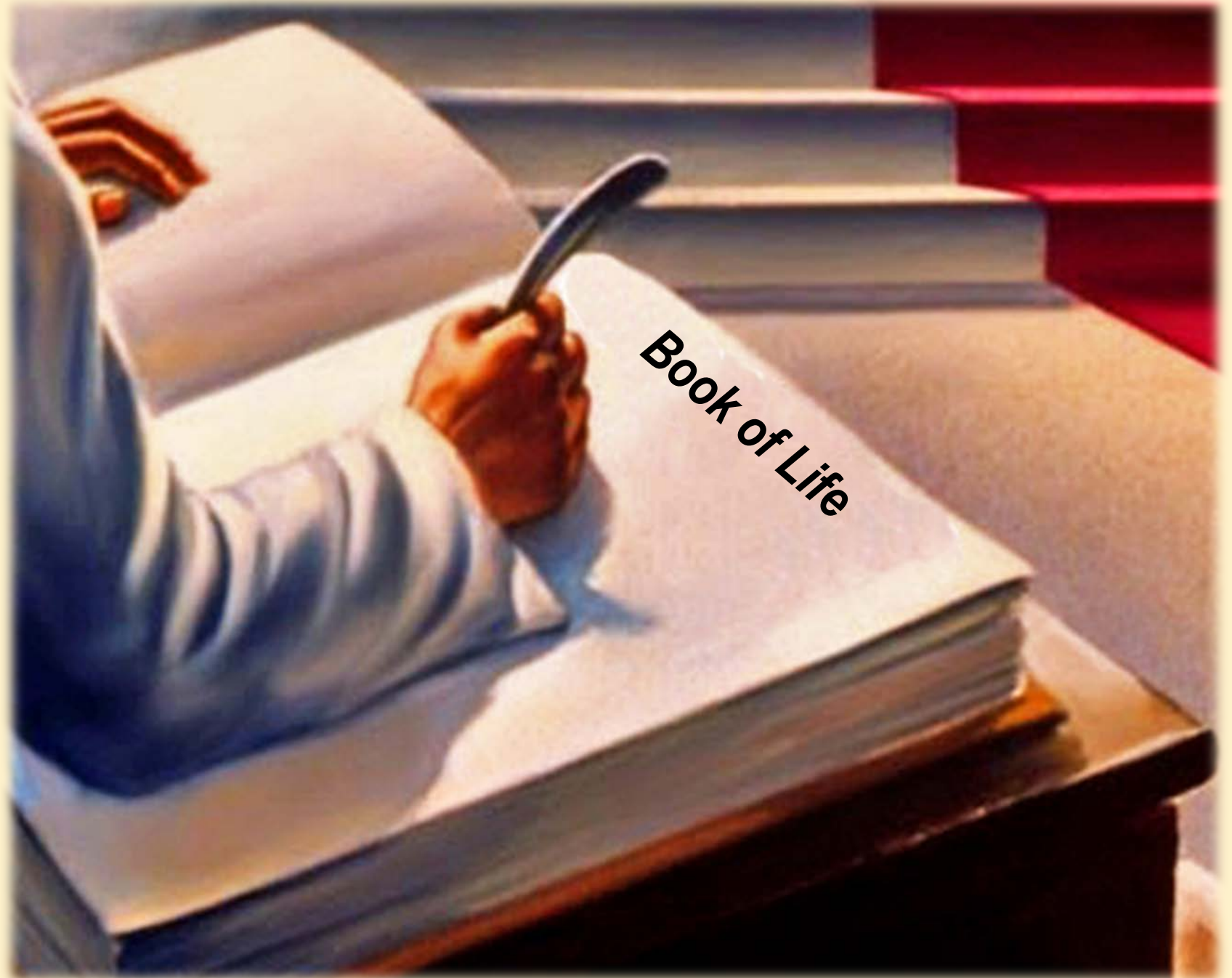
But it's been beneficial for them because it has strengthened them spiritually and brought revival, and this is why the Lord allowed it to happen! China has millions of Christians in house churches in spite of all the persecutions of the past 70 years.

Even though the Antichrist will be allowed to overcome us physically, obviously destroying the organised temporal power of the Church, he will not and cannot overcome us spiritually!

REV.13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth **shall worship him**, whose names are **not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

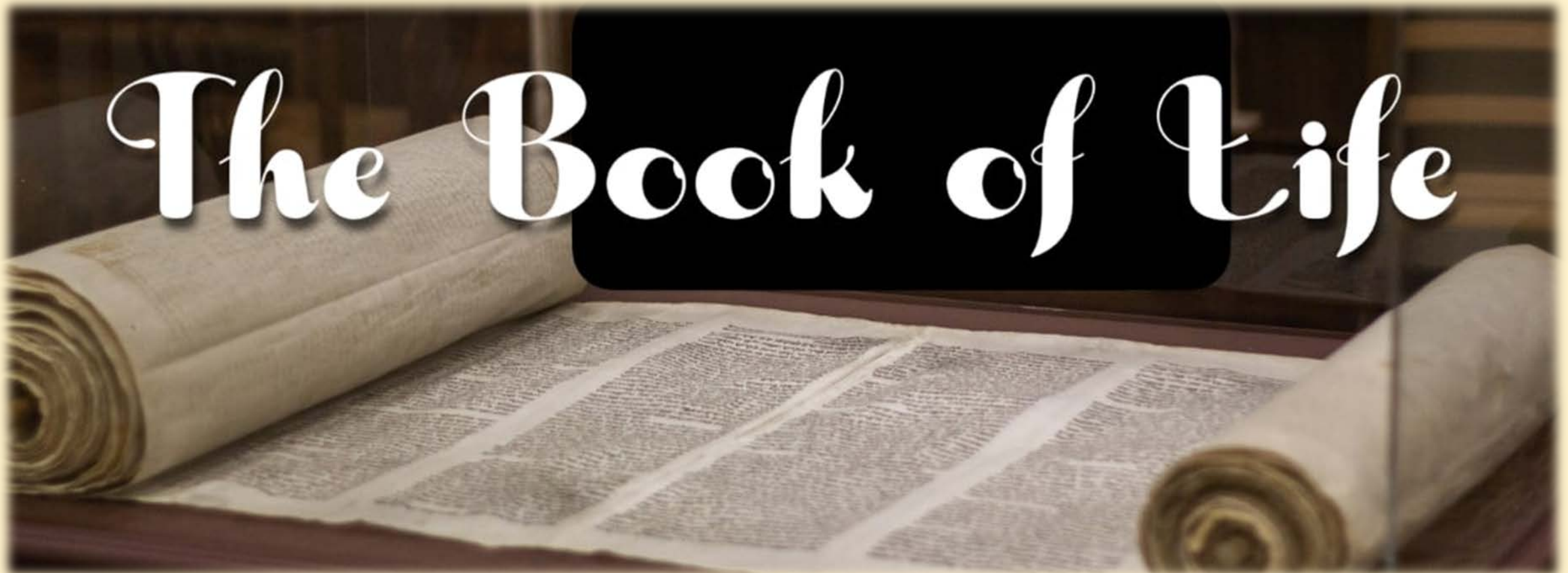
"The Book of Life" is God's book or record in which are listed all the children of God.

**** DAN.12:1** *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be **found written in the book.***



**** 1PE.1:19-20** *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained **before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

**** REV.17:8** *The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*



REV.13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

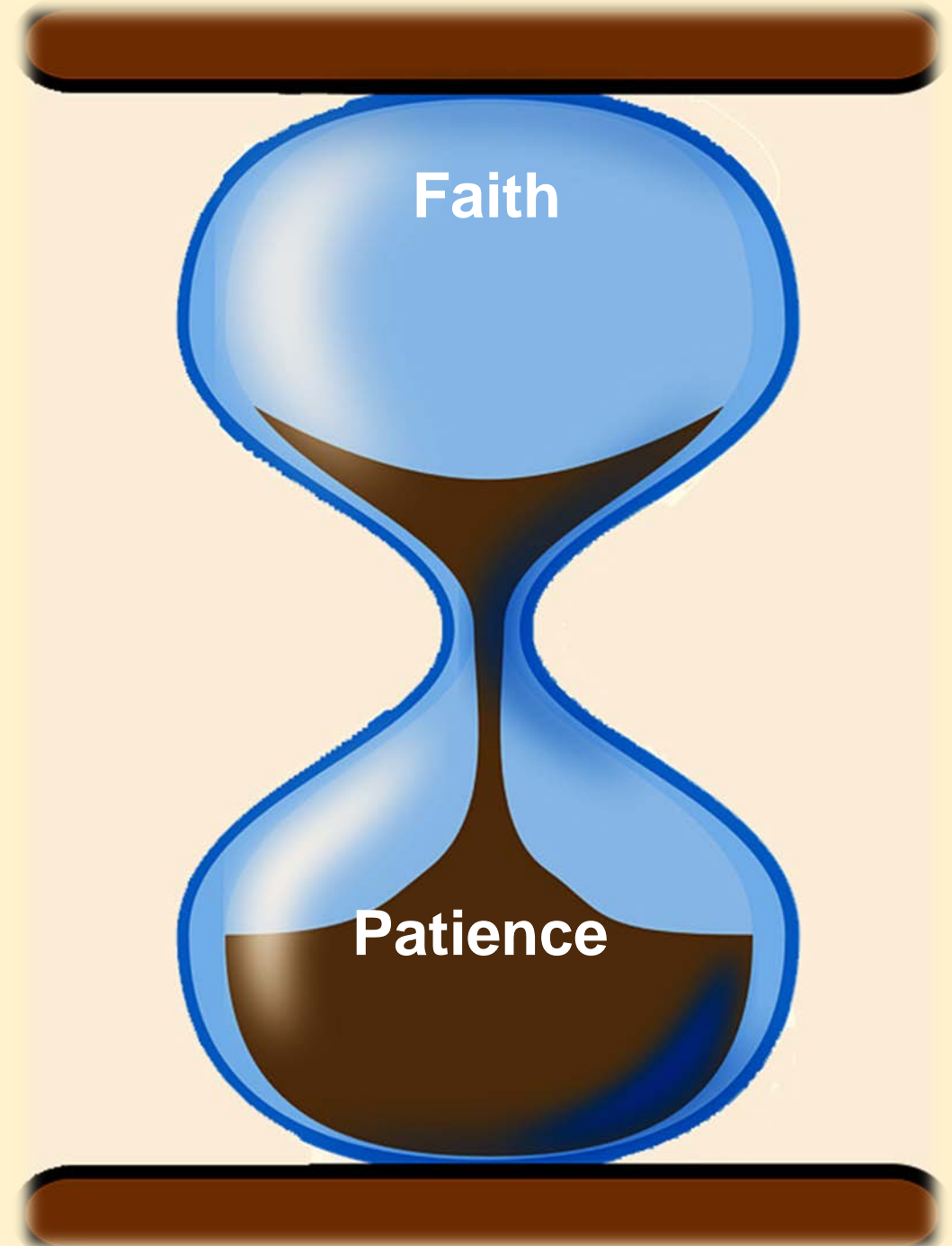
More than just hearing, this expression about '*an ear*' refers to having the capacity to understand what one hears.

REV.13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that **killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword**. Here is the **patience** and the **faith** of the saints.

**** HEB.6:12** *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who **through faith and patience** inherit the promises.*

**** MAT.26:52** *Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into his place: for **all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.***

Don't miss part 3 about the Beast of the earth, the False Prophet.



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.
Jesus says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Rev.3:20



Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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