

# Revelation Chapter 13 part 3

## Verses 13:11-18

# THE FALSE PROPHET

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**REV.13:11** 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**.

**REV.13:12** 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.

Now here comes the false prophet! He looks like a lamb but he speaks like the Dragon, and who's the Dragon? Satan! He's got the voice and the words of Satan, the Devil! He's the False Prophet of the Antichrist. This has sometimes been compared to the Trinity. And although that word is not in the Bible, it's a word used to describe Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Trinity is just a technical, theological church term meaning the Three-in-One.



The devil has his imitation of almost everything! The Antichrist is the imitation Messiah, the son of the Devil! Satan is the god of this World, his son is going to be the Antichrist, and this False Prophet is symbolic of his spirit, the one who gives forth his words. He even tells the World that they should make the Image! He will point people toward a false worship system, namely that of worshiping the Antichrist.



*“And he had **two horns**.”* The horns are symbolic of power, but not to the degree of the first beast who had ten horns. The False Prophet Beast appears *“like a lamb”*, charming, with persuasive words that prompt allegiance and good will from others. Now, since the lamb is a religious symbol, a symbol of sacrifice, this beast may be a religious figure, a preacher or speaker whose demonically empowered words will deceive the multitudes.



Jesus is called the Lamb of God. This Beast, with its lamb-like façade, only pretends, trying to look good and innocent on the surface. The Antichrist, this Devil-man, wants to be worshiped, so he needs a prophet, this one with the lamb-like façade who becomes his propaganda master, his False Prophet who promotes him and his worship.

A wolf in sheep's clothing, that's what he is! In fact, he is worse, because when he opens his mouth, he doesn't just growl like a wolf, he roars ***“as a dragon.”*** Like the first beast, this beast gets his power from Satan and his mouth is the very voice of the Devil! *(Verse 4)* Remember, the Bible identifies the great dragon as ***“that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world...”*** *REV.12:9*



**REV.13:13** He performs **great signs**, so that he even **makes fire come down from heaven** on the earth in the sight of men.

The False Prophet will have the power to counterfeit the miracles of God, such as calling down fire from heaven. How much is literal, how much is a modern “*miracle of science*”, and how much is symbolic is for now uncertain. In any case, calling down fire from heaven was associated with the power of God in the *Old Testament* (Ge.19:24; Lev.10:1-2; 1 Kg. 18:38; and in Re.11:3-6).



Satan is not very original and likes to imitate what God does; he is the master counterfeiter. Since God often revealed Himself by fire, the False Prophet uses fire to validate his own works.

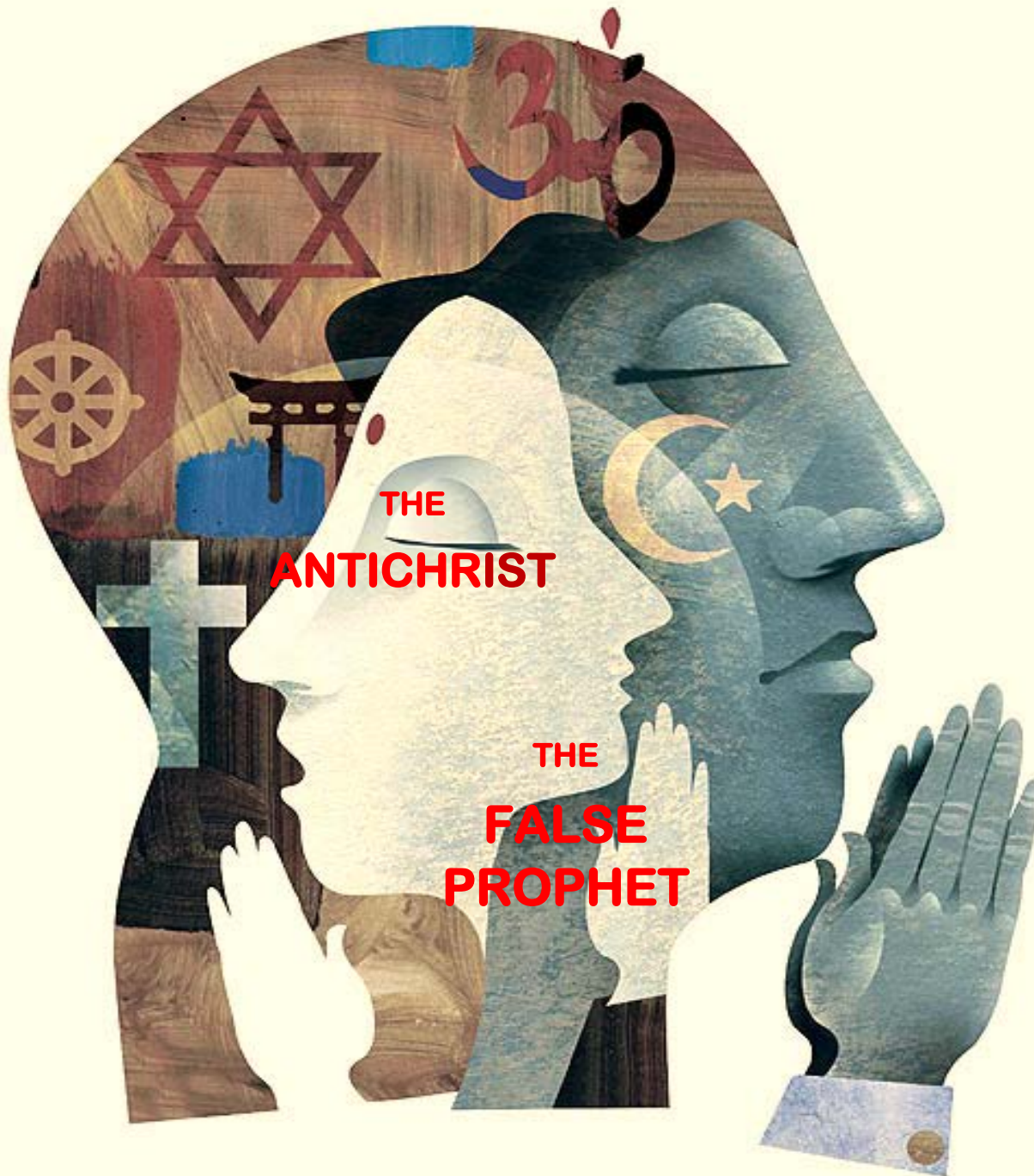




**REV.13:14** And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that **they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

The term ***“false prophet”*** is nearly always used in the Bible to refer to someone who claims to speak on behalf of the one true God, but he does so falsely. In general, it is not used to refer to leaders of openly pagan religions or of unbelievers.

When Jesus spoke about the End Times in ***Matthew 24:24***, he said ***“For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders”***. These terms, false Christs, false prophets, would likely mean people who are faking some form of Christianity or religions of the one true God. ***Matt 24:24*** continues with ***“so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.”***



The idea that this deception would, if possible, mislead the very elect, those who truly follow Jesus, surely points to a religion that resembles Christianity, especially its ideal of sharing the wealth. In the last century, that ideal caused atheist Communism to appeal to masses of people all over the world. It would not be surprising then to see some new version of this same political-economic philosophy re-emerge and re-enter the stage of history.

Regarding the “*great signs and the miracles*”, whatever they may be, they will have a lot to do with the strong deception of those days, which will be hard to resist for those distant from the Lord and not able to discern what is going on.

**\*\* *REV.19:20*** *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...*



**\*\* MAT.24:24** *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

No, of course it is not possible to lead astray ‘*the very elect*’, but such will be the strength and the persuasiveness of this almost universal propaganda and deceit, that multitudes shall be deceived as a result. So did Christ warn us.

**REV.13:15** 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 False Prophet causes the image to be made. Somehow it becomes possessed with the very spirit of the Beast, speaking and giving orders as if it were the Antichrist himself. It is likely that the False Prophet and his “*priests*” will be scientists, technocrats, or at least they will use and worship science. The old speculation was that the image of the beast would be a statue that would be given the appearance of life. But the apostle John could just as easily have seen a television image, a hologram, a cyborg, or some other new technology.

We can imagine people gathering every day to hear what the image has to say. The media will carry the content of the image’s words in the news, becoming the focal point of every person’s day. If so, the Antichrist’s speeches against his enemies and non-worshipers will foster the kind of hostile climate that results in them getting rounded up and killed.



Could the  
Image of  
the Beast  
be a  
Hologram?



This Image is most likely the **"Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet"** which Jesus mentioned in

**\*\* Matthew 24:15, 21** *"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place ... then there will be Great Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."*

**Daniel 11:31** says the Antichrist **"places the Abomination of Desolation."**

**Daniel 12:11** says that **"the Abomination of Desolation is set up."** He places it, he sets it up and it stands there, so it's some kind of standing object. And here in this 13th chapter, we find out that it can very well be an image of the Antichrist himself.

The placing of the Abomination of Desolation introduces the Great Tribulation period, the second three and a half years of the Antichrist's reign. When you see it standing there, you'll know it has begun. The killing of all those who refuse to worship the

Image of the Beast is obviously the beginning of the Great Tribulation.



**REV.13:16** 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:**

**REV.13:17** 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.**

The time is soon coming when paper money will no longer be used as a medium of exchange! The money medium of exchange will be replaced by a very remarkable credit system in which every person in the World who belongs to the Beast's regime will bear a credit number, without which he can neither buy nor sell, and by which he is accredited in his governmental account with the value of whatever goods or services he produces, to which he can charge the goods and services that he himself needs.







**NO CASH ACCEPTED**

Men will no longer buy nor sell with money as a means of exchange, but with a number, a number which will be given them permanently, without any possibility of counterfeit, change, manipulation or forgery, because it will be branded on each person:

***"A mark in their right hand or in their foreheads."***

Every man will have his own number, every member of the World System will be branded or tattooed with the Mark of the Beast like cattle for the slaughter, and will be forced to worship the Beast and his Image or be killed! The False Prophet will use this mark as a means to force people to worship the Antichrist. One can only imagine the pressures of having to own a mark in order to ensure the necessary food for his family.





For millennia, what John described as this new way of buying and selling, essentially conducting commerce, seemed fanciful. It is the amazing technological advances of recent years that have made the implementation of what John cryptically called the Mark of the Beast possible.

That...

***“no man may buy or sell”***

also signifies a total control situation. The technical infrastructure that could impose this type of financial uniformity is already in place

in developed countries. If universally adopted, this could evolve into the very economic system foretold in this chilling passage of John's. The recent health crisis as well as the war in Europe have brought rapid changes, changes that would facilitate the coming Antichrist new World order and economic reset.



**REV.13:18 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.**



**So what of the number 666?** For now, speculating on what that could be is still in the realm of guesswork, but it is likely to have something to do with people being assigned a unique number, much like many countries have today, such as Social Security Numbers.

The Bible cryptically tells us that it is apparently going to take

***“wisdom and understanding”*** to decipher how this number plays into this scheme, but when it does become apparent,

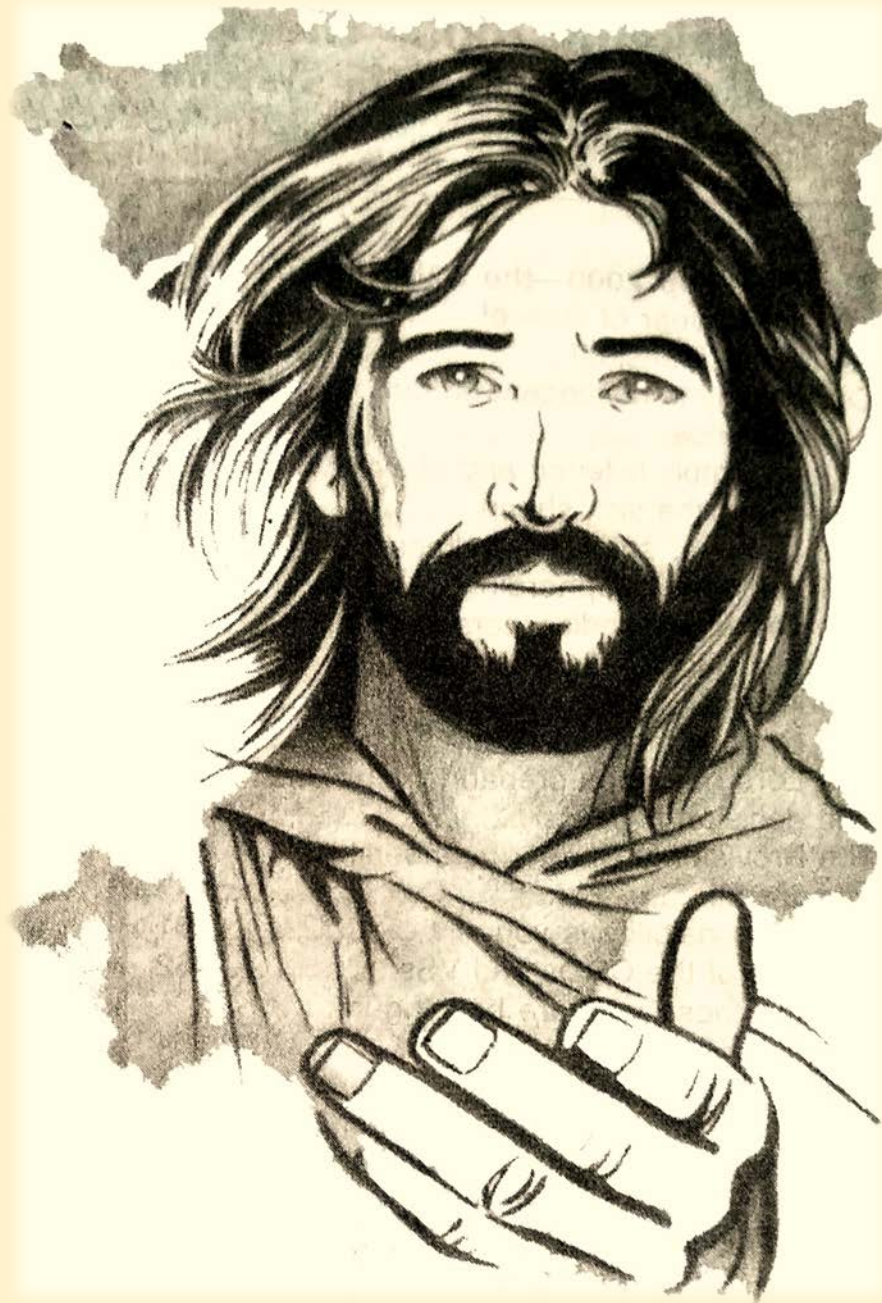
it will confirm the dire predictions associated with it. John, later on in his Revelation, foretells a horrifying doom for those who bear this mark and worship the Antichrist.



***“If anyone worships the Beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone... And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the Beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”*** (Revelation 14:9-11)



**There are two components to this damnation, accepting the Mark and worshipping the Beast. Perhaps it is okay to accept the Mark as long as you don't become a worshipper of the devil-man behind it. But is that too great a risk to take? The comforting thought is that although the Beast will rant and rampage against those who refuse to accept him and his system, his time is short and his doom is sealed. He is the ultimate loser. Jesus Christ and those who love and follow Him will emerge from the Great Tribulation as the glorious and eternal winners, as can be seen in the following chapter.**



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.

Please pray this simple prayer:

*"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. 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"*