

THE UNHOLY TRINITY

Introduction

Satan is a great deceiver. He mimics God in many ways to deceive the people into believing that he is the true one. In Revelation 13, God reveals that he will even try to counterfeit the holy trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) with a trinity of his own that is unholy (Satan the dragon, Antichrist the first beast and the False Prophet the second beast). Jesus said that there will be men who claim to be the Messiah (Christ) and others who claim to be a prophet of God announcing who the Messiah is. These men will perform such powerful signs and wonders that it will come close to deceiving those that are saved (Mt 24:24).

Aim of the Lesson: Stand against the deceits of the devil.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph 6:11)..

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

I. The First Beast: Antichrist (13:1-10)

A. His Portrayal (13:1-2)

1. Who is the beast that rose up out of the sea? Rev 11:7
2. Antichrist is like Satan, the dragon, but where are the crowns on the beast? Compare 13:1 with 12:3
3. How does Antichrist show disrespect for God? 13:1; Dan 11:36
4. The leopard, bear and lion signified three empires in Daniel's vision (Dan 7:4-6). Try to name them.
5. What did the dragon (Satan) give to the beast (Antichrist)? 13:2

B. His Purpose (13:3-4)

6. What happens to one of the heads? 13:3
7. When this is done, who do the unsaved people worship? 13:4
8. What do they say about the power of the beast (Antichrist)? 13:4

C. His Plan (13:5-7a)

9. How long will Antichrist blaspheme God, His temple and those that dwell in Heaven? 13:5-6
10. Who will Antichrist attack and overcome during the last half of the Tribulation? 13:7

D. His Power (13:7b-10)

11. How much political power will Antichrist have during the second half of the Tribulation? 13:7
12. Who are those that will worship Antichrist? 13:8
13. What is the steadfast patience of the saints? 13:10; 14:12

II. The Second Beast: the False Prophet (13:11-18)

A. His Portrayal (13:11)

14. How is the second beast, the False Prophet, portrayed to the world?
15. Who does the False Prophet represent when he speaks?

B. His Purpose (13:12)

16. What is the purpose of the False Prophet?

C. His Plan (13:13-18)

17. How will the False Prophet deceive the unsaved into making an image of Antichrist? 13:13-14
18. What will happen to those that do not worship the image of Antichrist? 13:15
19. What will happen to those that do worship the image of Antichrist? 13:16-17; 14:9-11

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