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In dedication to all the soul-winners that need a Bible study on what the lost will have to face if they do not make it in the rapture.

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“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” (2 Thes. 2:8-10).

The Bible gives us a clear picture of what the world will face after the rapture of the Church during the Great Tribulation. It is a time of anarchy, lawlessness, blasphemy, and utter perversion of all that is right and true. It is a dangerous time in which the world will be deceived into believing that the Antichrist is the messiah/political peacemaker that they have all been waiting for to bring peace to all the nations of the world. It is a very scary time in which this world leader wreaks havoc—not only on the world but on God’s people with persecution that they have not seen since the beginning of time. The Church will already have been raptured out of this world before the revealing of the Antichrist and will not see this persecution in full force but will probably see the precursory persecution to it before the rapture.

THE ANTICHRIST

The rise of the Antichrist will take place within the political/religious one-world government and is depicted as one of the horns (kings) appears among the 10 horned kingdom which is better known as the 10-toed kingdom in the book of Daniel. He will take his appearance within that kingdom and replace three other kings. It's interesting how the whole world is moving towards a one-world government and already fulfilling Scripture. His appearance will start out with "pompous words" about himself (the epitome of self-exaltation) and will speak with such blasphemous words in his claim to be the messiah for the first half of the tribulation time (3/12 year or 42 months).

Daniel 7:8

"I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words" (NKV).

Daniel 7:25

"He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time" (NKJV).

Daniel 11:36

"Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done" (NKJV).

Revelation 13:1, 3

"Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name...And I saw one of his

heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast” (NKJV).

Revelation 13:5-8

“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (NKJV).

THE HINDERING FORCE

The Scriptures reveal to us that the Second Coming of the Lord (Armageddon), will not take place until a great falling away and the man of sin is revealed first. It describes how that there is a hindering force preventing the Antichrist from revealing himself until that restraining force is removed. The restraining force is the Holy Spirit within the Church. When the Church is raptured out of the earth, then the Antichrist will then reveal himself to all.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-6

“Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may

be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming” (NKJV).

DECEIVING SIGNS & WONDERS

The Antichrist will deceive many into believing he is the Messiah that all has waited for. It is interesting that the Muslims are waiting for a similar leader called the Mahdi. Apparently, he will come with power, signs, and miracles. The Bible depicts them as “lying wonders.” In other words, they are to deceive the masses. The saints that fell and did not make the rapture are assured that they will believe in this antichrist because of a “strong delusion” that God will send them. The world will be so captivated by him that they will all see him as divine and worship him.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-11

“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,” (NKJV).

Revelation 13:15

“He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed” (NKJV).

Revelation 20:4

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands” (NKJV).

DECEPTIVE & DEMONIC TEACHINGS

The deception and deceit will be so enticing that the Bible says all “both small and great” will believe him and accept the mark of the beast.

1 Timothy 4:1

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron” (NKJV).

Revelation 13:16-18

“He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666” (NKJV).

THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

It will be at the “middle of the week” the Antichrist will be revealed as an imposter to the Jews. The word “week” in Hebrew is “shavua” which means sevens. So in the first half of the seven year tribulation, the Jews will be deceived by the Antichrist until he performs the abomination of

desolation which refers to him placing an image of himself in the Temple. At this point they will reject him and the world will come against Jerusalem at the end of the tribulation time in which the Lord will return to earth with his saints at Armageddon to destroy the enemy. This is called the Day of the Lord.

Daniel 9:26-27

“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate” (NKJV).

Matthew 24:15-16

“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains” (NKJV).

2 Thessalonians 2:8

“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming” (NKJV).

1 John 2:18

“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour” (NKJV).

If when John wrote this epistle it was already the “last hour,” then we are living in the last of the last days.

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