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It does not take a conspiracy theorist to see that our country and world is rapidly changing. The globalist elites are moving and shaking things to forge a "great reset" a new world order. In order for this to take place there must be fundamental change. Changes to the American Way of Life. Out with the old; and in with the new. Evidences of attempts at a New Marxist/Communist America abound:

From the dismantling of the basic family structure
To the re-education of our children in the public school system. Down with patriotism!

From the confusion being created regarding gender identity
To the racial strife being strife being stirred up. Anarchy is in the making. All good authority structures are being systematically dismantled.

A disinterest in the sanctity and preservation of human life and deliberate violations of the hypocratic oath.

Our great republic firmly anchored to the written law found in our constitution and bill of rights is under attack by evil forces. Our country is gradually giving way to the authority and oversight of international organizations like the WHO or WEF.

Today we see a tearing down of our history and a re-writing of the history books. Revisionist history.

Defund the police instead of defend the police.

Foreign intervention over our own national security.

Big media networks stifling free speech and taking full control of the narrative.

Forcing good people out of the military and other prominent places by forcing a vaccine on them that they don't want and don't need.

Using this "plandemic" as a reason to justify the makings of a surveillance state where people's every move is monitored and recorded.

The deliberate shut down of our own domestic fuel production creating the dramatic rise in fuel costs which produce the price rises in everything else, resulting in the most dramatic rise in inflation this generation has ever seen.

Ports of entry and Distribution channels being disrupted to further wreak havoc on the available supply of goods.

Farms mysteriously burning and farm lands being bought by wealthy elites and foreign entities and the control and limiting of farm production further creating a stronghold on food supply.

Something really well coordinated and real bad is happening today. And many are completely oblivious to it.

What is going on? There's a New World Order taking shape today.

The "mystery of iniquity" is at work.

The stage is being set for the fulfilment of Bible prophesy. The world is being set up for the eventual rise of "the Beast" Satan's system and sinister leader.

Not only does Satan desire to destroy God's work as evident in chapter 12, but he also desires to replace it (chap. 13). Satan is a master counterfeit. He is well known for his ability to imitate (EX: the counterfeit miracles in Egypt - Ex. 7:11, 22; 8:7; Satan's counterfeit messengers - II Cor. 11:13-15). Satan is a deceiver (Rev. 12:9; 20:3) and a liar (Jn. 8:44). Christ warns against the counterfeit Messiahs to come (Mt. 24:21-27).

In chapter 12, God used the imagery of a ***"Woman"*** (Sun=Jacob, Moon=Rachel, 12 Stars=12 Tribes of Israel; compare: Gen.37:9-11). That imagery depicts the Jewish Race, which will be persecuted in the Tribulation period.

In chapter 13, God uses the imagery of a ***"Beast"*** (Satan's False Political System and his World Ruler--the Antichrist)

Three separate visions are described in Rev. 13

(v. 1 - *"I...saw"*; v. 3 - *"I saw"*; v. 11 - *"I beheld"*).
Three separate "beasts" are described in Rev. 13
v. 1-2 - Satan's false political system;
v. 3-10 - Satan's false Christ;
v. 11-18 - Satan's false prophet).

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I. Satan's Counterfeit <u>Kingdom</u> (v. 1-2)
(Beast #1 - Satan's False <u>System</u>)

V. 1
The ***"sea"*** could be descriptive of the sea of humanity (cp. 17:15), from which the beast will arise (as in Dan. 7:2, 3, 17).
"Seven heads" = seven kingdoms (which are called "mountains" and "kings" (17:3, 7; cp. v.9-11) (cp. 12:3 - the heads will be "crowned" - indicative of kingship).

Why only 7 heads when there are ten horns and ten crowns?

The *7 heads* depict 7 kingdoms (or 7 world-wide empires)
[Note: The "7 heads" are also called "Mountains" (Rev.17:9). After Christ destroys the kingdoms of this world He sets up His Kingdom which is described as a "Mountain" in Daniel 2:42-44]

Whereas the 10 horns & 10 crowns depict 10 future Kings who lead the 7th. Kingdom and then surrender their power to the Antichrist (Rev. 17:12,13)

"seven heads" = Of these 7, God said that *"five are fallen"* (Rev.17:10)
The 5 Anti-semitic empires, which were ruled by Satan were:
1. The <u>Egyptian</u> Empire
2. The <u>Assyrian</u> Empire
3. The <u>Babylonian</u> Empire
4. The <u>Medo-Persian</u> Empire
5. The <u>Grecian</u> Empire

The 6th. Empire which existed in John's Day (Rev.17:10b) was...
6. The <u>Roman</u> Empire

The 7th. Empire which is yet to come (Rev.17:10c) will be...
7. The <u>Revived Roman</u> Empire (having "10 horns" of power - Rev.7:7-8)

"Ten horns and ten crowns" = 10 kings

* All three Kings will reign in the <u>Future</u>. (Rev.17:12)

* Three of these kings will be uprooted by the *"Beast"* when he appears (Dan.7:8).

* All 10 will surrender their rulership to Antichrist (Rev.17:13)

* Then all 10 will have power with the Antichrist for *"one hour"* at the end of the Tribulation - (17:12), but will be destroyed by Christ - (Dan. 2:42-44; Rev.19:19-21).

Each of the "heads" (kings or emperors) had the name of ***"blasphemy"***. Evidently each one will claim to be the Christ (Messiah) as Jesus said would happen (Mt. 24:5, 24).

V. 2

The words ***"like"*** and ***"as"*** clearly indicate that the Beast is symbolic.
(Always interpret Scripture literally unless there is an obvious indication in context to do otherwise)

The ***"Beast"*** described is the same (fourth) Beast that Daniel saw in Dan. 7:7.
[SEE Daniel 7:1-11 - Note: In Daniel's prophecy, he saw four beasts that were symbolic of world powers or kingdoms - Lion = Babylon; Bear = Medo-Persia; Leopard = Greece; Indescribable Beast = Rome.

(These four beasts parallel the four-fold image described in Dan. 2)]

The Beast in Rev. 13:2 is singular (one) but has the appearance of three. (NOTE: the fourth beast in Dan. 7:7 will have all of the characteristics of the previous three, mentioned in Dan. 7:4-6).

John sees a beast which is a conglomeration or corporate mixing together of the qualities of the leopard (Greece), bear (Medo-Persia), and lion (Babylon), all in one beast.

The ruling power of this Beast will be the greatest ever known to man, because of Satan's (***"the dragon"***) involvement with this Beast.

This world power will have:
The conquesting speed of a leopard (EX: Greece under Alexander the Great - cp. Dan. 8:5-6);
The crushing strength of a bear (EX: Medo-Persia cp. Is. 13:17-18);
and The intimidating ferocious roar of a lion (EX: Babylon). This beast, being like lion, is said to have "great iron teeth" (Dan. 7:7).

V. 2b

The dragon gave the Beast system its:
1) ***"power"*** - its ability to rule
2) ***"seat"*** - its throne to rule
3) ***"great authority"*** - its freedom to rule

Satan's system of world conquest will go (for a while) uninterrupted, unhindered and unstoppable.

II. Satan's Counterfeit King (v. 3-10)
(Beast #2 - Satan's False Antichrist)

V. 3
"Wondered after the Beast" - the term "beast" now refers **not** to Satan's system but to the head of Satan's system - a man who personifies Satan's system.

> Though some commentators view this reference to "beast" (and the succeeding verses - v. 4-10) to the kingdom, Scripture indicates that it is a MAN who is in view -- a man who is the representative for the kingdom: the emperor over the empire.
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> [Note: In Daniel 2 the Kingdom of Babylon and it's King (Nebuchadnezzar) are linked together. "Thou art this head of gold" (Daniel 2:38). Representing a kingdom is a king]

Proofs that the word "Beast" (in v. 3) refers to a MAN (namely the Antichrist):
1) He is killed by a sword (v. 14)
2) He is resurrected from the "bottomless pit" (17:8)
3) Personal masculine pronouns - "Him...he"
4) He speaks (v. 5-6) [a kingdom has no mouth]
5) An idol is made that bears his image (v. 14-15) How would an image be made of an empire?
6) The Beast is differentiated from his kingdom (Rev. 16:10)
7) He is the "eighth" of seven kings - 17:10,11
8) He is thrown into the Lake of Fire (19:20; 20:10)
9) Scripture prophesied of such an evil world leader (Daniel 7:1-14; 9:27; 11; Mt.24:15; II Th.2:1-8; I John 2:18)

Since Satan is a spirit being, he uses human beings to activate his program.
NOTE: The Antichrist is not Satan; he is man, controlled and empowered by Satan.
The Antichrist will be Satan's "Masterpiece." (cp. II Thess. 2:1-8)

A. A False Wonder *(the resurrection of the Antichrist - v. 3)*

"One of his heads" = one of Satan's rulers (namely, the Antichrist) becomes wounded to the point of death, but will be resurrected by Satan's power (v. 4). The world will be amazed at the Antichrist's resurrection (SEE: Rev. 17:8).

"The deadly wound" - further emphasized (stressed) in Rev. 13:3, 12, 14 (a deadly stroke by the ***"sword"*** - v. 14).

"The world wondered" - the world stands back in amazement, in awe, in astonishment at the resurrection of the Antichrist.
"All the world" - Everyone except those who are saved; Note: Because everybody is doing it, believing it, following it, etc., doesn't make it right! (the broad way leads to destruction - Mt. 7:13).

B. A False Worship (*the worldwide homage to the Antichrist* - v. 4, 8)

V. 4

"They worshipped the dragon" - Satan has always desired worship (Mt. 4:9)

He has always wanted the prerogatives that belong only to God (Dt. 6:13, 10:20);

He has always wanted to be "like the Most High" (Is. 14:14).

The "dragon" is a counterfeit for God the Father, who gave power for Christ's resurrection. The "Beast" is a counterfeit for Christ (hence, "Antichrist" - Anti = "instead of").

"Who is like unto the Beast?" - these deluded worshippers seem to come back in defiance against a statement made by God's people, who said, *"Who is like unto thee, O Lord . . ."* (Ex. 15:11) (Smith, p. 196).

As the world worships the Antichrist, they arrogantly ask:

"Who is like the Beast?" - implying He is incomparable

"Who is able to make war with him?" - implying he is unbeatable

The world has always been in search of a leader like the Antichrist. He will have the magic of Don Juan; the military clout of Adolf Hitler; the persuasiveness of Jim Jones; and the blasphemous mouth of Anton Lavey. I might also add: the blood thirsty nature of Charles Manson.

C. False Words (*the blasphemy against God* - v. 5-6)

V. 5

"Almost all dictators have risen to power by controlling people with their words" (Wiersbe, p. 605) (Ex: Hitler, Stalin, etc.)
Satan will make the Antichrist the best orator ever.

"Power was given him" Who gave him this power? -- Satan.
Who allowed him this power? -- God.

If Satan has his way, the Antichrist would reign forever!

However, since God is in ultimate control, Antichrist's reign will last for only 42 months, which is 3 1-2 years (the final half of the Tribulation).

Just as the Father gave the Son "power" (authority - Jn. 5), Satan counterfeiting the Father will give the Antichrist "power."

*Just as Christ ministered with power for 3 1-2 years, so will the counterfeit, the Antichrist.

"A mouth speaking great things" - the most astounding feature about the Antichrist to Daniel was his mouth - the totally proud, blunt, loud, blasphemous boasting of the Antichrist. SEE: Daniel 7:8, 11, 19-26.

"Blasphemies" = SEE II Th. 2:1-12. His blasphemy is elevating himself as God and claiming to be God (or "The Christ") *v. 4

Dan. 11:37 - *"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."*

V. 6

NOTE: Satan's blasphemy is aimed toward Heaven. Why? Because Satan had just been permanently cast out of Heaven (Rev. 12:9).

Antichrist will blaspheme (slander):

1)	God	(His Person)
2)	His Name	(His reputation)
3)	His tabernacle	(His dwelling place)
4)	Them that dwell in Heaven	(His people)

Everything he can say to belittle God, he will. He will deceive the world into thinking that God is impotent. After all, who is in charge of the world now? The world will think: "Antichrist."

D. A False War (*the massacre of God's people* - v. 7-10)

V. 7

"It was given him" - God will allow the Antichrist to kill His saints (believers). This martyrdom will occur when the sixth Seal is opened (Rev. 6:9-11).

The Antichrist will *"wear out the saints"* (Dan. 7:25).

The Antichrist will even overcome and kill God's renowned two witnesses - they will be the first ones on his "hit list."

Rev. 11:7 - *"And when they shall have finished their testimony, the Beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and killed them."*

*"**Power** (authority) **was given him over all kindreds** (people of every family) **and tongues** (people of every language) **and nations** (people of every country)."*

V. 7b

NOTE: Since Antichrist has authority over **all** kindreds, and tongues, and nations, any passage describing the Antichrist's conflict with other kings must occur in the first half of the Tribulation, (such as Dan. 7:8, 24; 11:44-44). It is in the first half that there will be "wars and rumors of wars" (Mt. 24:6) (cp. Smith, p. 199).

V. 8

"All . . . upon the earth shall worship Him."

In every major world kingdom since Babylon, Satan has tried to get the world to bow to his ruler (with Babylon, it was to Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 3; with Medo-Persia, it was to Darius - Dan. 6:7; with Greece, it was to Antiochus Epiphanes - Dan. 11:21-35; and with Rome, it was to the Caesars).

Finally, he will succeed with the Antichrist.

NOTE: The ***"all"*** is qualified. All will worship except those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Is your name written?

Some might ask, "What's wrong with a little misplaced worship?" -- Read Rev. 14:9-11 to find out.

How will the world worship the Antichrist?

--By bowing before an idol bearing his resemblance (v. 15)

--By taking his mark (v. 16-18)

v. 9-10

These are words of encouragement to those who reject worshipping the Antichrist and face martyrdom for it.

They will reap exactly what they have sown (Ga. 6:7)! Pay Day, some day!

V. 10
It may appear that believers are on the wrong end of the stick; therefore, God reminds them to keep in mind that "all that goes around comes around."

Remembering this will provide ***"patience"*** (endurance) and sustain ***"faith"*** on the part of the saints.

III. Satan's Counterfeit Miracle Worker (v. 11-18)
(Beast #3 - Satan's False Prophet)

V. 11
"Another beast" = another of the same kind (allos) as the one previously mentioned (he will be like the Antichrist).
This beast rises up out of the earth whereas the beast system and its emperor were said to arise from the sea (v. 1).

"Two horns like a lamb" = symbolic of this beast's religious facade.
He will appear, no doubt, as meek as was the "Lamb of God" Jesus Christ at His first coming. (Jn. 1:29; I Pet. 1:19; Rev. 5:6)
Don't be deceived by those who "look" religious. The test is not how they appear; but we test them by what they say.

"He spake as a dragon" - the False Prophet speaks like his father, the devil (cp. Rev. 12:9, 13:4-5). Just as Satan ("the dragon") will put blasphemy into the mouth of the Antichrist, so he will with the false prophet. Since Satan is a liar and the Father of it (Jn. 8:44), nothing but falsehood will proceed from the False Prophet's mouth.

V. 12
"Exerciseth all the power" = authority.
Satan will give this man the same world-wide authority as the Antichrist has ("the first beast").

"The first beast" - "first" can refer to time (meaning the previously mentioned beast), or to rank (meaning the Antichrist will be the chief or "head honcho").
This view (first in rank) fits the context of verse 12, since the worship will be directed toward the first beast. Whereas the Antichrist will be primarily a "political leader," the False Prophet will be a "religious leader."

"Before him" - not a time indicating word. But it refers to the False Prophet exercising his authority in front of, in the presence of (lit. "in the eyes of") the Antichrist. [the same word is used in v. 13 & 14 and translated "in the sight of"].

"Causeth the earth" = makes the earth ... to worship the first beast (the Antichrist).
The False Prophet, counterfeiting the ministry of the Holy Spirit (whose task it is to promote Jesus Christ - Jn. 16:13, 14), will promote the Antichrist.
Most pseudo-miracle workers today attract attention to themselves. This one, however, will have credibility because of his miracle-working power, but will draw men's attention to the Antichrist, not himself.

A. He will produce false miracles (v. 13-15)

1. Deceptive <u>wonders</u> (signs) (v. 13-14)
V. 13

"Doeth" - present tense indicating <u>habitual</u> and <u>continual</u> action.

"Great wonders" - great <u>signs</u> (a sign is an indicator that points to something. These signs will deceive the world into thinking that the False Prophet is <u>legitimate</u>).

"Fire...from Heaven" –

1) a counterfeit of <u>Elijah</u> (on Mt. Carmel - I Ki. 18:38-39) (and in destruction of his enemies - II Ki. 1:10, 12).
2) A counterfeit of the <u>two witnesses</u> who have similar power (Rev.11:5-6).Interesting note:
During the first 3 1-2 years of the Tribulation, God had <u>two</u> miracle workers [the world, however, was not interested in their powers (11:10)]. Now in the last 3 1-2 years, Satan has <u>two</u>, as if to say: "So you thought those two prophets of God were something; wait till you see mine!"

"In the sight of men" - <u>Seeing</u> is not always believing.
Just because you see something (experience something) does not mean it is from God.
"True miracles were meant to confirm (validate, vindicate, authenticate), not deceive" (Smith, p. 203).

V. 14
This deception will be world-wide (no doubt the miracles will be broadcast via satellite).

This is the deception mentioned in Rev. 12:9, where Satan is said to deceive "the whole world"; and II Thes. 2:9-12.

<u>Why</u> are the wondrous signs (miracles) done "in the sight of the beast"? Evidently, it will appear to the world that the False Prophet is getting his miracle-working power from the Antichrist (who will claim to be <u>God</u> - II Th. 2:4). Hence, the image is built in honor of the Antichrist and not the False Prophet.

"They should make" - the earth dwellers.

The False Prophet will hire the best metal workers, the finest sculpturists, the most brilliant of scientists and artists to erect probably the most amazing replica of man (or any life form) ever constructed.

Robotic technology is very advanced today!

"An image" = an idol; a replica, in <u>honor</u> of the Antichrist ("<u>to</u> the Beast"), bearing the <u>appearance</u> of the Antichrist ("<u>of</u> the Beast - v. 15).
NOTE: This is a direct violation of the second commandment (Ex. 20:4-5). It is wrong no matter how authentic the signs were which gave backing to such an effort.

2. Deceptive idolatry (v. 15)

V. 15
Such idolatry is not new. Satan also inspired Nebuchadnezzar to have an image erected (evidently in human form) and worship enforced (Dan. 3).

"He had power" = lit. he was given power (by Satan).
"To give life" - life = "pneuma" - spirit or breath.
Though some think that the image will be computerized and hence receive its life mechanically, the fact that Satan will be issuing the power to energize it, and the fact that it will breath air and appear to be alive (living) seem to indicate that it will be demonically controlled.

This idol will be so amazing that it will have two natural features that only man has:

1) The image will have speaking ability

2) The image will have knowing ability
(it will know who has the mark and who does not)

B. He will promote a false mark (v. 16-18)
V. 16
Just as everything else about the Antichrist has been a counterfeit for the reality, so will his mark be.
Satan will imitate the mark that God places upon His servants (Rev. 14:1; cp. Rev. 3:12, 7:3). Both marks identify you with the name of whom you worship.

"He causeth all" - the False Prophet will force everyone on earth to receive a mark.

This piece of identification will be forced upon all regardless of:

1)	Title	(***"small and great"*** - Everyone from the blue collar worker to the President or Pope)
2)	Economic status	(***"rich and poor"*** - everyone from the filthy rich to the beggar)
3)	Rank	(***"free or bond"*** - everyone from the liberated to the slaves)

"A Mark" - A brand. Evidently this is a permanent mark, put on ("epi") the right hand or on their forehead.

The option may be given for cosmetic reasons (for looks), functional reasons (forehead & hand are easy places to scan) or as a means to distinguish two types or classes of people (EX: a means to differentiate

between those who are "engaged in intellectual pursuits and those who labor with their hands" - Smith, p. 205).

V. 17
Satan's one-world economy will be tied together and organized by a common mark.

--No one will <u>buy</u> (no one will purchase food, clothes, gas, medicine, etc. without it)
--No one will <u>sell</u> (no one will operate a business without it)

> Whereas American Express travelers checks have the slogan "Don't leave home without it" - the mark of the Beast will in reality say, "You don't live without it!"

Contemporary methods of uniting people and programs (primarily for economic reasons) by the use of social security numbers, credits cards, debit cards, etc., are merely man's initial attempts at economic unity and control.

The mark will involve both the Antichrist's <u>name</u> and <u>number</u>. The connection between the ***"name"*** and ***"Number"*** of the Beast could support "the ancient custom of giving to letters of the alphabet a numerical value" (Smith, p. 206).

> Thus, the spelling of the Antichrist's name may be the mathematical equivalent of 666.

V. 18
"Here is wisdom" (the ability to <u>perceive</u>). "understanding" (the ability to <u>reason</u>).

"Wisdom and understanding" - possibly alluding to Daniel 12:10 - "None of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."

"Count" = lit. "to count with pebbles" to add up or calculate (cp. Lk. 14:28).

The "beast" is clearly identified as a "<u>man</u>"
--Why the number 6? (Man was created on the <u>sixth day</u>)
--Why a 3-digit 6? (possibly a representation for the Satanic trinity)

Three truths every Christian must remember to avoid being deceived:

1. **<u>Seeing</u> is not believing**
   (a mirage looks like water but it is not)

2. **<u>Satan</u> has power to perform the miraculous** (he can do the supernatural) (Lk. 4:5; Mt. 24:24; Mk. 5:4; II Th. 2:9)

3. **Our only authority is the <u>Bible</u>**
   Our authority is not <u>experiential</u> in nature (just because you can <u>see</u> it, <u>feel</u> it, <u>speak</u> it [ex. tongues] etc. does not mean it is from God).

a. God's true prophets (apostles) prophesied with 100% accuracy (anything less demanded stoning - Deut. 18:20-22)
b. Miracles (even undeniable ones) do not authenticate someone if their message is contrary to the Word of God - Deut. 13:1-3.

Sometimes a convincing miracle (that is not from God) is a test of your love for God and your loyalty to His Word.

Eighty and six years have I served Him, and he never did me any injury; how then can I blaspheme my King and my Savior. –

Polycarp, disciple of the Apostle John, and Bishop of Smyrna
In the Asia Minor city of Smyrna, persecution broke out against Christians and some were put to death for their faith. But the agitated mob wanted to cut off the church there by getting rid of their leader, the now aged Polycarp. The believers hid Polycarp in a farmhouse. (The leaders there taught that one should not seek out martyrdom, but neither should it be avoided if there was no choice and it meant denying Christ). The authorities found the farm house and came to arrest the old man. He welcomed his captors as if they were old friends and gave them food and drink. He asked for an hour to pray before being taken to the arena. They relented. The hour stretched into two hours. The officers, overhearing his prayers began to wonder what they were doing arresting an old man like this.

Polycarp was brought into the arena. Instead of Polycarp begging for his life we find the proconsul pleading with this aged bishop to just curse Christ so he would be released. Polycarp's reply--our quote at the top--was loud and clear. He was burned alive. The Christians present said there was a joyful radiance on Polycarp's face as he died. Believers were allowed to bury his remains on February 22, probably in the year 155. Churches near and far from Smyrna observed this date in years to come and drew strength from the testimony of this old, old, man who would not deny Christ, no matter what it cost him.

https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1-300/polycarp-quote-11629600.html