

# Student Notes

## Understanding the book of Revelation



**What the book of Revelation really says.**

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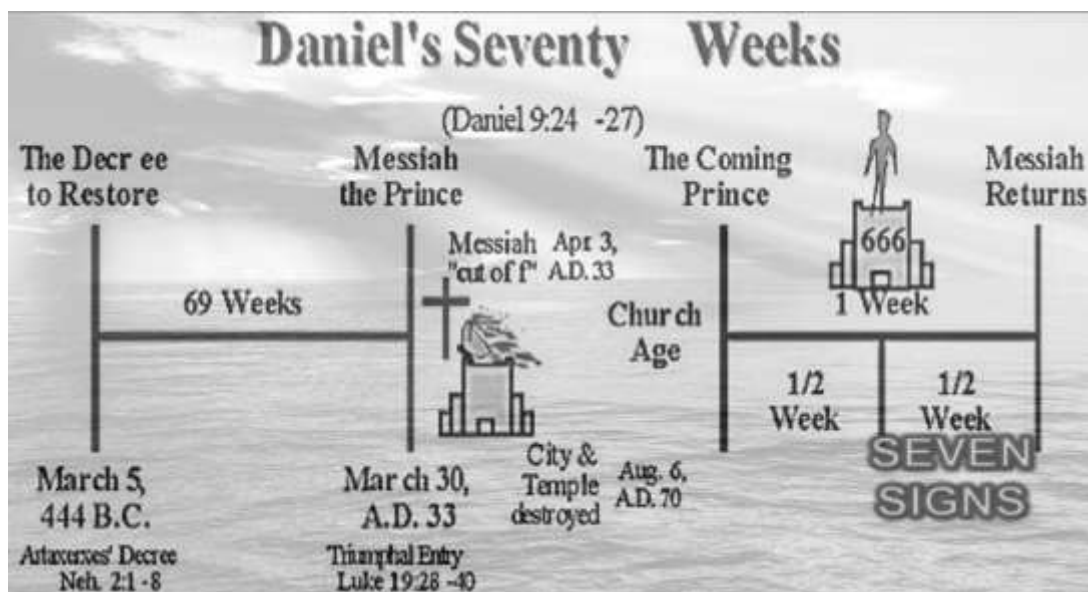
## PART SEVEN: THE WOMAN AND THE DRAGON

### 1. Introduction:

Now we look at the seven \_\_\_\_\_ of Revelation. These signs are found in Chapters 12-15 in-between the seven trumpet and seven bowl judgments (indeed the seventh sign marks the seven-bowl judgment).

Between the two accounts of the pouring out of the wrath of God, the seven plagues, there is a series of seven signs that cover the last half of the seven years tribulation from beginning to end. This period covers the Great Tribulation (the wrath of Satan through the Antichrist) and the start of the Day of the Lord (the wrath of God through the Lamb).

How can we say that the signs are events in the last 3.5 years of the Tribulation Period? Because of the context of the seven signs:



1 Week = 7 years; Half week = 3.5 years, 42 Months (Revelation 11:2; 13:5), 1260 days (Revelation 11:3; 12:6) and Time, Times and Half a Time (Daniel 7:25;12:7; Revelation 12:14) – In Jewish days and months.

**The Seven Signs:**

Sign One: \_\_\_\_\_ clothed with the sun

Sign Two: The \_\_\_\_\_.

Sign Three: The Beast from the \_\_\_\_\_.

Sign Four: The Beast from the \_\_\_\_\_.

Sign Five: The \_\_\_\_\_ on Mount Zion

Sign Six: Son of Man on White \_\_\_\_\_.

Sign Seven: The Seven \_\_\_\_\_.



## 2. The First Two Signs: The Woman and the Dragon

*“Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.” Revelation 12:1-6*

**Who is the Dragon? (See Revelation 12:9)**

**Who is the Woman?**

**Who is the Male Child?**

## 3. Conclusion:

During the Great Tribulation the Woman will be \_\_\_\_\_  
for (12:14) and \_\_\_\_\_ (12:15-16) in the  
Wilderness and will overcome the Dragon by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (12:11).

She will find \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness (Jeremiah 31:2)

## PART EIGHT: THE TWO BEASTS

### 1. Introduction:

We continue to look at the seven signs, the first four concern the work of \_\_\_\_\_ and the last three concern the work of \_\_\_\_\_.

In Revelation Chapter 13 we see the unholy \_\_\_\_\_ – The dragon, the beast from the sea and the beast from the land.

They represent \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Prophet who come to earth in a last ditch attempt to win people to their side. Notice how they present themselves as a trinity – the Dragon as the Father of lies (see John 8:44), the Antichrist as the Son of Lies (called Son of Perdition in 2 Thessalonians 2:3) and the False Prophet as the Unholy lying spirit (see 1 Kings 22:22).

### 2. The Two Beasts.

#### a. The Beast from the Sea (Revelation 13:1-10)

Is the \_\_\_\_\_.

i. Out of sea (\_\_\_\_\_)

ii. 7 heads 10 horns (Leopard, bear, lion)

iii. Power from \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Mortally \_\_\_\_\_ then healed

v. World follow and \_\_\_\_\_ him

vi. Makes \_\_\_\_\_ against God and saints



If we refer to Daniel 7 and the extra insight we are given in Revelation 17:9-12 it becomes apparent that the Antichrist will arise from a long line of kingdoms bearing some of their characteristics.

The Lion, Bear and Leopard kingdoms are identified in Daniel 7 as the Babylonian, Medo-Persian and Greek kingdoms. The ten horns are a coalition of kings in one final end-time kingdom that seems to be a revived Roman Empire. The Antichrist will depose 3 of these kings and rule over all, setting up HQ in Jerusalem after breaking his seven year peace treaty.

Notice that the beast has the main look of a leopard (Greek influence will be the major characteristic), the feet of a bear (Medo-Persia's conquering power and might) and the mouth of a lion (Babylon's speech and eloquence).

**- Characteristics of the Antichrist:**

- A \_\_\_\_\_ yet successful leader
- N \_\_\_\_\_ leader from ancient roots
- T \_\_\_\_\_ from his religious roots
- I \_\_\_\_\_ deceptive covenant
- C \_\_\_\_\_ laws and seasons
- H \_\_\_\_\_ God and His people
- R \_\_\_\_\_, as it were, from the dead
- I \_\_\_\_\_ and sexually perverted
- S \_\_\_\_\_ himself up as god
- T \_\_\_\_\_ over by Satan

- **Types of the Antichrist:**

*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."* 1 John 2:18

*"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."* Matthew 24:24

Through history there have been many figures that people have said was the Antichrist. They are not THE Antichrist but a foreshadowing of him as they do not line up on ALL the points we have seen.

Examples are:

**b. The Beast from the Land (Revelation 13:11-18)**

Is the \_\_\_\_\_

- i. Out of earth (\_\_\_\_\_)
- ii. Lamb, 2 horns (Speaks like the \_\_\_\_\_)
- iii. Power from the \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. Causes people to \_\_\_\_\_ the antichrist
- v. Performs great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- vi. Causes many to take \_\_\_\_\_ of the Beast

- **The Mark of the Beast**

Most basically the mark of the beast, the number \_\_\_\_\_, is a numerical picture of the nature of the Beast.

Six is the number of \_\_\_\_\_, fallen man, eternally one short of perfection. Three sixes show forth the unholy trinity of the Dragon, the Antichrist and the False Prophet. The mark that true Christians have is 777, the Holy Spirit.

Of particular note is the fact that if you add all Roman numerals together, excluding M (1000) you get 666 – taking the mark of the beast will exclude you from reigning in the thousand year millennium period!

This mark is on either the head (\_\_\_\_\_) or the hand (\_\_\_\_\_) meaning that is an aligning of thoughts and actions with the Beast. Some say this will take the form of an embedded computer chip in either the forehead or the hand, without which one cannot buy and sell (Revelation 13:16-17). Whatever it is, Christians are to have no part in it as it will be an element of worshipping the Beast. Those who take this mark are destined for hell (Revelation 14:9-10).

**3. Conclusion:**

**Do not be \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“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.”*  
2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NKJV)

The coming of the Antichrist will mark a time of \_\_\_\_\_ away, where many will leave the true church and follow the deceiving doctrines of the Antichrist and False Prophet. Many may well be disillusioned if the Rapture is indeed after the Great Tribulation and they find themselves confronted with the choice of taking the mark of the Beast, which they will not be prepared for. This end time falling away is mentioned in many passages of Scripture (e.g. 1 Timothy 4:1).

To avoid being one who will fall away we must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ the counterfeit – the best way to do this is to know the real thing! Specially trained policemen know how to recognize counterfeit money by knowing the real thing inside out. Now is the time to know Jesus more intimately than ever before. To draw near to Him and learn to live in and be led by His Spirit.