

problem:

Our culture loves the idea of globalization

what could be bad about global unity????

Gen 11:1-9 (unity outside of Christ is unity in rebellion)

God doesn't want world peace - He wants world perfection and He is going to get it. But before He does He is going to allow the world to rebuild the babel of Genesis 11 under the authority of one man

- chapter 13 is his backstory

Main Idea:

The Anti- Christ will rise
with Satanic power and authority
but God wrote the script
before the foundation of the world
so play your part with confidence

Implication:

your salvation was planned before the foundation of the world

Application:

we have spent so much time agonizing, apologizing, and arguing about the doctrine of election that we have forgotten to be encouraged and empowered.

we will not fall
nothing can snatch us out of His hands
nothing can separate us from His love

The doctrine of election is really the doctrine of grace in hindsight, extending way back well beyond the bounds of our comfortable experience of it.

Text**The Anti-Christ will rise**

Rev. 13:1 And I saw **a beast rising out of the sea**, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.

Rev. 13:2a And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth.

beast

Rev 11:7; 1 Jn 2:18-22; 2 Jn 7 (anti-christ)

rising sea

Rev 13:11-13 (unholy trinity)

Rev 16:10 world ruler)

Rev 17:11-15 (world gov.)

ten horns

Dan 7 (Rome reunited -reverse order of dan.)

with Satanic power and authority

Rev 13:2b And to it **the dragon gave his power** and his throne and **great authority**.

Rev. 13:3 One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its **mortal wound** was healed, and **the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast**.

Rev. 13:4 And **they worshiped the dragon**, for he had given his authority to the beast, and **they worshiped the beast**, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

gave his power and auth

Rev 12:3, 17; 13:1 (power behind the throne)

a mortal wound

Rev 13:12, 14 (important)

Rev 11:11-12 (a pr stunt?)

they worshipped the beast/dragon

2 Thess 2:9-11 (strong satanic delusion)

2 Cor 4:1-4 (the real context of our evangelism)

who is like the beast

(Exod 15:11) (parody of real worship)

but God wrote the script

Rev. 13:5 And the beast **was given** a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it **was allowed** to exercise authority for forty-two months.

Rev. 13:6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. (us)

Rev. 13:7 Also it **was allowed** to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority **was given** it over every tribe and people and language and nation,

Rev. 13:8a and **all who dwell on earth will worship it,**

allowed/given

Acts 2:23; Gen 50:15-21 (compatibilism)

before the foundation of the world

Rev 13:8b everyone whose name has not been written (perfect) **before the foundation of the world** in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

Rev. 13:9 If (since) **anyone** has an ear, let him hear:

Rev. 13:10a If (since) **anyone** is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes;

if (since) **anyone** is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain.

before foundation of world

- Rev 17:8, 14

- matt 25:34; Jn 17:24; Eph 1:4; Heb 4:3; 1 Pet 1:19-20

Implication

- Acts 13:48 your salvation was planned before the foundation of the world

So play your part with confidence

Rev 13:10b Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

- Matt 24:15-24 (we will not fall)

- Jn 10:24-30 (nothing can snatch us from His hands)

- Rom 8:1, 30-39 (nothing can separate us from His love)

some helpful notes:

Three animals are used to describe the Beast, resembling Daniel's prophecy in Dan. 7. Please read the chapter carefully. The four beasts picture four successive empires: Babylon (the lion), Media-Persia (the bear), Greece (the leopard), and the kingdom of Antichrist (the dreadful fourth Beast). The "little horn" of Dan. 7:8 is the Beast of Rev. 13, the Antichrist. Note that John saw the animals in reverse, since he was looking back; Daniel was looking ahead. In other words, the kingdom of the Beast will be a continuation of these kingdoms, a revival of the Roman Empire.

Warren W. Wiersbe, *Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament* (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992), 833.

Articles for further study

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