Revelations in Revelation - 11 Pastor Jesse O'Dorisio

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Let's open our bibles back to Revelation, and I'll tell you, what a journey. We've journeyed quite a ways in the things that the Lord has in store for us with Him. And last week, just a little recap we found ourselves right at the middle of the week. And when we say the week again, we're speaking of the tribulation as a week, even though it's seven years. But we found ourselves right at the middle of that plunder; three and a half years in. At this time, we've had a glorious rejoicing seeing in faith; we've seen this because of faith the three companies gathered up. Praise God, the Lord has gathered His church and praise the Lord for that. And as that is complete, we've really seen the emphasis now of the Lord now completely, and solely truly focusing on Israel. And how gorgeous that is because we've seen so many things happen through the scriptures, we've seen through time, and Israel being truly blinded to their Messiah, to their Lord. And as we got into the twelfth chapter of Revelation, we saw after she had given birth to that hundred and forty-four thousand; that precious man child, that last little company that would be raptured to complete the church. God takes her, and hides her in the wilderness, and there we have that precious remnant of Israel that God's promise, and His promises are yea, and amen; they never fail. When God speaks, it is. Time is nothing to Him, and we just wait to see the manifestation of the promise, and I thank God because we are going to be part of this in bringing these things forth with our bridegroom, but because of His promise, because of His faithful word, He will take that unfaithful wife Israel, and bring her back in faithfulness to her husband God, the Father.

Now, we saw how precious the Lord divinely does things that are just so beautiful in the way He does them. And so, He appointed those two witnesses. Remember those last week in chapter eleven? Those two precious witnesses that the Lord brings forth, even at the beginning of the tribulation, to begin to minister specifically to Israel to bring them back into understanding Who again their Messiah is. Now, those two witnesses we saw are much alike Elijah. They're going to be empowered of God to do things that the prophets did. Once again as the Lord has shown us, praise be to God this isn't new for me. I've shown you my faithfulness, I've shown you, and brought forth these things so we can even have more understanding of what's going to come forth. So, these two witnesses praise God, God allowed them to shut up heaven for it to rain, bring down fire; all of those things. And God it says protects them until their ministering is complete. And then God has more in that plan, and in that plan, He's going to, and it's amazing what God allows the devil to think that he's accomplished. Ha, you think he would have learned with Job, but he didn't, and God always has a plan with that. He's got a tempter, He made him, and oh how perfect in those temptations will God bring forth His faithfulness in those vessels of mercy.

So, we see that He allows the devil who in chapter twelve is cast out of heaven. God allows that devil to go ahead and open up the bottomless pit, and all that evil coming out of there, and then God allows the devil, and this is right about at that three-and-a-half-year mark, right there in the middle. He allows that devil finally to get to those two ministers and kill them, but then

the lord raises them up three and a half days later. He's always, I'll tell you what, the way He does it, only God could do. At that point as we finished last week, the first and second woe are now complete.

Now we go on to the third woe because remember that angel? He said woe, woe, woe to them. We're at that third woe, and that third woe is what we're going to start into tonight, and that unveiling; we're at the middle of the week and the third woe. We'll start at the middle of the week, and it'll take us all the way through the rest of that great tribulation right up unto the point of the climax, and through the battle of Armageddon. In chapter ten, verse six there's a statement that's made; time no longer, you see it there. It says time no longer, and what that means is the time of the Gentiles now has ended. That time of the Gentiles was there so sweetly after Jesus came and said He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. Even the Holy Spirit was first poured forth out on the Jew, the Jew will always receive that first. And then the Lord at the house of Cornelius went and started to minister to that. I think it was just about ten years later that that was given over to the Gentiles. And so, from then, and there forth God has been dealing with Gentiles. He's dealing with us, we're in that time. Alright?

Now, there's something that happens before the time of the Gentiles end, it's called the fullness of the Gentiles, and that's called glory in the church. It gives me chills thinking Lord, to be filled with all the fulness of God; this Gentile? These Gentiles? Praise the Lord, and we thank God for this, don't we? But that fullness is the bride, so let's not mix that up. What we're speaking of here at that time that is ended; that is the time of the Gentiles. The Lord is no longer dealing with them, He's now turning to Israel, and He's going back to receive and retrieve that unfaithful wife of His Father.

Now, when that happens, the Lord will continue on to establish Israel, as He's promised throughout the millennium. They'll be the one that'll rule over the nations. They'll be the great ministers. You know, they always talk about the great revival, that's when it's going to be, and that's who is going to do it. Precious Israel will go out there and preach to every creature. Oh yes, thanks be to God they'll be out there rejoicing about that's when you can actually pick up a poisonous snake by the way; don't do it yet. Alright? You don't need to be stupid. Get away from them. Alright? 0800 Just know those things. Alright. God does give us some funny things just to shake our heads about, don't He? Alright.

Now, at that time He's going to bring judgment upon the earth, and praise be to God He's going to defeat the beast that empowered the dragon. And last week we concluded in that twelfth chapter. Remember when He threw the devil out, the devil went right after, tried to get to get the woman that was in the wilderness. Trying to go after her and everything, Jesus takes her like an eagle and just sets her and hides her. So, we know the devil's coming forth like a roaring lion right now. So, he knows he's got a little bit of time, see, at this moment. And so now he's outraged, and he's outraged because he can't destroy Israel, but he ain't going to give up because that's what God has allowed and planned for that dragon to do.

So, now the full manifestation of the mystery of iniquity will come forth in that beast, it'll come forth in all the things that'll be manifested in all this apostasy, and in all of this evil and blaspheme to God in this time. So, let's go ahead and open our bibles to chapter thirteen of Revelation, and we'll begin reading here. John says and I stood upon the sand of the sea. Now, you recall how John has been taken to different places, hasn't he in the spirit to see things? He's been in heaven, he's been in the throne room, he looked back over the church age at the very beginning, alright? Well, now he stands upon the sand of the sea. Right there we see sand, and sand in the word of God always speaks of shifting; it's not stable. It's a very unstable time. You think it's an unstable time in this world, just wait, this is going to really be an unstable time; very shaky. And he said I saw a beast rise up out of the sea. Now, speaking of this beast out of the sea, this is something that comes out of the nations, out of Gentiles truly if you will that this beast is coming out of. And this beast has seven heads and ten horns. We'll read, and it will define these seven heads as seven nations. There're seven leaders of these nations that come forth. And then these ten horns that have the ten crowns upon their head in the name of blasphemy; we'll see that these are ten additional kings that do not yet have a kingdom.

So, in a sense we have these seven all-powerful kingdoms, or nations led by seven leaders, but also there's these ten kings that have been appointed. So, they're very powerful. They don't have a kingdom, but they sure have a say. Interesting to think about what that might be. We could go into spiritual thought. I've heard one say this could be many of those anti-Israel groups. They're a lot of the different Al-Qaeda, and things of that nature sure. It could even be powerful entities that try to influence with their money; possibly powerful companies. God doesn't tell us exactly who, but we know that it's incredible spiritual wickedness. And the best thing is to leave that to God, and to trust Him. And He'll reveal those things as we have a body like unto His own, and I believe by His grace pouring out this judgment.

So, it says and the beast which came out of the sea I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like a bear, and his mouth is the mouth of a lion, and the dragon; and that dragon is the devil gave him his power, and his seat and great authority. Now, the Lord had to allow; there'd be no power but of God, so God had to give the devil that power to give unto this beast. You understand that? So, remember no one has any power to do anything unless God gives it; He has to give it. So, we see right here which is interesting, we see this beast, and we see this beast it says as a leopard, as a bear, and as a lion. And here we go back to, and we don't need to turn there tonight; we're not going to get into the details of it, but in Daniel Seven we see Daniel when the Lord was giving him that prophesy of this time. He saw, and the Lord revealed to him the power and ferocity of the three historical world empires. And He brought them out again as a leopard, and as a bear, and as a lion. And as those things come forth, you see that they represent three great empires that have been on this earth. One was Greece, one was Persia, and the other was the Babylonian empire.

Daniel though, and Daniel goes on to talk about Nebuchadnezzar in his dream, and he sees the image of him with iron legs in clay. So, there's actually a fourth beast if you will description of this beast, and it said Daniel even feared that. What that spoke of is Rome. Rome was spoke of that great iron, and clay, and things of that nature. So, we see in this beast that is

coming forth, this is a collection of all of the ferocity of all of the world empires that have ever been that the Lord allows the dragon, the devil to give at this time to that beast. When the devil comes forth like a roaring lion it's going to be in a magnitude of evil that this world has never seen. And I'll tell you, we see and have seen some great evil. So, in this God forbid we would know, and especially our loved ones. That's why I encourage myself; don't be polite, tell them about Jesus. Tell them about Jesus, tell them in love, but tell them about Jesus even if it's just one or two, praise be to God to be saved from this, and you just pray for people. But see, this was the type of the antichrist that's going to come.

Now, let's continue on reading here. Verse three, And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death. And we already spoke about this, so that's one of the seven heads of this beast is wounded to death and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. Now this happens right here at about the three-and-a-half-year mark because the antichrist comes on the scene in that beast right at the beginning. He's one of the seven leaders; he is, and we'll speak of this here in a minute, but when they all come together at the first it's a time of peace and plenty, and we're all singing, everybody's happy, and you know the seven, and they've all had a great union and all of this, but something happens. And that something that happens is the devil is kicked out of heaven, and the devil is allowed to open the pit. And so now all of that evil is being infused if you will in demand like never before. And there is this one, and it is an appointed one. You talk about the wicked for the day of evil, and that antichrist is coming forth. And the Lord is going to allow that leader to have a mortal wound to the head, and after three days that one, actually and it says, and we'll read it, that has ascended to the pit. Let me tell you something, when you're dead you're going one of two places. You're either present with the Lord, or in that pit. Amen. The Lord allows that devil to give life back to that antichrist, so that one comes forth, and so when that happens it says the whole world wondered after the beast.

Now, once again as we began tonight even before we started the study those that might not have heard, how could the whole world besides these ones that refused the mark as we'll read which is this remnant Israel for the most part at this time. How could the whole world wonder after this man. How could they all just be in lockstep? Well once again we go right back to scripture as we said, think of all the magnificent things that God has shown ungodly nations. I'm talking about in the word of God, especially Egypt. Egypt should be the greatest Christian nation in the world for what they saw back when God took those Jews out of Egypt, and all the things that He did getting them out to dry ground, and wiping out an army. You could say the same thing for those that truly knew that Jesus rose from the dead, and yet they paid those soldiers to tell them they came and stole His body away. See, the wicked, it doesn't matter, when you blaspheme, and you're not going to receive God, you will continue to blaspheme and not receive God. His miracles, His faithfulness, His promises will have no effect upon you, but you don't understand His promises will have an effect upon you; oh yes, they do, and it's sad. But once again the Lord said I would that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. He's not a respecter of persons. This wasn't something that God did again and said Well, this one will believe, this one won't, this one; He didn't do that. He gave that wonderful Son and it said the Son, His Son died for the sin of every man; He died for the sin of everyone, and I love to be able to testify that even to the ones the Lord allows to hear the word of God come from my mouth maybe testifying to somebody, and they might even be an atheist, or something of that and reject it, and to be to tell them in love; you can still reject that, you can still deny that, you can still think it is absolute nonsense, but I'll tell you He still died for your sin. That was done, but there is a requirement that you acknowledge your guilt and the need of that blood for your life. And I thank the lord for that.

But we see here that the world wonders after Him, and goes after Him. And brothers and sisters I will tell you this and testify to you, I think we've come through something, and I am not trying to get on any side of this argument, so please don't misunderstand me. But I think it is a very good example. We just had this very viral flu called covid come through, and it's here and all of these things. Government we can say whatever, whether it was good, bad, indifferent or whatever, they came out with a vaccine; do all these different things. At this time, I believe somewhere around seventy-five or eighty percent of people have been vaccinated. They just did it because they truly believed it was good for them. Whether it was good for them, or fearful, or whatever it is, it would help you, alright? What about when they say that you can't buy food, what about when they say you can't leave your home? You can't have anything; you can't do anything without the mark of the beast? Huh? Let me tell you something, that's why when I look at this remnant of Israel that deny that mark, that deny, it let me tell you something; that's some strong faith, that's incredible. Especially after the two that witnessed to you have been taken, but yet God raised them up. I'm happy about it now, I don't know about you, but I get excited about people believing the Lord, especially when things do not look good.

See, this world because of things, it can cause men to truly just move with their mind, as opposed to moving in faith. And you understand that, we've all done that at that time. Well, I need to do this for my family. How many times have we said that, and truly being honest we probably in that regard sometimes made the wrong decision. Even though it might have been right in the eyes of the world, it still wasn't moving in faith with the things of God. So, that's where I am so encouraged of the Lord in His faithfulness, and His love, and the power of His grace that continues to pour forth in His people forever, and ever, ever. It's so precious to my heart.

Now, it says that not only did they wonder after the beast, they worshipped the dragon. So, they worshipped the devil which gave power unto the beast, and they worship the beast saying who is like unto the beast, who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies. Amazing how much we put in a speech as people, isn't it? Did you know Hitler was one of the greatest; he was, he was an orator who could speak, and speak, and speak, and speak. Kind of interesting too, did you know that truly the ones that got him over the top in his vote in Germany to be the leader of Germany were the Jews, and the evangelical Christians because they truly believed he was going to bring in peace? See, the Lord's faithful to us, isn't He? But everybody likes a good stooge. What's he going to say? I'm thankful I was raised what's he going to do. But I know what man can do, and that's nothing. And I know what God did, and He did it once and for all, and that was everything. So, we thank the Lord for it.

But it says that they worshipped him. And he had a mouth, and the mouth spoke blasphemies, and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. So. three and a half years. And, he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and the tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. I'll tell you what, he didn't stop at any expense did he, he just blasphemed them all. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. I didn't really think of this, this is one person that's going to have this power, and they're going to worship him. He's not just going to get it in the sense, but they're going to be drawn after him, they're going to be in wonder, and it said at this time if God didn't intervene, he would even deceive God's elect. God help us to not think more of ourself than we are, and to understand and to really know His word.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him. Notice, worship, worship, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. And here's what the word says, If, any man have an ear, let him hear. Now we heard that didn't we many times. Every one of the churches, all the seven churches. Remember it said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches, Amen? Well, If you notice here, there's nothing about churches anymore is there, because the church is gone. The church has been taken at this time, but the faithfulness of the blood of the Lamb is still coming forth to save people, and to preach the word of God to His people, and this is His people; this is that remnant, praise be to God that will go on, and that will rule on the earth in the millennial time. And they have rejected the mark, and they have accepted the blood. Praise the Lord.

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. Praise the Lord, it's still always the same; it's all by faith. Turn on over to Revelation Seventeen. Go on again in another chapter speaking of the same thing; more encouragement, a different aspect of it. And it says and there came one of the seven angels. Oh, I love that. Now we're talking about again the bridal company seeing those seven angels that are ruling, and reigning jointly together with Jesus. Just to refresh ourselves, these angels are defined two different times throughout the word of God, because they're ones that keep showing John around, and showing him different aspects of heaven, and it's so sweet because John after a while starts to bow down and worship that angel, and that angel stops him and says see you do it not John, I'm redeemed. Angels aren't redeemed, the angel you're thinking of; this is a messenger. I'm redeemed just like you John; I'm you brother. Isn't that precious, and again of all of those disciples, it was that John, that disciple that Jesus loved, that John, that he really knew the Lord. I'm sure John spent a lot of time looking at Jesus; just looking at Him. And two different times up there, John starts worshipping that one, walking him around, showing him this and that; we're just like him because His bride has grown up into Him in all things. His bride praise God has changed from glory to glory into the same image. Praise the Lord? Amen

So, thank You Jesus, this is just little cookies on the shelf; these things aren't hard. So, these angels, and the angel said come up hither, I'll show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sets upon the many waters. Now we have another character here; the great whore.

Alright? And this great whore is introduced at this time as well too, and this great whore I'll just tell you right now; this thing's going on right now. It's building right now; it's been building for a long time. That mystery of iniquity has been at work, and it is, and it's coming forth, praise be to God. Even so, come Lord Jesus, amen? With whom the kings; so, this whore, this great whore that sits on the waters, she just sits on all of it. She sits on all of this humanity with the kings of the earth, so with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. This great whore is the great religious entity.

Alright? Let's read on here. So, he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness, and I saw a woman set upon a scarlet-colored beast full of the names of blasphemy having seven heads, and ten horns. So not only is this woman, this red whore over the waters. She rides and directs that beast at the first. Alright? And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colors. We studied the tabernacle for quite some time, didn't we? We saw scarlet and purple, and scarlet and purple; this religious entity, this massive form of godliness that denies the power thereof. We'll turn over to Thyatira just a minute, because we're going to see it again back there in that church if you remember back in Revelation Chapter Two. But it's that form of godliness that denies the power thereof; it'll give that understanding, and that presence that this is something godly, but it's not. It's a great counterfeit. It looks good, but it's evil and deadly.

So, she's arrayed in purple and scarlet color decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand. And you think of that golden chalice, you know, that's one of the sweet encouragements that we have there at that last supper with Jesus. You know, just drinking out of that cup, and giving His disciples that wonderful encouragement; it will take this again. The beauty, and the meaning in this, the power and understanding that we have of that. This do in remembrance of Me. His precious blood, and His beautiful body that was given. So, we see again this form of godliness, 3128 but denying the power thereof because this cup isn't full of glory. This cup it says is full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. Alright?

Now we can take and look at this right now; God has shown us these things. We have very large religious entities. Alright? And I'm talking about one know called Vatical City in Rome; Catholicism. Catholicism, it's understood and believed that if you; well, first of all, Catholicism is the largest land owner in the world; the largest land owner. The values, the moneys, all of those different things; astronomical. I'll tell you who runs not too far from it is the Mormon church. These religious entities have become very, very powerful, and very, very politically powerful. One of the things that you'll always note is that when there's conflicts, and different things in different countries, it doesn't matter if it's Buddhist, it doesn't matter if it's Catholic, Christian; whatever they would call that area. It doesn't matter if it's Muslim, you'll always see the pope travel to these different places accepted as a mediator. Truly. He went to Ukraine; been wanting to visit with Putin. All of these different things, we're seeing this, and we seen it. It will be at a level that yet we haven't seen.

But I don't think that this is anything surprising brothers and sisters. This isn't anything to step back and say, oh that could never be. My goodness, it's already going on and has been for a

long time. Once again, whether it's the miracles that the Lord again that are nothing to Him, that He'll manifest and bring forth, or whether it's the evil of man. It's just going to wax worse and worse. But He showed us all these things and this is how they come. So, this woman it says upon her forehead with the name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON. Babylon means confusion, but we know who's head of that. That's the author of it, that's the devil. Amen. BABYALON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Turn back over to Revelation Two, and let's see this confusion that is so magnified in this great whore, and we'll begin reading from verse eighteen, and it says unto the angel of the church in Thyatira, these things saith the Son of God, who hath His eyes like a flame of fire, and feet like fine brass. So, we see judgement coming out on this immediately, and there is judgment that's going to come off on this. I know thy works. So, see, this is where it starts off, this is this form of godliness. This is the anthesis of this mystery of iniquity. This is the confusion; this is Satan himself. Think of this once again. Satan knew, he knew the trinity, he knew God. He was the pipe organ; he was the chief, he was the arch angel if you will. He was the chief of it all, that cherub. He knew Who God was, he knew who Jesus was, he knew all those things, and yet even in knowing he still said I want to exalt myself above God.

Once again, even these people that might see people gone, all these incredible miracles, they'll still reject God because it's the devil that's behind it all. You're either empowered by one or two things; you're either alive or you're dead, you're either of God, or you're of mammon, and that's it. There's no other, so this is why these things come to pass. It says I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and patience, and I know thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first. It's works, and works, and works. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest the woman Jezebel, which calls herself a prophet, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. So, once again you see the work; it's the work, and the work, and the work, and the work. It's that self-righteousness, it's that legality. 3624 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and with them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds I'll kill her. And then at the very end I think of this. Verse twenty-three at the end there it says I will give unto every one of you according to your works. Now let me tell you something, you are judged according to your works, you're done. You'd best have the blood, the one finished work and that's by God's grace what we desire.

Alright, back to seventeen. Verse six, it says and I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. Even John as he's seeing this, it just looks so incredible. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I'll tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. Isn't it amazing what truth can wake you up? Snap you out of something that you think is something good for you, and the truth comes out. I'll show you. You're not going to admire this for very long.

The beast that thou saw was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit. See, so they were talking right there, okay? About the antichrist. Is, was not, dies and is. And notice, where does that one ascend out of? The bottomless pit; hell itself, and go into perdition, and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from

the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, or nations of which the woman sits. And there are seven kings. Now, this is interesting; this is how this all works. From the very beginning of the tribulation there's that alliance of these seven nations, of these seven mountains, and these seven leaders, and five of them fall. One is, *and* the other is not yet come, and when he cometh he must continue a short space. And the beast which was, and is not even is the eighth, and is of the seven goeth into perdition. So, we see that there was great conflict; one wanted to be on top. So, five had fallen, there were two left, one that got the mortal wound rises again; that's why it's called the eighth even though it was the seventh, and then destroys that last one, and now reigns.

And the ten horns which thou saw are ten kings, which have yet to receive no kingdom as of yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. So, the beast rewards them. These have one mind shall give their powers and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is the Lord of lords, and the King of kings: and they that are with him; aren't you thankful you're with Him? *Are* called, and chosen, and faithful. Oh, what He thinks of us. Praise the Lord for His mercy, and grace. And he says unto me, The waters which thou saw, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. So, see, all of these things we have been defining are defined. Okay? So, we see that the waters she sat over; all of that sea, that speaks of the Gentiles and people. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore. Uh oh, they're not getting along anymore; can you imagine that? And they shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. I'll tell you what, that antichrist ain't going to have any other religion but him. That's the truth, that will be destroyed, and he'll have those ten kings that have that power and authority come in and destroy that religious entity, so there is just him. Alright? They're going to burn her with fire.

For God; isn't this beautiful? For God hat put in their hearts to fulfil His will. I just love that; I love that. I love that. They meant it for evil, but I meant it for good. Job, I took you out here, I had to get the dumb devil, and I pulled up the hedge to show him because I had a work Job, that I was going to perform in you that it wasn't going to come any other way but this. This is God, and this is His magnificence, and I'm telling you the reason He does all this as well too, is because He wants us to partake in this judgment with Him. So, think, this is all for us, wasn't everything made for us? Isn't it all for our sakes? I believe we read that in the word of God; do we believe that? Well, this is something that, praise be to God is for our sakes; this is for us. You go on over to Song of Solomon, it speaks of she gets up early in the morning, let's go down to the harbor; that's when that signal's coming out. That's when He that is faithful is true is on that horse, and riding, and for there, and praise be to God. And you look at that in the Song of Solomon it's referred to as the honeymoon. Our precious Lord and bridegroom being magnified.

In all of that judgment it's going to be one of the most beautiful things you'll ever see; oh yes it will. And the woman which thou sawest is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth. Precious stuff here; wonderful, isn't it? So, this is really something here because we see that the antichrist will come on the scene at the first of the tribulation. Seven nations, they unite together; they cry peace and plenty. At the midpoint the beast, one of those seven leaders receives that wound to the head, and he comes back to life and he assumes absolute authority.

He declares himself God at that time. He breaks the agreement with Israel, and he joins forces with those ten kings that have no kingdom, and he gives them power. All the while this great whore, as it says this religious city, this religious system helps orchestrate all of that power. All of it is just like being in a vacuum of one collective people that pours forth.

Now, only God could do this. This is when He sets it all against His people. How many times has the Lord shown us that with Israel back through all of their God's dealing with them in the Old Testament how the enemy had them in circles. How the enemies had them done. They had them defeated, and yet He would take things like go walk around and breaks some pots, blow some ram horns, get them singers and put them in the front; make sure you get the arrows and sword bearers in the back. Now watch this. When you blow that, you're not even going to have to go down in there because they're going to fight against themselves, and kill each other. He's shown us this. He's shown us the hailstones, He's shown us the blood mingled in the water, He's shown us fire from heaven. He's shown us things like Sodom and Gamora; this is our God. This is our God, it gives me chills because everything that He promised to His people in the Old Testament, He did it. He brought them through, He brought them out, He defeated their enemies. Praise be to God, He's going to do it on the grandest of scale, and we're not just going to be there, we're going to be in it. By the grace of God this is to increase our faith to understand this is us; this is who we are. Just as those Old Testament saints were those cast of characters as a Gedeon; who, me? It couldn't be me. David's own father Jesse; well, it couldn't be the runt of the litter. I got one son, but it couldn't be me, and it couldn't be you, and it couldn't be you, and it couldn't be me; couldn't be you, but God. Do you see, you're living His promise? Do you really see it saints? Do you really see?

That's reality, that's reality because that's seeing the things seated with Him right now. Seated with Him right now, and where's He seated? At the right hand of right hand of His Father. And that's what they rejoice in twenty-four seven. By the grace of God, we're helpless, this is what we need to rejoice in twenty-four seven. We do need this all-powerful word more and more all the time, and together. Together as the Lord said, there's something about gathering; there's just nothing like His body.

Now, so, that great whore directs all that authority to the beast. Now, I mentioned it a little bit earlier. Once again, it's interesting that only there's that again, and I will say it. The pope is the one that goes out in all of them conflicts; doesn't matter who it is. Not one great conflict ever goes past that needing counseling, and I believe this description is very clear, and this is an interesting point too, that the ten kings that are so full of hate that wipe out that whore even before Armageddon happens. Once again, it's only so to worship the antichrist, and no other religion. That's it, just worshipping that antichrist and no other religion.

Now there's one more character we're going to talk about tonight very briefly going back in chapter thirteen. Chapter thirteen, verse eleven. John says now I beheld another beast coming out of the earth. Notice this beast didn't come out of the sea did it, it came out of the earth, and that earth always speaks of Israel. Alright? So, this one has some type of a bond, there's something there, that possibly too of the Jew, and he had two horns, Daniel saw the beast just with one horn, but this one's got two. And they were two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a

dragon. So, this is kind of interesting. This one has two horns like a lamb, so there's something gentle that seems to be about this one, right? This one has the two horns, and you notice it's a lamb, so it's not like a wild beast that's like a leopard, and a lion, right? And a bear, this one's like a lamb. Gentle, domesticated, alright? Something that's docile, but we know it ain't docile because he speaks as a dragon. And so, what happens then is that it says and he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them that dwell thereon to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. I think this is kind of interesting because we're going to read here; verse thirteen, read this with me, and this false prophet he doeth great wonders, and he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast. Huh?

Stop right there for a second. Remember the two witnesses? Alright? Well, they're killed and taken up right there at the middle of the tribulation. But here comes right at that point one that rises up, that's the false prophet. Okay? So, now he's the witness, and he's not pointing toward the Lord, he's pointing them right there to the beast. So, you see how that falseness, that deceit just comes in so quickly? And that's that plan, and that's what's going to be. And so, he deceives them by the means of those miracles in verse fourteen which he had power to do in the sight of the beast saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. So again, we see this time and time again, that antichrist is going to die and come back to life. And he had power to give unto the image of the beast. Isn't that something, because he tells them to make an image of the beast, and then he had power to give life to the image of the beast. Now, I heard people say well, this is something to do like we have on our phones and things, because John didn't really understand what he was saying. Maybe this was an image of the beast that was animated on some type of a display or something like that. I don't know, I believe there's something more to this. I don't need to go thinking about it; I don't want to waste my time in it, but it's going to be really evil.

You think about the things that God has allowed man do, make? And there's stuff I just say man, that's just magic. Ty will tell you every time he's sit in that airplane, and you hit that button and there they go. Mine doesn't have an auto land; yours did I think brother. I mean, they have them now, you hit a button, you just kind of sit there. Driverless cars, all those different kinds of things. Let me tell you something, and this is going to be all of that wickedness coming out of that bottomless pit that's going to enable this stuff. So, we can speculate a lot of things, but I think that speculation is kind of stupid. You can just see it's going to be mighty evil. And then what's going to happen again when that beast does that, and gives that life to that image, he will cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. So, once again that decision. You're either going to worship that beast, or you're going to be killed. And those that die during this time are going to be of those ones that are found under the altar. Okay? Those martyrs and things of that nature. God's going to be faithful to them; they'll be in a precious place, and the Lord'll have them reigning there through the millennial time there upon the earth.

And it says and he shall cause all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive the mark in the right hand, or in their forehead; That's been around for a long time, and by the way did you know that Denver right now, they just announced a few months ago and it

was brought in we are the test mart for the chip in the hand to buy your groceries. And they just did a poll in England that said that fifty-one percent of the people there are comfortable with a chip, even though there is religious indications, and maybe subtleties there that it seems like the mark of the beast; they don't care. It's right here, it's so close, and this is where the Lord said when you see these things come top pass, look up. Come to bible study, let's get in tune to what is forever.

And here's why. They get it, verse seventeen. That no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Those three things; you had to have them. Look at that, here is wisdom that him that hath understanding, count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and that's the strength of man in that perfect trinity, so this antichrist is going to be perfection in every way. So, deceiving in every way, and his number is six hundred, threescore, and six, or Six, Six, Six. I appreciate you, it's exciting, and it really gets exciting God willing next week, or maybe this week if we hear the trumpet, but by the grace of God we'll still be there in faith seeing these things that we'll be participating in by the grace of God. Amen? You know there are ones that believed as they were sitting there in Egypt. You know, the Lord said He was going to lead us out of this. That promise is still alive; His promises are alive. Let's stand and be dismissed, praise God.