

Sunday, August 4, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Unholy Trio

Series: Revelation ... 19

Text: Revelation 12 & 13

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the ‘unholy trio’ which will be revealed in the last days.

Introduction:

~ Chapter 12 and 13 of Revelation do not advance the timeline of events; they do reveal the ‘unholy trio’ that is coming in the last days that will lead most astray.

~ In Revelation 12 we see that Satan is manifested as the dragon; in Revelation 13 two more unholy manifestations are revealed giving an ‘unholy trio.’

~ Revelation 13:8, “*and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.*”

1. False Worship:

~ Revelation 13:2, “*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. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.*”

~ See Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 115:3; Proverbs 16:4

Einstein’s quote

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

See Revelation 13:8, 12, 15

2. False Words:

~ Revelation 13:5 – 6, “*And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months [3 ? years]. (6) It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.*”

~ Matthew 12:36 – 37, “*I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, (37) for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*”

~ Matthew 12:31 – 32, “*Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. (32) And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.*”

3. False Authority:

~ Revelation 13:7 – 10 given the authority to make war

~ Luke 22:31 – 32, “*Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, (32) but I have prayed that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.*”

~ “Keep in mind that “the beast” is a counterfeit Christ. The world would not receive Christ, but will receive Antichrist (John 5:43). The world would not believe the truth, but they will believe the lie. (2 Thessalonians 2:8 – 12)”

4. False Prophet:

~ Revelation 13:11 – 18 the second beast rising out of the earth is the false prophet

~ Revelation 16:13; 19:20; 20:10

~ The false prophet forces worship of the beast and gives power to an idol (vs. 15).

~ The false prophet imposes economic controls (vs. 16 and 17)

~ The number of the false prophet is ‘666’

~ Christ Jesus warned us in Matthew 24:11, 24 – 26, “*And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. (24) For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. (25) See, I have told you beforehand. (26) So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.*”

Conclusion:

The dragon is the counterfeit Almighty God; the first beast, the Antichrist is the counterfeit Christ Jesus; and the second beast, the false prophet, is the counterfeit Holy Spirit.

Revelation 13:9, “*If anyone has an ear, let him hear:*”

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