

ONE WORLD RELIGION - CHRISLAM (Opening 2022)

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2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-17

2 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

4 who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

6 And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,

10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,

12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Stand Firm

13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

14 To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Revelation 13:11-18

The Beast out of the Earth

In our previous study, we looked at the Rise of the Antichrist, focusing our attention on Revelation 13:1-10. In chapter 12, we read of a war that will take place in heaven, and Satan, the loser of the fight, will be cast down to Earth. Knowing that his time will be short, Satan will work through a leader, commonly called the Antichrist or the Beast from the sea (13:1), as well as a false religious leader called the False Prophet (Revelation 19:20), forming a trinity of evil to manifest his power on Earth. In this study, we look more closely at what the False Prophet will do during the last seven years of this age. This False Prophet will be a religious figure and perform miraculous signs and force people to worship the first Beast, the Antichrist. Just like John the Baptist pointed away from himself to the Lord Jesus, this false prophet will point to the Antichrist and Satan to be worshiped (Revelation 13:4). He will come on the world scene looking to all intents and purposes as a lamb-like person (v. 11), but inwardly he has the dragon, Satan, dominating his life.

This false religious leader will do two things, which will cause true Christians (saints) to rebel against the authority of these two men:

11Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the Earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. 12It exercised all the authority of the first Beast on its behalf, and made the Earth and its inhabitants worship the first Beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. 13And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the Earth in full view of the people. 14Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first Beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the Earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the Beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived (Revelation 13:11-14).

1) He will set up an Antichrist image that speaks and demands worship, threatening death to those who refuse (Revelation 13:14-15). We are not told where this image is set up in this passage, but perhaps, it ties in with Jesus' warning to the saints that, "when you see standing in the holy place the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—then...there will be great distress" (Matthew 24:15, also v.21). (The KJV uses the word tribulation, and the NIV uses the word distress). 2 Thessalonians 2 also mentions this same time, when Paul the Apostle said that the Antichrist would "exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God" (2Thessalonians 2:4).

2) He will force everyone to comply with his demand to worship an image of the Antichrist and Satan and to take a mark signifying allegiance to their regime. We will focus most of our time on what this Mark will be.

The Mark of the Beast

15The second Beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first Beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. 16It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, 17so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the Mark, which is the name of the Beast or the number of its name. 18This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the Beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666 (Revelation 13:15-18).

In the original text of the Scriptures, the Hebrew and Greek letters of the alphabet are associated with numbers. This is similar to the Latin Alphabet where V is five, X is 10, L is 50, and C is 100. One will be able to take the name of a person suspected to be the Antichrist and translate his name into Greek or Hebrew and calculate if his name comes to 666. There is much that can be researched into numbers of names, but it is beyond our scope in this study. Our focus is more on what the mark will be.

There is never a time in history when the whole world was ever in a situation when nothing could be bought or sold without using cash. With the use of credit cards and bank accounts with computers, we are in a time when buying and selling can be facilitated entirely without paper money. Just about everything you buy in the stores now has an RFID tag (Radio Frequency Identification) that records and tracks every bit of information about the product from production to the home. This small tag is on the wrapping or printed on the product. The information on each tiny chip, some as small as the period at the end of a sentence on this page, has a little antenna read by electromagnetic energy beamed to it from a reader device.

It is different from barcode technology. The reader device allows the item to be remotely identified as each chip has its unique number. With barcode technology, every can of Coca Cola, for instance, has the same UPC or barcode number (a can of Coke in Toronto has the same number as a can of Coke from Cincinnati), but now, with RFID technology, each can of Coke has a unique ID number. All buying and selling will be digital, with each product bought linked to people, their ID, home address, telephone number, etc. Everything about them will go to a central hub and track their buying habits.

The second way it's different from a barcode is that these chips can be read from a distance, right through your clothes, wallet, backpack, or purse, without your knowledge or consent, by anybody with the right reader device. In a way, it gives strangers the ability to spy on you, i.e., to identify both you and the things you're wearing and carrying. Imagine walking through a doorway and having a hidden reader device identify the books in your briefcase and the brand of your

underwear. Not only will everything have its own chip, but plans are nearly complete for every person to have a chip embedded under the skin that can be read at the point of sale. Below are two YouTube video links of commercials that illustrate how a chip like this can work.