

Antichrist, Man or Myth?

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Rev. 13:1 - This is some type of animal, a beast. Jesus was a type of animal, a Lamb (See Rev. 5:6). Although it “seems” as though we should be able to easily identify the difference between these two animals, we will see that it is not that easy.

Rev. 13:1 – The beast looked like the one before him, just as Christ looked like the One before Him (John 14:7).

Rev. 13:1 - The beast rises up out of the sea, just like Jesus came up “out of the water,” both to start their ministries (See Matthew 3:16). One is a ministry of peace, love, and restoration; the other is a ministry of animosity, hate, and destruction.

Rev. 13:1 - The beast has 10 horns. Jesus was seen with 7 horns in Rev. 5:6.

Rev. 13:1 - The beast has 10 crowns on his horns, which are upon his head, and it is said of Christ “on His head were many crowns” (See Rev. 19:12).

Rev. 13:1 - The beast has the name of blasphemy written on him. Christ has the name “King of kings, and Lord of lords” written on Him (Rev. 19:16).

Rev. 13:2 – The beast looked like a leopard, bear, and a lion. Christ portrayed Himself as a lion, leopard, and a bear (Hosea 13:4-8).

Rev. 13:2 - The dragon gives the beast his power, seat or throne, and great authority, just as the Father gave Jesus His power, seat or throne, and great authority (Matthew 28:18).

Rev. 13:3 - One of the beasts heads was wounded to death. Christ, one of the three in the Godhead, also was wounded to death, “even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8).

Rev. 13:3 - The beasts deadly wound was healed, just as Christ’s deadly wound was healed (Matthew 28:5-6).

Rev. 13:3 - All the world wondered after the beast, as all the world wondered after Jesus (John 12:19).

Rev. 13:4 - “They worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast.” The students of the Word worship the Father which gave power unto Jesus.

Rev. 13:4 - “Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with Him?” Well... Who is like unto Jesus? Who is able to make war with HIM? (See Exodus 15:3)

Rev. 13:5 - As the beast speaks great things, so does Christ speak great things. One speaks blasphemy and the other speaks blessings.

Rev. 13:5 - The beast continued for the space of 42 months, which equals 3 ½ years. Jesus also continued 42 months, 3 ½ years.

Rev. 13:6 - One blasphemes and the other blesses God, His name, tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

Rev. 13:7 - The beast made war with the saints, Jesus made war with Satan, and was able to overcome him...

Rev. 13:7 - He had power over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. He had a universal target. Jesus had the same power given Him in Matthew 28:18, and His target is also universal.

Rev. 13:8 - All that dwell upon the earth shall worship the beast, and the same will happen with Christ (Philippians 2:10-11).

Rev. 13:10 - The beast leads into captivity, and Christ lead captivity captive (Ephesians 4:8).

Rev. 13:10 - The beast kills with the sword, and Christ kills with the sword that “proceeded out of His mouth” (Rev. 19:21).

Rev. 13:9 - “Whoever has the faculty of attending and understanding, let him use it” (Lex).

2 Corinthians 11:14 - The devil will try with strength and diligence to deceive; don't be surprised when he appears as the Messiah Himself.

Matthew 24:24-26 - Jesus Christ said there would be those who would try to impersonate Christ. The Lex. puts it this way, “One who falsely lays claim to the name and office of the Messiah.”

“As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Savior's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion.” (GC, pg 624).