**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Only God can prophesy; only God knows the future.
      1. Isaiah 46:9-10
   2. The devil does not know the future.
   3. History is headed for a climax, and we need to study the sure word of prophecy that we have in the Bible.
      1. No Christian living in these times can afford to be ignorant.
   4. Standing in the shadows of history is a man known as the antichrist.
      1. The antichrist has many aliases:
         1. The beast
         2. The man of sin
         3. The son of perdition
         4. The little horn
      2. In spite of his many aliases, he has one motive.
   5. There are five specific things we will learn as we study the biography of the beast.
2. THE SOCIAL AGITATION THAT DELIVERS THE BEAST (Revelation 13:1)
   1. The sea, in this passage, represents and is symbolic of evil and wicked people.
      1. Isaiah 57:20
      2. Revelation 17:15
   2. We see social agitation in Revelation 13, with the peoples of the world in turmoil like a troubled sea.
      1. Out of this troubled sea and agitation, the beast will come.
   3. We can see today that the waters of society are agitated and troubled.
      1. World-wide terrorism
      2. Famines and natural disasters
      3. Political intrigue
3. THE SATANIC ATTRIBUTES THAT DESCRIBE THE BEAST (Revelation 13:1-2)
   1. He will have all of the attributes of his father.
      1. Revelation 13:1
         1. The beast is described in the same way as his father, the devil.
            1. Revelation 12:3

The dragon mentioned here is the devil himself.

Revelation 12:9

* + 1. When the beast comes, he will have all of the power of Satan.
       1. 2 Thessalonians 2:9
    2. John 14:9
       1. When Jesus walked the Earth, He said that those who had seen Him had seen His Father.
       2. When the devil enters into the antichrist, the antichrist will be able to say, “He that hath seen me hath seen my father.”
    3. All of the attributes of Satan will be in this man of sin.
       1. His father is the devil; and the lusts and the works of his father, he will do.
       2. He will be a consummate liar.
       3. Like father, like son.
  1. He will have the attributes of his family.
     1. Revelation 13:2
        1. The word “seat” in this passage means “throne.”
     2. Daniel 7 helps us understand what the lion, bear and leopard represent in Revelation 13.
        1. Daniel delineates the four great empires of the world and describes them as beasts.
           1. The Babylonian Empire

Described as a lion.

The rulers of Babylon were regal like the lion.

The lion also has a ravenous appetite and incredible strength; he’s able to terrify.

* + - * 1. The Medo-Persian Empire

Described as a bear.

The bear has massive strength to grasp and to hold and to crush.

* + - * 1. The Greek Empire

Described as a leopard.

The leopard has rapid movement.

The Greeks conquered the known world with rapidity.

* + - * 1. The antichrist will be the last of these world rulers.

Daniel saw one more kingdom coming, and that is the kingdom over which the antichrist will rule and reign.

The last world empire will be that of the antichrist.

* + 1. When the antichrist comes, he will have this lineage and history behind him.
       1. He will have all of the strength and abilities of these previous world empires and rulers.
       2. He will be all of the Napoleons, Caesars, Alexander the Greats, the Hitlers, etc., of this world all combined into one man.
  1. He will have his family’s fortune.
     1. Revelation 13:2
     2. This man of sin will receive from Satan power, a throne and authority.
        1. Satan took dominion from Adam.
           1. Genesis 3
        2. Jesus did not dispute Satan’s right to give the kingdoms of the world to Him because Satan had taken dominion from Adam.
           1. Matthew 4:8-10

Jesus took back this dominion by overcoming Satan on the cross.

* + - 1. The devil will offer the kingdoms to the antichrist.
         1. This man of sin will be so wicked that he will give his heart, mind, soul and everything to the devil.
      2. Satan will enter into this man and will give him power and a throne and authority.
  1. This is a prophecy that one day those who would not receive the Lord Jesus Christ will receive the antichrist.
     1. John 5:43

1. THE SEDUCTIVE APPEAL THAT DISGUISES THE BEAST (Revelation 13:3-4)
   1. The antichrist will have worldwide appeal.
      1. He will come as a very appealing person in the eyes of the world.
      2. When the Bible describes Him as a beast, the Bible is not describing his appearance but his character.
         1. Satan is wicked, and he sometimes appears as an angel of light.
            1. 2 Corinthians 11:14
   2. The beast will be handsome, charming, clever and greatly intelligent.
      1. He will be a global charmer.
   3. The whole world will wonder after the beast.
      1. One reason for this will be a counterfeit resurrection.
         1. Somehow the beast will be wounded; he will receive a fatal wound in his head.
         2. He will suddenly come back to life.
            1. The devil has always wanted to imitate God.
            2. Satan tries to counterfeit all that God has.

There are counterfeit Christians; we call them hypocrites.

There is a counterfeit church; the Bible calls it the synagogue of Satan.

There is a counterfeit trinity.

The holy trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The counterfeit trinity: the dragon, the beast and the false prophet.

* + - * 1. The devil is a fake, a fraud and a counterfeiter; and he will counterfeit the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
      1. Satan’s propaganda machine will churn out the news that the beast has come back from the dead.
  1. People will be seduced by the devil.
     1. 1 Timothy 4:1
     2. Matthew 24:24

1. THE SINISTER AMBITIONS THAT DRIVE THE BEAST (Revelation 13:4-10)
   1. He wants to deify Satan.
      1. Revelation 13:4
      2. The antichrist wants people to worship Satan.
      3. Satan has always wanted to be worshipped.
      4. Just as God the Father receives worship through God the Son, the devil will receive worship through the antichrist.
   2. He is coming to defy the Savior.
      1. Revelation 13:5-6
      2. He is a blasphemer.
         1. He cannot touch God Himself, so the beast is reduced to name-calling.
      3. With eloquence, he will turn people away from Jesus Christ and to himself.
      4. The ultimate blasphemy will be when he comes to the temple of God and presents himself as God.
         1. The word “anti” means “against” and “instead of.”
   3. He wants to destroy the saints.
      1. Revelation 13:7
      2. He wants to stamp out every belief in the true God.
      3. True believers will face horrible torture and death.
         1. They will be beheaded for the cause of Christ.
   4. He wants to dominate society.
      1. Revelation 13:7
      2. The beast will have global control.
         1. Even today, we are moving toward a one-world society and globalism.
      3. Either by intimidation or by bedazzling others, the beast will gain global control of this world.
   5. He wants to delude sinners.
      1. Revelation 13:8-10
      2. As we get closer to the end of time, we will see more and more Satanic worship, occultism and witchcraft.
      3. The antichrist will oppose and exalt himself above God.
      4. The devil does not want casualties but converts.
2. THE SUPPORTING AGENT WHO DECLARES THE BEAST (Revelation 13:11-18)
   1. The antichrist will have a propaganda agent who will declare him to the world.
      1. This second beast will come out of the earth.
         1. “Earth” in this passage may be translated “land.”
         2. When the Bible speaks prophetically of the sea, it is speaking primarily of the Mediterranean.
            1. The first beast (the antichrist) may come out of the Old Roman Empire that surrounded the Mediterranean.
         3. When the Bible speaks of the land, it is most likely speaking of Israel.
            1. This second beast may come out of Israel.

The antichrist will make a league with Israel.

* 1. This second beast will have the voice of a dragon.
     1. Revelation 13:11
     2. The dragon is the anti-God; the beast is the anti-Christ.
     3. This supporting agent is the anti-Holy Spirit.
        1. The work of the Holy Spirit of God is to cause us to love and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.
        2. The anti-Spirit will cause people to worship the beast.
  2. This supporting agent will control the minds and the wills of people by three major methods:
     1. Deceiving wonders
        1. Revelation 13:13-14
        2. He will be able to do mighty miracles and deceiving wonders.
           1. The devil has the power to do miracles.

Revelation 16:13

Exodus 7:10-22

We need to put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and not in miracles.

* + - 1. One miracle that he will perform will be to set the heavens ablaze.
    1. Enforced worship
       1. Revelation 13:14-15
       2. The “image” of the beast may simply be television or virtual reality.
       3. Everyone will be forced to worship the antichrist.
    2. Controlled wealth
       1. Revelation 13:16-18
       2. This false prophet who causes people to worship the beast will control the commerce and wealth of the world.
          1. Those who go through the Great Tribulation will be branded by the beast.
          2. The only way to buy groceries, medicine, make house payments, buy gasoline, etc., will be to show the mark.
       3. We are moving, even today, toward a regimentation of people by computer.
       4. This “regimentation” by the mark of the beast will seem reasonable and efficient.
       5. The mark of the beast is 666.
          1. The number of man is six.

Man was created on the sixth day.

Man is a sinner.

* + - * 1. Seven is the number of perfection.
        2. The divine number is three.
        3. This mark is man showing himself to be God.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. We are living in a time where many people take offense when we share that there is only one way to Heaven and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ.
      1. What many want today is to homogenize society: put everyone together in one world church and one world system.
   2. We have a choice today: the beast or the Lamb.
      1. If the rapture is near, then the beast is alive and well today on planet Earth.
      2. Matthew 11:28
   3. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16