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### THE DRAGON, THE BEAST, THE FALSE PROPHET & THE TRIBULATION. WILL WE BE HERE FOR IT?

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will identify who the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet of Bible prophecy represent. We will also find out if the righteous will be here on the earth during the tribulation or if they will be raptured before the Antichrist is revealed.

**Current Event:** Allen Parr & Got Questions Ministries Discuss Who Is The Dragon, The Beast, The False Prophet, & The Antichrist.

**Who is the antichrist? Who is the false prophet? What is the mark of the beast? Podcast Episode 259**

<https://youtu.be/c4taBuYwnG4?si=v6djxgthnFmmAVCz>

**The ANTICHRIST Isn't Who You THINK**

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2. Read Revelation 16:13-14. Out of whose mouths do the unclean spirits like frogs originate?
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3. Who does the beast power represent? Revelation 13:1-3; Daniel 7:17, 23; John 10:30-33 w/ Mark 2:5-7 **Answer:** The Papacy or Roman Catholicism. It is a nation (political power) & it is a religious power that has a man who claims to be God and to have power to forgive sins.
    - a) **Note:** A diligent study of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 will reveal that the leopard-like beast is called the little horn in Daniel 7:7, 8, 23-25. After the rise and fall of Babylon, Medo-Persia, & Greece, a little horn is seen coming out of the fourth beast, and the fourth beast represents the Pagan Roman Empire. This power, called the little horn, is the Antichrist power and is the same power described in Revelation 13:1-3 and Revelation 17:1-6. It is none other than Roman Catholicism.
    - b) A horn represents a king according to Revelation 17:12, and kings rule over kingdoms, nations, or countries. What is the smallest nation/country in the world?
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“The Vatican is the smallest independent state in the world and residence of the spiritual leadership of the Roman Catholic Church.” <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-17994868>

- c) Furthermore, Revelation 17:9, tells us that the heads of the beast sits on seven mountains. Which place geographically is located on seven hills?
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“**Seven Hills of Rome**, group of hills on or about which the ancient city of [Rome](#) was built.”

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Seven-Hills-of-Rome>

4. Who does the false prophet represent? Revelation 19:20; Revelation 13:13-15; Deuteronomy 13:1-3 **Answer:** Apostate Protestant America
5. **Deeper Study:** The beast of Revelation 13:11-15 is seen coming up out of the earth around the time that the Papacy lost its power over the nations to rule and persecute (1798). The earth represents a sparsely populated area/land where people found refuge from the persecution of the Papacy and offered civil and religious freedom to all. Hence, why it is represented as a beast with lamb-like horns, innocent and gentle. This beast clearly points to the United States of America which officially became a nation in 1776. For a complete study on this, refer to our lesson entitled, The Role of the USA In End Time Prophecy. <https://www.prophecyagain.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/The-Role-of-The-USA-In-End-Time-Prophecy-STUDENT.pdf>

The apostate protestants of this country will influence its citizens to make an image to the beast, a union of church and state, and force people to worship. Miracles, through the power of Satan, will be wrought to deceive individuals to go along with this false worship against God (Revelation 13:13-15). This is why Apostate Protestant America is called the False Prophet.

6. **Note:** The dragon power has a few applications in scripture. Primarily, the dragon represents Satan (Revelation 12:9). The

dragon power also represents the nations of the world under the influence of Satan (compare Revelation 12:4-5 with Matthew 2:1-18 and Ezekiel 29:3). However, for this application, the dragon power points to **spiritualism** being used by Satan to unite the nations of the world, apostate Protestants in America, and the Papacy to war against God and His saints. Let us confirm this point.

7. What is spiritualism? Here is a definition of spiritualism from the encyclopedia Britannica:

**Spiritualism**, in religion, a movement based on the belief that departed souls can interact with the living. Spiritualists sought to make contact with the dead, usually through the assistance of a medium, a person believed to have the ability to contact spirits directly. Some mediums worked while in a trancelike state, and some claimed to be the catalyst for various paranormal physical phenomena (including the materializing or moving of objects) through which the spirits announced their presence. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/spiritualism-religion>

8. In Revelation 12:9, Satan - the dragon, is also called the serpent. What lie did the serpent tell Eve in Genesis 3:4-5?
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9. Read Exodus 7:8-13. What did the magicians do which involved a serpent? T
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10. **Note:** Read Revelation 16:14. Now that we have defined the dragon power, spiritualism, it is clearly seen that **miracles of deception** will be used to unite the whole world (the nations) with the beast power (Papacy) and the false prophet or the apostate Protestants of America.

11. What will be the result of this threefold union? Revelation 16:14; Revelation 19:19
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“When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, **our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions**, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. {Mar 190.2}

12. What are the two great errors Satan will use to bring the whole world under his deception? Genesis 3:4; Ezekiel 8:15-18; Ezekiel 20:16
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**“Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.”** {GC 588.1}

“As spiritualism more closely imitates the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to deceive and ensnare. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things. He will appear in the character of an angel of light. **Through the agency of spiritualism, miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and many undeniable wonders will be performed. And as the spirits will profess faith in the Bible, and manifest respect for the institutions of the church, their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power.”** {GC 588.2}

13. What are some modern forms of spiritualism which Satan is now using to prepare people to join this unholy, three-fold union to war against God in these last days? Judges 21:25; Ecclesiastes 8:11 **Answer:** Do what thou wilt (to each his own); God does not condemn - just love; yoga (finding inner peace, God is within you); Jesus had no existence before creation, & more.

“Satan beguiles men now as he beguiled Eve in Eden by flattery, by kindling a desire to obtain forbidden knowledge, by exciting ambition for self-exaltation. It was cherishing these evils that caused his fall, and through them he aims to compass the ruin of men. “Ye shall be as gods,” he declares, “knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:5. **Spiritualism teaches “that man is the creature of progression; that it is his destiny from his birth to progress, even to eternity, toward the Godhead.”** And again: “Each mind will judge itself and not another.” “The judgment will be right, because it is the judgment of self.... The throne is within you.” Said a spiritualistic teacher, as the “spiritual consciousness” awoke within him: “My fellow men, all were unfallen demigods.” And another declares: “Any just and perfect being is Christ.” {GC 554.1}

“Even in its present form, so far from being more worthy of toleration than formerly, it is really a more dangerous, because a more subtle, deception. While it formerly denounced Christ and the Bible, it now professes to accept both. But the Bible is interpreted in a manner that is pleasing to the unrenewed heart, while its solemn and vital truths are made of no effect. **Love is dwelt upon as the chief attribute of God, but it is degraded to a weak sentimentalism, making little distinction between**

**good and evil. God's justice, His denunciations of sin, the requirements of His holy law, are all kept out of sight. The people are taught to regard the Decalogue as a dead letter. Pleasing, bewitching fables captivate the senses and lead men to reject the Bible as the foundation of their faith. Christ is as verily denied as before; but Satan has so blinded the eyes of the people that the deception is not discerned.**" {GC 558.1}

**"Another dangerous error is the doctrine that denies the deity of Christ, claiming that He had no existence before His advent to this world. This theory is received with favor by a large class who profess to believe the Bible; yet it directly contradicts the plainest statements of our Saviour concerning His relationship with the Father, His divine character, and His pre-existence.** It cannot be entertained without the most unwarranted wresting of the Scriptures. It not only lowers man's conceptions of the work of redemption, but undermines faith in the Bible as a revelation from God. While this renders it the more dangerous, it makes it also harder to meet. **If men reject the testimony of the inspired Scriptures concerning the deity of Christ, it is in vain to argue the point with them; for no argument, however conclusive, could convince them.**" "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14. None who hold this error can have a true conception of the character or the mission of Christ, or of the great plan of God for man's redemption." {GC 524.2}

14. What will the world expect as the result of this threefold union? 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3; Isaiah 8:12. Also, see the quotation below.
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"Papists, Protestants, and worldling will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, **and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long- expected millennium.**" {Mar 190.4}

**"When our nation [the United States] shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism."** {Mar 190.5}

15. As we see the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet forming and uniting, we know that we are near the tribulation period spoken of in scripture. However, Christian theologians teach that scriptures such as Revelation 3:10 prove that the righteous will not be on earth during the tribulation period. What is the "hour of temptation" mentioned in Revelation 3:10? Revelation 13:14-17 **Answer:** The Mark of the Beast time period. This is the test that will come upon everyone that "dwells on the earth".

16. Let us confirm that this is the Mark of the Beast time period. Compare Revelation 3:10 and Revelation 14:12. Which event immediately precedes Jesus declaring "here is the patience of the saints?" Revelation 14:9-11
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17. What is the issue over in the Mark of the Beast crisis? Revelation 13:15; Revelation 14:9
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18. When Jesus says He will "keep thee from the hour of temptation" in Revelation 3:10, does this mean God's people will not have to go through this time period? Matthew 6:13; Matthew 26:39, 45; Jude 24
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19. Rapturists believe that the righteous will be separated from the wicked before the tribulation. Based on the Bible, when will the separation between the righteous and wicked occur? Matthew 13:24, 25, 30, 39; Matthew 25:31, 32
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20. Matthew 24 explains the tribulation period with more clarity. Read Matthew 24:21, 22 for context. When does the Second Coming of Jesus occur, before or after the tribulation? Matthew 24:29-30
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- a) When will the elect (the righteous) be raptured or gathered up from this world: before the tribulation or after the tribulation at the Second Coming of Jesus? Matthew 24:29-31
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21. How does Revelation 7:13-14 describe those who are seen in heaven with white robes?

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22. **Note:** The Bible teaches that the time of tribulation takes place before the rapture, for we are saved **THROUGH** it and not **FROM** it. Here are some examples of people who were saved through tribulations and crises.
- Noah was saved through the Flood, not from it.
  - Job was saved through the crisis, not from it.
  - Joseph was not saved from being sold into slavery, but God saved him through it.
  - Daniel was saved through the lions' den, not from it.
  - The Three Hebrews were saved through the fiery furnace and Jesus went through it with them, just as He will go through the great tribulation with us.
  - The children of Israel were not saved from Egypt before the plagues fell, but afterward. Similarly, the righteous will be in the world when the seven last plagues fall (Revelation 16), but God will preserve them.
23. The Bible foretells that there will be a time of tribulation, even the Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:7). When church and state unite to enforce unbiblical Sunday worship and persecute God's commandment keeping people, then God's people will have to depend on Him for strength to endure the test. All of this takes place prior to the Second Coming of Jesus (Revelation 14:6-19). What hope does Jesus leave with us for that time of tribulation? Revelation 2:9-10
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24. What is another application for "the hour of temptation" mentioned in Revelation 3:10? 1 Peter 4:12-14

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25. What promises can we claim to help us get through "the hour of temptation?" 2 Peter 2:9; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Job 23:10; Psalm 34:17, 19

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26. What will Jesus give to us so that we can endure and overcome the tribulation before us? John 16:33

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