

Preparing for a Coming World Leader

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Edgar Reich's sermon emphasizes the importance of preparing for the coming world leader, the Antichrist, and the trials that Christians will face during the Great Tribulation.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker expresses gratitude for the worship music and the opportunity to speak. The sermon focuses on preparing for a coming world leader, specifically the Antichrist. The speaker references Revelation chapter 13 and explains the symbolism in the text, such as the beast rising from the sea with seven heads and ten horns. The sermon emphasizes the need for believers to stand strong in the face of challenges and to live their lives for God.

Transcript

Good evening, dear sisters and brothers in Christ. It is such a joy to be with you and to see you here tonight to hear God's Word. And my heart was touched by Ali singing that song, I live my life for you and may it be real for all of us that we live our lives for Him.

I'm so thankful to Brother Stan for the beautiful worship music and all of his team. Thank you so much. And Pastor Brian, I want to thank you again for your kindness in allowing me to speak.

And it's a privilege and an honor to always be able to give God's Word. And I don't do it lightly, so thank you so much for giving me that opportunity. And then we also welcome my dear sister Vicki.

She came to visit tonight, so the Lord bless you. And may the Lord just encourage you tonight about the future that will happen in this nation and across the world. And so tonight's sermon is preparing for a coming world leader, preparing for a coming world leader.

And Heavenly Father, I pray that you would remove any curtains from our minds that we might understand tonight your plan for the future that will also permit a world leader that will test our faith to the utmost. And so Father, we pray that we would stand strong in the times that must yet come that you would be glorified. We thank you for the long-term future where we are safe and secure in your arms forever and ever and ever.

And that any time on earth here is but a moment in time that we may have to face these trials. So help us through your Holy Spirit and now teach us through your Holy Word that we might understand and be even changed tonight. And I ask this in Christ's holy name.

Amen. There are two end-time judgments during the Great Tribulation concerning two evil leaders. The first is a world political leader called the Antichrist.

The second is a world religious leader supporting the Antichrist called the False Prophet. So let us turn to our Bibles to find out about these coming leaders. And the first mention in the book of Revelation concerning Antichrist is in Revelation chapter 6 verses 1 and 2. Revelation chapter 6 verses 1 and 2. Antichrist is also referred to in 1 John 2.18, also in 2 Timothy.

But we will start with the book of Revelation. And Revelation chapter 6 verses 1 and 2. And there it says, Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, Come and see. And I looked, and behold, a white horse.

He who sat on it had a bow, and a crown was given to him. And he went out conquering, and to conquer. The person we see here in the first seal judgment is called one of the horsemen of the apocalypse.

There are four horsemen given. The rider on a white horse. The rider on a red horse bringing war.

A rider on a black horse bringing famine. And the fourth rider is on a pale horse bringing death and hell. Collectively they kill with weapons, with war, with hunger, with famine, and with beasts of the earth.

Now Revelation chapter 6 verses 1 and 2 refers to this conqueror on a white horse. He has a bow, but there is no arrow in the bow. So this rider comes with great deception, imitating peace, because he has no arrow in the bow.

The lack of the arrow indicates peace. He is thought to be the coming world leader who will receive his power from Satan. And based on passages in the prophet Daniel he is believed to offer the world a peace agreement involving the Jewish nation.

He will act in peace during the first 3.5 years of a great seven year tribulation. Then he will show his true face which includes great persecution and martyrdom of Christians. He has a crown and he comes conquering.

So we are just giving you an overview right now and we will refer to specific passages in Scripture. And I hope you have a pen because you might want to keep some notes of what Scriptures are telling us. Now those that study eschatology which is the study of the future thought that the person in Revelation 6.1 and 2 is Jesus, but it cannot be.

The writers of the apocalypse are judgments from God and also when we look at Jesus coming during the second coming he has many crowns, not just one crown. So if you would refer with me to Revelation chapter 19, Revelation chapter 19 verses 11 and 12 and there you will see the Lord Jesus Christ coming with many crowns. And here it says, Now I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse and he who sat on him was called Faithful and True and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

His eyes were like a flame of fire and on his head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except himself. So here Jesus also comes on a white horse but he has on his head many crowns.

The white rider in Revelation chapter 6.1 and 2 is a judgment from God and the rider here only has one crown. Mankind has rejected Christ the Son of God and must now experience utmost evil through a world leader, the Antichrist. This Antichrist is described in actually great detail in Revelation chapter 13 and we will go through Revelation chapter 13 verse by verse.

He's also explained in the book of Daniel especially in chapter 7. So let us turn now to Revelation chapter 13 and let us look verse by verse about this world leader and Antichrist. And now in Revelation chapter 13 verse 1 we have five difficult images and when we read these images we sometimes say well I can't understand this so I don't even want to read this. But tonight you will be able to understand because each image is explained in Scripture itself.

And here it says in Revelation 13.1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea and I saw a beast rising up out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns and on his horns ten crowns and on his head a blasphemous name. So here we have the sea, we have a beast, we have seven heads, we have ten horns and ten crowns. What are these things? And now let us take a look for an explanation on the sea.

The sea is explained in Revelation chapter 17 verse 15. When you refer to Revelation chapter 17 verse 15 it says Then he said to me, the waters which you saw where the harlot sits are peoples multitudes, nations, and tongues. So here the water and the sea represents people.

It represents multitudes, nations and tongues. And so in Revelation chapter 13.1 likewise the sea is a representation of peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. Then it says and I saw a beast.

Now what is this beast? Some say it is just a false religious system. It is not really a man. But when you refer to Revelation chapter 13 verse 18, it's the same chapter and when you refer to verse 18 it says Here is wisdom.

Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast. Now comes the explanation. For it is the number of a what? It's a man.

So here we have the explanation of the beast. He is a man. And his number is 666.

The passage here can also be translated that it is the sum of 666. And we will get to that again at the end of this chapter. So now we know who the sea are.

We know that the beast is a man. Now who are the seven heads? And let us refer to Revelation chapter 17 verse 9. Revelation chapter 17 verse 9 Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. By the way, that woman represents a false religious system in the world and is described as the great harlot in Revelation chapter 17. This harlot is also drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus.

This is told us in Revelation 17. So this world religious system will persecute Christians and is drunk with the blood of martyrs, beloved. The woman is an apostate religious system which sits on a city of seven mountains confirming the world leader Antichrist and persecuting true Christians.

Now I did a research of all cities in the world with seven mountains and there are quite a few actually but there is none that has a religious system attached to it except the Catholic Church in Rome and the

Vatican. Many believe that Rome will unite the world religious systems under its umbrella while supporting the world leader Antichrist. So now we know who is represented here in this text by the seven heads.

And now we're going on to the ten horns. The ten horns are ten kings or ten rulers. Please turn with me to Revelation chapter 17 verse 12.

The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. So the ten horns represent ten rulers in the world. Initially eschatologists thought it was the revived Roman Empire in Europe and when that empire came together in Europe everyone was waiting for ten nations and ten nations to be stopped for the European Union but that was exceeded and now eschatologists feel that that was a misread on their part and that Europe alone did not just represent those ten rulers or ten kings.

Now the ten horns or ten kings may be representative of ten divisions in the world that may yet be planned to be happening. By the way, today's world regions are based on seven continental land masses, North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and Antarctica. The Club of Rome is a secret society of world leaders which is working on a one world government.

They have previously proposed dividing the world into ten regions for ten regional leaders to rule and what they are proposing, which is still secret but it's also known to some extent, they're proposing North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Russia, China, India, the Middle East, Japan and Australia and that would make ten world regions but we don't know whether this will so happen. This is yet in the future but it could so happen. Now as we go on now in this verse we also find that there are ten crowns and again the ten crowns are explained in Revelation chapter 17, 12 and 13.

There it says in Revelation 17, 12 and 13, the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind and note, they will give their power or their crowns and authority to the beast or this coming world leader. So here Antichrist receives the power and authority from ten rulers.

Their power and authority are the ten crowns. They are from ten kings or ten regional rulers who will rule ten regions of the world. Thereby he becomes world leader.

Now Revelation 13, 1 can now be restated and paraphrased with the knowledge that we have gained from interpreting Scripture with Scripture and so we can now say for Revelation 13, 1, as I stood looking over the world and its nations, formerly called the sea, I saw a terrible man, in brackets called the beast, rise from the nations called the sea. He controlled a false world religious system called the seven heads and ten regional rulers called ten horns who gave him their power, the ten crowns to become world leader with a name blaspheming God. So beloved, we know that Scripture interprets Scripture and as we are diligent in reading through the book of Revelation, we often find the correct term for us to help us understand the book of Revelation.

So now let us go on to Revelation chapter 13, verse 2. And by the way, if you have any question as we go on, just raise your hand because we will try and answer any question that comes to your mind to answer those so that you have clarity on what this text is telling us. Revelation chapter 13, 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him power, his throne, and great authority.

So here we have again other visions of animals and we ask ourselves what are these animals? Now we know that the beast was explained to us in Revelation chapter 13, verse 18 he's a man. So we know he is the coming world leader, he is Antichrist. The visions of the animals in this verse could be related to Daniel's visions of beast nations in Daniel chapter 7. So a leopard is agile and swift.

It is thought that this terrible Antichrist will control a swift and agile army with a capacity for military speed. We read in some of the texts that he overthrows a southern army very, very quickly. And so this could be representative of military speed and strike force.

The feet of a bear speak to his strength which is not human, but that of Satan. He has the mouth of a lion with the lust to consume and tear victims. He is given power by the dragon.

So here we have the word dragon in Revelation 13, verse 2. Now who is this dragon? When we refer to Revelation chapter 20, verse 2, it tells us who this dragon is. And it says there he laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old who is the devil and Satan. So again Scripture explains Scripture that the dragon is the serpent of old.

It is Satan himself. It is the devil. Now Satan not only gives this world leader Antichrist demonic powers, he even gives him his throne.

He gives him great satanic authority. Note the latter part of chapter 13, verse 2. It says the dragon gave him his power. Satan gives him his power.

Satan gives him his throne. And Satan gives him great authority. So this will be great satanic deception.

There will be great power on this earth through this satanic world leader. And then now in Revelation 13, verse 3 we read, And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded and his deadly wound was healed and all the world marveled and followed the beast. So the beast is a man.

The man came from the rule of ten world leaders. Now a fatal wound will be inflicted on this coming world leader. It is likely an assassination attempt.

In verse 14 of Revelation 13, it makes reference to a weapon. When you read that verse, it says a sword. So a sword could also be another weapon, but the wound was deadly and the whole world will say that he should have died.

However, the wound was healed and all the world will consider it a great, great miracle and follow this world leader. This could be an imitation of Antichrist imitating Messiah Christ. Christ who came back to life.

So he comes back to life imitating Christ. In Revelation 13, verse 4, it now tells us about a worship, a satanic worship. And it says here, So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? So the people in the world, they're worshipping this dragon which is Satan.

They may be deceived to think that he's Allah or he's somehow a combination of Buddhism, of Hinduism, of Islam, and Christianity. But he's not the true God. And they will worship that person, that dragon who gave him authority and who gave authority to the beast.

Revelation 22 said that the dragon is Satan, so he will give power to this Antichrist. The beast is the coming world leader. And so there is a two-fold word in this verse.

First, the world will worship Satan. This is satanic worship. The masses are deceived into worshipping God.

Then secondly, the world will worship Antichrist. In Revelation 13, verse 3, Antichrist was raised to come back to life. And I think I'm running out of batteries here.

So thank you so much, my dear brother, for coming and fixing this. Thank you so much. Thank you very much, dear brother.

Thank you. Is it better now? Thank you so much. So now we were on Revelation 13, verse 4, and we're now going on to Revelation 13, verse 5. And it was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for 42 months.

So this Antichrist was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies. We know from other passages that he will lift himself up in pride against God and speak evil against God. He now has world dominion.

And then it says that power was given him for 42 months. Now 42 months is 3.5 years, 3 1/2 years. The 70th week of Daniel in chapter 9, 27 is a period of 7 years.

An Antichrist will present a covenant or a world peace agreement likely involving the nation of Israel. The peace agreement is broken after 3.5 years when the true character of Antichrist is revealed. And that is spoken of in Daniel chapter 9, verse 27, which speaks of the 7 year period and in the middle of this period or after 3.5 years the true character of Antichrist is revealed.

Beloved, he will also unleash a horrible persecution of all Christians during that time period. And so very often you hear about the rapture and we all hope that we will be raptured by this time point, but there is no specific Scripture given you. All of that is an assumption.

There is no specific Scripture given. And in fact in Matthew chapter 24 Jesus said to his disciples and I'm going to read that passage. He was talking to them about this period of time and in Matthew 24 verse 9 it says then they will deliver you up to tribulation and what? Kill Christians? Can that be true? That's what Jesus said.

Kill Christians. And you see beloved sisters and brothers, there are now people in North Korea, they're dying for their Lord. There are now people in the Middle East, they're being crucified on boards.

They die for their Lord. There are now people in the underground church of China. They're being tortured as we speak and they die for their Lord.

And they hold on to their faith because they know that they have a future and a hope. That they have a destiny with an almighty God and that whatever happens now is but just a moment in time. And here it says then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake and then many will be offended, will betray one another and will hate one another.

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many and because lawlessness will abound the love of many will grow cold. So many will say well if you have to experience persecution and you're now being taught by one of these false preachers, you have no foundation. You don't even know what's coming.

You have no understanding what Christ said to His disciples and all of these false teachers are neglecting that there may be a cross for you to bear. There may be a cross for me to bear in the future with great

persecution beloved. So we must prepare ourselves in our minds that Christ is with us.

He will never leave us nor forsake us. We're never alone and we will be able to go through those trials with His help. And now in Revelation verse 13, 6 then He opened His mouth in blasphemy against God to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle and those who dwell in heaven.

The mask of Antichrist has come off at this point and He openly blasphemes the God of heaven. He declares Himself as God and you might say, well where does it say that? Let us turn to 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 verses 3 and 4 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 verses 3 and 4 and there it says, let no one deceive you by any means for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped so that he sits, note this, he sits as God in the temple of God showing himself that he is God. So there will be such great deception in this world that we will also be deceived if it was possible.

Now in Revelation chapter 13 verse 7 it says, it was granted to Him to make war with whom? The saints are who? So there are more Christians here in this great tribulation Wow!

You know nobody shares that with us, nobody tells us that all throughout the book of Revelation there are Christians in great tribulation so beloved do not be misled, do not take the easy way out, yes the rapture could be pre-tribulation but it may be in the middle, it may probably be at the end we do not know the time nor the hour said Jesus and so don't make a doctrine out of that because you will be misled, you are not allowed to know the time nor the hour yes we know the general time period but we do not know the specific time and so here He was granted to make war with the saints and you know in Matthew 24, 15 to 22 it tells the Jewish people to flee when the abomination of the temple takes place, Antichrist is granted to make war against the saints, the true Christians and he is

given power to overcome Christians, a great multitude will be martyred and that great multitude is also spoken of in Revelation chapter 7 verse 9 13 and 14 and let us turn to that for one moment to understand this better, here in Revelation chapter 7 verse 9 after these things I looked and behold a great multitude which no one could number of all nations, tribes peoples and tongues standing before the throne and before the Lamb clothed with white robes with palm branches in their hands so here we have a great multitude which no one could number and they are in heaven before the throne of God so they have died in their physical bodies, they are alive in their spiritual bodies but here they are seen in heaven now John didn't know who these people were and then in verses 13 and 14 then one

of the elders answered and saying to me who are these arrayed in white robes and where did they come from so one of the elders asked John do you know where all of these people came from all of these people before the throne, a multitude that no one could number and then John said sir you know so he said to me these are the ones who come out of the great tribulation out of the great tribulation so beloved again do not be deceived here is a multitude that no one could number so be strong in your faith and walk in the faith of God and know that He is able to keep you from falling, He is able to present you faultless before the presence of His Father He will help you in all circumstances but Jesus also reminded us to be strong to the end in Revelation chapter 12 11 says and they overcame Him

by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony and they did not love their lives to the death these Christians overcame Him by the blood of the Lamb now note that they still died and went to heaven in their physical bodies but they kept their faith and this is what the scripture here says they overcame Him by the blood of the Lamb which is the Lord Jesus Christ and note what is the second part the word of their

wow Christians are supposed to testify and we spent some time on that this afternoon and this morning so you need to testify you need to share the faith that God has given you and then it says and they did not love their lives to the death so beloved we also must deny the old flesh in us the old flesh wants to live the old flesh wants to have its way the old flesh

wants to do evil and here we must deny that old flesh to death so there will be a cross for us there will be denial and all of these false religions out there they do not teach you this be not be not deceived because all of them are preparing for this new world religious system and they're teaching false things and so we know that many of those people will be lost if they have not accepted Christ as their Savior they will be lost now Revelation chapter 13 verse 8 and all who dwell on the earth will worship him whose name in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world now the masses on the earth are so deceived that they will worship Antichrist as God who declares himself God and only those who are truly saved who have the name written in the Lamb's book of life

will not be deceived they will not worship Antichrist but if they're found out they will be martyred they will have to give their life so the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world is the Lord Jesus Christ it tells us that God planned to offer his son Jesus as a sacrifice for our sin thank you so much thank you so much thank you for being patient with me that's kind of you so the Lamb slain from the foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ now in Revelation chapter 13 verse 9 God reminds us to listen because he says if anyone has an ear let him hear now the context of hearing also includes understanding and acting it isn't just to hear with one ear and it comes out the other but it is also to understand and act on what the word teaches you God reminds us to listen and then to understand

that these prophecies will become reality and will happen and then verse 13 10 there is a solemn warning from the Lord Jesus Christ and he says he who leads into captivity shall go into captivity he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword here's the patience and the faith of the saints so he says you saints be patient and have faith because vengeance is mine says the Lord those who cause captivity I will repay them with captivity those that kill I will repay them to be killed the Lord exhorts Christians in the meantime to have patience and faith even while they are suffering the ultimate fate of Satan Antichrist and the false prophet are given to us in Revelation chapter 20 verse 10 all three will be in the lake of fire and brimstone they will be tormented day and night

forever and ever and God is saying to us saints be patient when trials and tribulation come be patient but be strong in me be strong in my might trust me I will never leave you nor forsake you now in verse 11 we have another beast and here it says then I saw another beast in Revelation chapter 13 verse 11 it came out of the earth and it had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon here we have this other beast coming out of the earth in Revelation chapter 19 verse 20 he is called the false prophet he comes as a person and is a world religious leader likely he will combine Christianity with Islam and Buddhism and Hinduism and he will bring in a one world religion he comes with two horns now we know that the horns represent leadership and rulership he may have such leadership from a

religious perspective perhaps these horns refer to that he's the leader of the world council of churches that they're working on perhaps he's a leader of Christians perhaps he's the Pope who may also be given leadership of one of the other major faith perhaps Islam is involved Buddhism or Hinduism we do not know the details but we know that there is a false prophet and he will have the whole world under him at that time point and he will exercise authority and we read that in Revelation chapter 13 verse 12 and so this coming false prophet this coming world religious leader he exercises all the authority of the first beast or

the Antichrist in his presence and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed so this second world ruler the

false prophet is also given demonic powers of the Antichrist in the presence of Antichrist the false prophet requires the world to worship Antichrist this coming world leader as God we now see this infernal diabolical trinity which tries to imitate the eternal trinity that we have the dragon is Satan which tries to represent the father Antichrist tries to represent the son and the false prophet tries to imitate the Holy Spirit now Antichrist imitating Christ coming back to life and the false prophet they together will instruct the world to adore and worship this coming world leader we don't know if this world leader is the first one the second one third one or fourth one so there may be world leaders before this Antichrist is revealed his sign will be this world peace agreement he could

well be the first one but he may not need to be the first one now in Revelation 13 13 we have a really unusual occurrence here of signs and wonders and it says he performs great signs so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of man now beloved if the Pope were to take over world leadership religious leadership and he is a kind gentleman who does not pursue riches and he helps the poor and then you see him on CNN and he brings down fire from heaven you will be tempted to believe him that he represents God and so the whole world will be deceived except those that are true Christians and then in verse 13 and 14 it tells us that Revelation verse 14 and he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast

telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived and so here the false religious leader performs miracles under the inspiration of Satan in the presence of Antichrist to deceive the world the false prophet misleads the masses to think that Antichrist is God and worthy to be worshiped he then causes the people on earth to build a statute or an image to this coming world leader who was wounded to the image of this world leader and then in verse 15 he was granted power to give wow he was granted to give breath to the image which is this image of this coming world leader that the image of the beast this coming world leader should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed so if you don't

worship that statute if you don't worship that image then you will be killed as you are identified by the world religious leader and Antichrist so this coming world religious leader will be given the power to give life to the statute of Antichrist the statute of Antichrist will have breath and will speak and there will be worldwide worship of this image you have a world religious leader who brings down fire from heaven you have an image that starts speaking and the whole world will be deceived and Christians will be killed in early Christianity those not worshiping the Roman gods or Roman leaders were martyred this will happen again and now in Revelation verse 13-16 it says he causes all both small and great rich and poor free and slave to receive a mark on their right hand or on their

foreheads now the world has technologies today to control all of mankind the global positioning system can find any missing animal that has been given a computer chip so I don't know brother if the cattle out there now have a computer chip in them but if they do they can be found some dog owners have computer chips inserted so that they can find their dogs and so all of this technology is available today and we are told that one computer company has created enough computer chips for all 7 billion people they are available today then in Revelation chapter 13 verse 17 it says and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name so the world leader Antichrist and the false prophet will implement a global control through the mark it

could be a computer chip or other type of mark or other type of technology we don't know yet this includes economic control over all the people no one can buy or sell no one can conduct business no one can do anything without this mark of Antichrist so if you today get a paycheck you will no longer get your paycheck unless you have a mark of Antichrist if you're a business owner and you want to sell your wares you will no longer be able to sell your wares except you have that mark of Antichrist or the number of his name and these are the possibilities that will then occur during that time that those who are Christians must decide do I take the mark or do I starve to death will I want to see my children starve to death or will I take the mark this is a hard hard choice beloved and so we

must pray to God that perhaps he spares us from this hour that we may not need to face this and that we would stay strong in the Lord there was a group of North Korean Christians and there were 27 of them they were found out that they were believers and they were identified and they were with their children and they were standing before a crowd of North Koreans and the North Korean military said to them you either worship our leaders or your children will be hanged and as the Christians considered this they were in great great turmoil and one mother bent down to her little daughter and said I love you daughter with all of my heart and today I will see you in paradise and none of the Christians recanted and their children were put to death and then steam rollers were brought and the

Christians had to lay down on the street and they were told one more time you either worship Kim Jong-un or you will be killed and then the steam rollers started to roll over the Christians as the Christians were singing closer to thee closer to thee Lord closer to thee so beloved stand strong in your faith have your worship every day with the Lord stand strong with him we do not know how we can face such great turmoil but we must ask the Lord to give us that strength he will provide the strength in the hour of such trials and temptations so let us also witness now while there is still time and then in Revelation verse 13 18 it says here is wisdom let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast for it is the number of a man his number is 666 so we have here a number that

is given us and we don't know if the number will actually be 666 because it could also be the sum of 666 as you study other passages in scripture you will also understand more about Antichrist and so I will just give you a two minute overview and then we will come to a close in Daniel 11 36 Antichrist thinks he's God he will be an oratory genius in Daniel 11 21 he will be a political genius he will come in peace but he is a schemer and full of intrigue in Daniel 7 24 he overthrows three kings or global leaders in Daniel 8 24 he will have demonic powers and destroy he will be an economic and commercial genius in Daniel 11 40 he will be a military genius in 2 Thessalonians 2 4 he will be a religious genius being able to combine the faith of the world for a period of time 2 Thessalonians 2 9

his powers are based on Satan's powers Daniel 11 37 he won't desire women it appears that he will not be married Daniel 11 38 his faith will be that he honors the God of fortresses and we do not know yet what that kind of faith is in Daniel 7 25 he persecutes and kills saints his new world order will be based on deception on total control on politics on a false religion money and power there may be other world leaders before him we don't know if he is the first one so however I want to close with Revelation chapter 14 verse 9 and 10 and in Revelation chapter 14 verses 9 and 10 we have a solemn warning beloved and the solemn warning is and I beg you not to accept the mark of this Antichrist because it says in Revelation 14 9 and 10 then a third angel followed them saying with a loud voice

if anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on his forehead or his hand he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is poured out full strength into the cup of his

indignation now note this if you take the mark he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb and so beloved we have a solemn warning here do not take that mark at the same time Matthew 10 28 tells us do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell and first John 4 4 says you are of God little children and have overcome them because he who is in you is greater than he that is in the world so beloved be aware of what will happen in the

future and so start now to go in a closer walk with your Lord trust him more love him more put unbelief aside and walk closely with him because there might be this great trial that is coming in the future let us close in a word of prayer please and before I pray I know there might be one of the other person here who has never yet accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and beloved that is your only hope that you have for the long term future to accept Christ Jesus into your life and into your heart because you will live forever and you will either live in heaven or you will live in the other place and so for the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord God sent his son to die for you and for me that we might live the Lord Jesus Christ

requires us to repent of our sin and he invites us freely to accept the gift of salvation so if there is anyone here who has never yet given their life to the Lord Jesus Christ and you want to do so today would you raise your hand and let me see it for a moment and then you put it down again yes thank you you may put down your hand thank you so much thank you thank you thank you okay thank you thank you so much if you want to have Christ Jesus in your life and be right with him you can raise your hand and let me see it for a moment and then you put your hand down again no one else is looking please okay let us thank you you may put down your hands thank you Heavenly Father we thank you so much Lord for this incredible word that you have given us tonight Lord help us to decide whom we will

serve help us to love you even more help us to accept that we might be hated by all nations help us to deny ourselves fill us with your Holy Spirit and give us more of your love give us more of your joy give us more of your peace help us to repent if we're not right with you and then help us to overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and help us to overcome him by the word of our testimony and help us to not love our life to the death and whatever happens Father we give you all the praise we give you all the glory and we love you Father we love you Lord Jesus in Christ's name Amen

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