

IV. SOME PROPHECIES ABOUT THE FALSE PROPHET

the Bible teaches...

A. THAT THE FALSE PROPHET WILL BE A RELIGIOUS LEADER WHOM SATAN WILL USE TO DECEIVE THOSE IN THE APOSTATE CHURCH

1. He is pictured in Rev. 13:11 as having two horns like a lamb but speaking like a dragon.
 - a. The likeness of a lamb may well represent his religious character.
 - b. The two horns may refer to his bringing together the two realms of Christianity (Protestants and Roman Catholics).
2. He is prophesied to speak like a dragon. This shows that he will be motivated by Satan and will be his mouthpiece to deceive the world.
3. He is pictured in Rev. 13:11 as a beast coming out of the earth. This represents him as someone earthly instead of someone who is heavenly. The beastly representation may will speak of his in-humane and destructive character.

B. THAT THE FALSE PROPHET WILL BE A RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ANTICHRIST (Rev. 13:12).

1. He will exercise the power of the first beast (Antichrist) and cause those who dwell upon the earth to worship Antichrist. Exercising the same power shows that this religious leader will be against God despite his religious camouflage.
2. This religious leader will apparently head up the apostate one world church and help Antichrist to win the world through religious means and then lead men to worship the Antichrist who will then reign over the ten kingdoms of the revived Roman Empire.

C. THAT THE FALSE PROPHET WILL USE SATANIC POWERS TO DECEIVE PEOPLE UPON THE EARTH (Rev. 13:13-14).

1. He will use wonders and miracles to deceive the world. Just because something is supernatural doesn't mean it is from God. The devil is in the miracle-working business to deceive others.
2. Just as Moses was withstood by the satanic-empowered magicians of Egypt, this religious leader will duplicate the miracles of the two witnesses sent by God (Rev. 13:13; 11:7-12).

D. THAT THE FALSE PROPHET WILL DESECRATE HOLY THINGS AND DEVISE A PLAN TO DESTROY THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE ANTICHRIST

1. He will convince the world to make an image of the Antichrist and he will give this image spirit (not life) to speak. This could well be a computer resembling the Antichrist which speaks on his behalf.
2. This religious leader will have this image placed in the tribulation temple (II Thess. 2:11) and it will be the "abomination of desolation" of which Christ spoke (Matt. 24:15).
3. This religious leader will use a plan to force people to worship the Antichrist. People will be required to receive a mark in their right hand or in their forehead (Rev. 13:16).
 - a. Unless an individual has this mark he will not be able to buy or sell. That means he will not be able to transact business and buy the necessities to live (17).
 - b. The fact that this religious leader is behind the Antichrist shows that those of the apostate one-world ecumenical church will be deceived by the devil and doomed to certain destruction (Rev. 19:20).

E. THAT THE FALSE PROPHET WILL BE JUDGED BY THE LORD JESUS AT HIS SECOND COMING (Rev. 19:20; 20:10).

1. This religious leader who will rule over the apostate one-world church will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20).
2. Notice his punishment will be forever (Rev. 20:20). This will be the same for the devil and for the Antichrist.
3. Notice all those who are deceived by the false prophet and receive the mark of the beast or Antichrist will suffer the same eternal punishment (Rev. 14:9-11).