

# THE REVELATION OF YESHUA HA MASIACH

## Lesson 5

### I. Revelation 13

Antichrist rule – seven years – Daniel 7:<sup>27</sup>  
Tribulation period is longer.

#### A. Many antichrists

1 John 2:<sup>18</sup> Dear children, **this is the last hour**; and as you have heard that **the antichrist is coming**, even now **many antichrists have come**. This is how we know it is the last hour. NIV

John's time – Roman Emperors, killed Christians and Jews in arenas by feeding them to wild animals and fighting with gladiators.

20<sup>th</sup> century: Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler, Saddam Hussein, Muamar Gaddafi, Al Qaeda and ISIS

Final antichrist will be worse than these.

#### B. The first beast

Beast – ferocious and carnivorous

- He rises out of the ocean, from the sea of humanity, a unity of nations (Revelation 17:<sup>15</sup>)
- He is also known as the “man of lawlessness” (2 Thessalonians 2:<sup>3-4</sup>)
- Ten horns – group of nations, he is created by a group of nations.
- Seven crowns – authority from seven major world leaders.
- His real power comes from the dragon (Satan)
- Fatal wound that was healed – Satan defeated by Yeshua but rising to power again. (Genesis 3:<sup>15</sup>)
- He speaks blasphemies – insults God and heaven
- People are in awe of him and he causes people to worship the dragon.
- He will cause great violence and death in the earth and especially upon the saints. Revelation 13:<sup>7</sup>

Daniel 7:<sup>25</sup> – 3 ½ years persecution of saints

Revelation 13:<sup>10</sup> This calls for **patient endurance and faithfulness** on the part of the saints. NIV

Parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25, all ten waited for the same bridegroom.  
The church will be sifted

#### C. The second beast

The False Prophet.

- Two horns like a lamb – counterfeit Messiah
- Speaks like a dragon – his true nature
- Performs miracles to enthrall and deceive people so that they will worship the first beast.
- Creates an image of the first beast and gives it power to speak



- Institutes the Anti-Christ system with the mark of the beast.

He will establish a one-world religion, to worship the anti-Christ.

Antichrist will build the temple with the approval of Jews and Muslims (under one-world religion).

He will ascend the throne in the temple and demand worship as god. 2 Thessalonians 2:<sup>3b-4</sup>

Matthew 24:<sup>15</sup> – abomination that causes desolation

#### D. Further description

Revelation 17:<sup>9-11</sup>

The **seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits.**

Roman Empire, the woman is the goddess Roma

Revelation 17:<sup>12-14</sup>

The beast gets his authority from world leaders who give it to him, they will rule as a “council” with antichrist as the head.

They will war against Yeshua, but Yeshua will overcome

He will come with His army of called, chosen and faithful followers (not simply everyone who believes but specially selected based on their faithfulness)

#### E. Antichrist system

The antichrist will control the world’s economy and government while the false prophet will control religion.

They will force people to take the “mark of the beast” which will be either the name of the anti-Christ or his number.

Without it no one can do business or avail of any services etc - total control of people,

A very human-centric system both in religion and politics.

The rule of man that rejects the rule of God. Homosexuality, abortion, euthanasia, paedophilia etc. are all acceptable.

Humanism – man is god.

#### F. Israel attacked

Zechariah 14:<sup>1-2</sup>

A period known as the time of Jacob’s trouble by the Jews.

Antichrist thinks all this is his doing but actually the Lord is using Him to fulfil His purpose, which is the salvation of Israel.



Zechariah 12:<sup>3-5</sup>

Zechariah 12:<sup>10</sup> ..... **“They will look on me,** the one they have pierced”,

## II. Revelation 14:1-13

### A. Messiah amongst His people

John is shown a triumphant vision – Messiah with His people

144,000 who did not compromise

12 = government; these will be given governing roles – 2 Tim 2:11b-12

### B. Three angels

#### 1. First angel

In spite of the attempts by antichrist to stop the spread of the gospel, it will still go forward.

Along with that comes a warning that the wrath of God is coming upon the earth.

#### 2. Second angel

He declares the fall of the world’s system (Babylon); adulteries of Babylon = idolatry i.e. a religious system – the one world religion of the false prophet.

Revelation 14:<sup>8</sup>

To understand “Babylon” we must skip to chapter 17

- A desirable system

Revelation 17:<sup>3-5</sup>

It is the antichrist’s political, economic and religious system that the world sees as desirable because it fits their agenda of unity and control.

- A system that kills the saints – Revelation 17:<sup>6</sup>
- An idolatrous system – she is called a harlot which refers to idolatry and worship of foreign gods.

The one world religion will incorporate the worship of all the gods of the world.

Even God’s people will be sucked into this system: Revelation 18:<sup>4</sup>

They will compromise because of:

- Leaders who are interested only in keeping their authority and the wealth it brings (prosperity teaching)
- Social justice gospel



- Babylon in the past

- Conquered Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple
- Killed thousand is Jerusalem and left the city desolate  
Jeremiah wrote – Lamentations 1:<sup>1</sup>

Situation was so bad women were eating their own babies – Lamentations 4:<sup>10</sup>

God was punishing them for their sin, but the treatment of the Babylonians was excessively harsh, and God would punish them for that.

- Tried to make Jews break their covenant with God  
Asking them to eat unclean food – Daniel:1
- Tried to remove the Jewish identity of the people;  
Daniel 1:<sup>6-7</sup>  
<sup>6</sup> Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. <sup>7</sup> To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego. NKJV

“ah” and “el” related Yahweh and El which are names of God.

It was an attempt to remove their connection to their God.

- God will bring confusion between the antichrist and the false prophet

Revelation 17:<sup>16-18</sup>

Ancient Babylon was conquered by the Persian Empire, so God will bring confusion between antichrist and false prophet. It will signal the beginning of the end for this system.

Revelation 18:<sup>2-3</sup> <sup>2</sup> "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!

The antichrist system will begin to collapse

All this takes place as God pours out His wrath on them.

### 3. Third angel

A warning for those who would consider taking the mark of the beast.

Revelation 14:<sup>12-13</sup>

<sup>12</sup> This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. NIV

Saints are again encouraged to be patient and to endure.

Those who die in the Lord from that time are specially blessed, God will give them rest and remember their deeds.



### III. God's wrath – The Seven Bowls

Revelation 15 & 16

Now God pours out His wrath on the inhabitants of the earth.

The first four bowls are similar to past calamities but more intense:

- A. Revelation 16:2 Bowl 1 – People struck with boils (some kind of sickness) but only on those who have the mark of the beast.
- B. Revelation 16:3 Bowl 2 – Sea turned to blood all life in the sea is killed
- C. Revelation 16:4 Bowl 3 – Fresh water turned to blood
- D. Revelation 16:5-7 Angels declare that God is righteous in His judgments
- E. Revelation 16:8-9 Bowl 4 – Sun increases in intensity and burns people, but people are still rebellious and curse God.
- F. Revelation 16:10-11 Bowl 5 – Antichrist's kingdom plunged into a supernatural darkness. It is so dark that people will be in anguish (NKJV – they gnawed their tongues, NLT – grind their teeth)
  - People still hate God; they would rather curse Him than repent
- G. Revelation 16:12-16 Bowl 6 – Preparation for Armageddon
  - Euphrates dried up
  - Demonic forces in the form of frogs go out throughout the earth to bring government leaders for battle against God at Armageddon.
  - It is an event but also a place, the valley of Megiddo in Israel a.k.a. Ha Megiddo
- ❖ A warning to the church in John's day (and us): Revelation 16:<sup>15</sup> "Behold, I am coming as a thief. **Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments**, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." NKJV

Keeping your garments – living right before God, not compromising. Matthew 22:<sup>11-13</sup>

People who have a form of religion but not walking by faith, compromising with the world which would be the antichrist's kingdom.

- H. Revelation 16:17-21 Bowl 7 - The greatest earthquake ever recorded
  - The great city i.e. Jerusalem divided into three
  - Cities of the world destroyed
  - God repays the antichrist kingdom for what had been done to His people
  - Islands and mountains removed
  - Hail from heaven approximately 52 kgs in weight fell upon people.
  - People still react with hatred towards God

This period will be very short.



For the sake of His people God will shorten these days: Matthew 24:<sup>22</sup>

#### **IV. Departure**

The saints – Revelation 14:14-16

Another rapture theory: pre-wrath rapture, will take place either at the beginning or in the early stages of the bowls. The church would no longer be around when the wrath of God is poured out. 1 Thessalonians 5:<sup>9</sup>

The unrighteous – Revelation 14:<sup>17-20</sup>

The interval between these two events will be very. short

#### **V. The Stage is set**

Now the stage has been set for the grand finale:

- The judgment of the saints
- The wedding supper
- Armageddon War
- Millennial Reign of Messiah
- God and Magog war
- Judgment of nations and individuals.
- New Heaven and New Earth

We need patient endurance.

