

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Session 25

Part 4: The Battle Plan - Rev 6-22

I. THE BATTLE PLAN – ANGELIC EXPLANATION #3 (CONT) REV 12-13

- A. Confrontation
- B. Symbolism
- C. Beast 13:1-10 – AntiChrist
- D. 2nd Beast 13:11-18 – False Prophet
 - 1. Comes up out of the earth – the Pit?
 - a. The Pit = Hell = Hades = Sheol
 - b. Demon or man?
 - (1) Acts 1:25 – Judas?
 - (a) He went to his own place?
 - (2) Isa – the failed prophet of Islam?
 - 2. Two horns like a lamb (ram)
 - a. Rev 5:5 Jesus is shown as a lamb with 7 horns/7 eyes
 - 3. Spoke like a dragon – deceit, accusing, kill, steal, destroy
 - 4. Exercises all the authority of the 1st beast
 - 5. Leads the worship of the beast – worldwide worship movement
 - a. Forerunners today?
 - b. Islam’s House of Prayer
 - 6. Performs great signs – even fire from heaven
 - a. Convincing, if possible, even the elect? Mt 24:24
 - b. How can we know?
 - (1) Mt 11:1-6
 - (2) Jn 14:10-11
 - (3) Rev 19:10
 - (4) 1 Cor 2:1-5

7. Makes an image of the beast & makes it speak
 - a. Is this a technical wonder?
 - b. Demonic manifestation?
8. Mark of the beast
 - a. On the right hand or forehead - Exodus 13:16
 - b. No buying or selling – how is this possible?
 - (1) Infrastructure is being built today – neutral – Identity Management
 - (2) Logical, easy, convincing
 - (3) Global currency, global banks
 - (4) RFID Technology
 - (5) Walmart - Mexico
 - (6) 2nd Beast will take control of this infrastructure
 - (7) Conspiracy theories abound! Illuminati; Fed Reserve; Masons; George Soros
 - c. Number of a man – 666

(1) Literal number

(2) Numerology – study of numbers – can we trust it?

“In both Hebrew and Greek each letter of the alphabet corresponds to a number--the first nine letters correspond to 1 through 9, the next nine to 10 through 90, and the last few letters to the hundreds. The number of a word or name is the sum of the numerical equivalents of its letters.

In Jewish interpretation, *gematria* (the Hebrew word derives from the Greek word '*geometria*,' which underlies English 'geometry') is a system of deducing the *sod* ('secret') of a text by positing a meaningful connection between words whose numbers are either identical or related by simple arithmetic.”

(Jewish New Testament Commentary, David Stern)