

WORD OF THE WEEK

The Subject: Antichrist/Man of Sin

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dragon - Greek: drakon from derkomai (to look); a fabulous kind of serpent as supposed "to fascinate" or charm in hostility to God; among the mystery religions, the serpent (drakon) was connected with the world, of demons (demon: daimon from the root daio meaning "to distribute fortunes")

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Genesis 3:1 -- *The serpent was more subtil than any beast--*

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Revelation 12:15 -- (the dragon persecutes the church) -- *the serpent cast "out of his mouth" water as a flood after the woman (the church), that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.*

There are two beasts in Revelation: The World Order and the Man of Sin (antichrist). The antichrist/man of sin (two-horned beast) will execute the authority of this world system of peace (1 Thess. 5:3). He will speak as the original dragon spoke in the garden, with smooth, enchanting, and flattering words. He will fascinate the world and charm all mankind (seducing the elect if it were possible - Mark 13:22). Paul says that men who use "good words and fair speeches" speak contrary to the doctrine of Christ and serve not the Lord but themselves, deceiving the hearts of innocent men. We are commanded to mark (point out) these men and warn others to stay away from them and their false teachings (Rom. 16:17,18). Antichrist will send a flood of false doctrine out of his mouth to oppress the righteous (the church) and attempt to drown it in heresy. God will preserve his people (Rev. 12:16). Antichrist will deny Christ (1 John 2:22, 23). The word deny in the Greek means "to contradict". Jesus' words are hard words. He says, "Take up your cross daily and follow me" "crucify the flesh", "Repent" (turn from self affections and fleshly lusts to God and truth); "Ye must be born again" (a spiritual birth that opposes self). Antichrist doctrine, has always flooded the earth with smooth, easy doctrines (Isa. 30:10) contradicting Gods word. The New World Order (beast system) will be led by a man (2nd beast - antichrist) who will tell the world that God loves us all and doesn't want any bad things for us, but rather desires all the good things of this world for his people. We are entering this "new age" of feel-good, antichrist prosperity doctrine. It is the doctrine of devils (distributing fortunes - 1 Tim. 4:1). Christians, it's time to repent and quit living for self and the luxuries of this world. The end is not far away.

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