The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Session 24

Part 4: The Battle Plan - Rev 6-22

I. SEVEN PRIMARY SYMBOLS IN THE PARENTHETICAL SECTIONS

All the events and numbers in Revelation are taken in their plain meaning (literal) unless specifically indicated as symbolic as in Rev. 1:20; 5:6; 11:8; 12:1, 3, 9; 17:7, 9. Daniel used the same symbols.

A. **The dragon** (Satan): Rev. 12:3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17; 13:2, 4; 16:13; 20:2

B. **The first Beast** (Antichrist): Rev. 13; 14:9-11; 17:3-17; 19:19-21; 20:4, 10

C. **The second Beast** (False Prophet): Rev. 13:11-17; 16:13; 19:20; 20:10

D. **The 7 heads** (Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3-16) are 7 empires through history that persecuted Israel (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, revived Roman Empire).

E. **The 10 horns** (Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 12, 16) speak of a future 10-nation confederation that will be under the Antichrist's authority (Dan. 11:36-45).

II. THE BATTLE PLAN – ANGELIC EXPLANATION #3 (CONT)

A. Confrontation
B. Symbolism
C. Beast 13:1-10
   1. Comes up out of the sea -
   2. 10 horns – 10 kings yet to be given authority
      a. See Daniel 7:7-8
      b. 3 will be destroyed by the AntiChrist
   3. 7 heads – see Rev 17:3, 7-17
      a. Egypt - Pharoah
      b. Assyria
         (1) Shalmaneser – 2 King 17 &18 – Israel
         (2) Sennacherib – 2 King 18 & 19 - Judah
      c. Babylon – Nebuchadnezzar - Daniel
      d. Persia – Ahasuerus/Haaman - Esther
      e. Greece – Antiochus Epiphanes
      f. Rome - Caesars
      g. Revived Rome - AntiChrist
   4. 10 diadems – sovereignty, dominion, authority

5. Likeness – Daniel 7 – beastly
    a. Leopard - Greece
    b. Feet of a bear – Medo-Persia
    c. Mouth of lion - Babylon
6. Dragon gives him his power, throne and authority – Mt 4:8
7. Head that was slain – fatal wound – does he die?
    a. Whole earth amazed
    b. Worshiped the dragon and the beast
    c. Who is like him? Who can war against him?
    d. Arrogant, blasphemous, …
    e. Beast that comes up from the pit, abyss… Rev 17:8
8. Authority for 42 months
    a. Blasphemes God, His name and His tabernacle – dwelling place in heaven.
    b. Authority to overcome the saints

D. 2nd Beast 13:11-18

1. Comes up out of the earth – the Pit?

2. Two horns like a lamb (ram)

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

6. Performs great signs – even fire from heaven

7. Makes an image of the beast & makes it speak

8. Mark of the beast – Exodus 13:16

    a. No buying or selling

    b. Number of a man – 666