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**“A Beast Coming Out Of The Earth”
 Part 1**

Rev. 13:11-14

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DEAD

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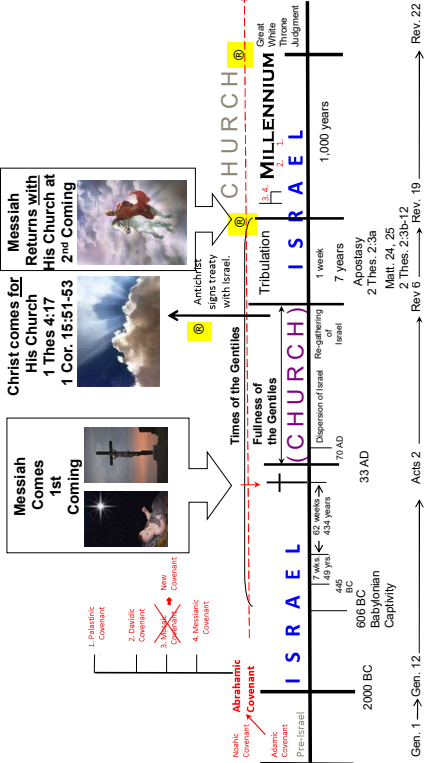
I. Intro.

Subjects we will be covering today.

- INHERITED SIN
- IMPUTED SIN
- FEDERALISM
- ELECTION
- PREDESTINATION
- REPROBATION
- DIVING DECREE
- FREE WILL
- SUPREMACY OF GOD
- GLORY OF GOD
- GRACE
- DOES GOD LOVE EVERYONE EQUALLY?
- THE RIGHTS OF THE CREATOR/POTTER
- THE ORDER OF THE PLAN OF GOD
- THE EXTERNAL CALL OF GOD
- THE INTERNAL CALL OF GOD
- GOD CENTERED VS. MAN CENTERED THEOLOGY
- EPH. 1:1-2; ROM. 3:10-18; 5:12-21; 9:1-24
- 3 PILLARS OF ELECTION

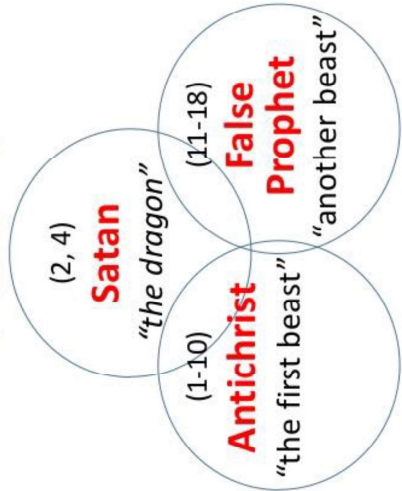
- PELAGIANISM
- SEMIPELAGIANISM
- PELAGIUS, JACOB ARMINIUS, CHARLES FINNEY
- IS GOD FAIR?
- IS GOD JUST?
- ARE WE ROBOTS?
- WHY SHOULD I PRAY?
- WHY SHOULD I EVANGELIZE?
- DOES GOD HAVE 2 WILLS?
- 1 PETER 3:9
- THE PLAN OF GOD
- THE UNIVERSE FOREKNOWLEDGE VIEW
- IS MAN SPIRITUALLY SICK OR IS HE DEAD?
- THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY WILLS OF GOD
- MAN'S ABILITY /INABILITY TO SIN
- THE PRE-SALVATION PROGRESSION OF THE WORKING OF GOD
- THE PLAN OF GOD FROM ETERNITY TO ETERNITY
- 3 PILLARS OF FREE WILL

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



Ⓜ = Resurrection

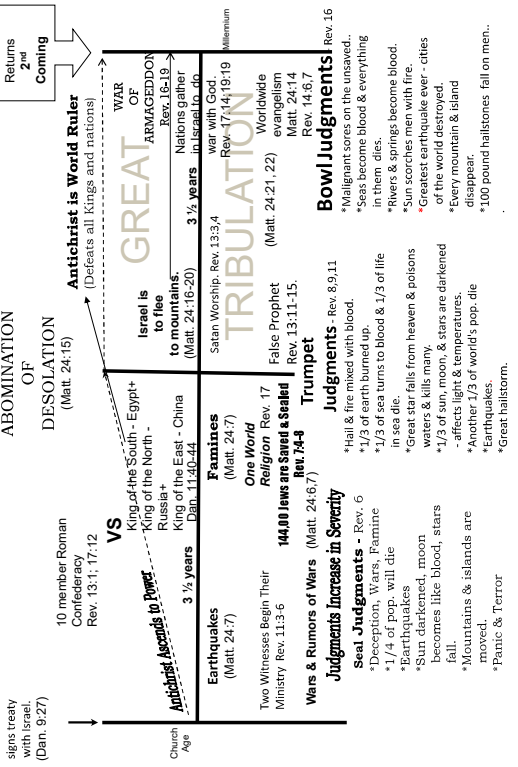
Revelation 13



“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth,”

- Some commentators suggest that this beast is not a person but describes:
 - a system or
 - a government or
 - an ideology.
 - 2 Greek words for “another”.
 - This word means “another” of the same kind.
 - Therefore if the Antichrist is a person, and this is another beast like him, then this is a person also.
- “earth”** - γησ – soil, earth, land, including the people of the world.
- So this beast comes from the people of the world.
 - Some have suggested this means from the land of Israel meaning he is a Jew, but this word for earth is too broad.

7 Year Tribulation



Rev 13:11-14

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- This beast will come like a lamb – gentle, harmless, warm, friendly, peaceful.
- But that’s where the danger and the deception lies.
- His appearance seems harmless. He will be believable.

Matt 7:15

- 15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
- How you judge and discern this individual is not how he appears but what he says – **“he spoke as a dragon.”**
- Who is the dragon? Satan. The content of what he says is Satanic – straight from the pit. The people who hear him will be mesmerized, blown away by his persona.
- Note: In the spiritual realm, you never judge a leader by their appearance, how they dress, how they talk, how friendly they are, how clever they are, their personality, how good they make you feel. You judge them by 1 thing and 1 thing only – the content of what they say.

1st Beast (Antichrist)

“out of the sea”

- mysterious
- dark
- black
- frightening
- foreboding

Political and military leader.

Ten horns, seven heads, ten crowns, blasphemous names.

Like a leopard and a bear and a lion - attacking with speed, tearing, ripping, and shredding.

2nd Beast (False Prophet)

“out of the earth”

- known
- light
- bright
- safe
- unthreatening

Religious leader.

2 small horns

Like a gentle lamb – persuasive, convincing.

"The dynamic appeal of the false prophet will lie in his skill in combining political expediency with religious passion. His arguments will be subtle, convincing and appealing. His oratory will be hypnotic, for he will be able to move the masses to tears or whip them into a frenzy. He will control the communication media of the world and will skillfully organize mass publicity to promote his ends. He will manage and massage his message with guile beyond words. He will mold world thought and shape human opinion like so much pottery for clay."

- John Phillips

“He will be the greatest, the most persuasive, the most powerful, the most moving, the most convincing communicator ever.”

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Both are:

1. Deceitful.
2. Empowered by the same source – Satan.
3. Focused and united on 3 goals:
 1. Worldwide worship of the Antichrist.
 2. Killing all believers, especially Jews.
 3. The defeat of God and the destruction of His heavenly kingdom.

The perfect storm:

1. **Satan** who has been given power and authority.
2. **The Antichrist** who with his military and political skill has conquered the world and set himself up to be worshiped as God.
3. **The False Prophet**, who through his deceptive gentle, harmless personality, and his deceptive ability to produce signs, wonders and miracles, is there as the Antichrist's right hand man to persuade and convince the world to worship the Antichrist.
4. **The condition of the world:**
 - A world that is desperate for a deliverer, a savior, someone with extraordinary powers. One who is able to stop the suffering, the pain, the torment that is being inflicted upon them.
 - A world that wants to be convinced that, apart from God, there is one who is sovereign, who has authority, who has the power over death.
 - A world that is ripe to crown such a one as the ruler of the world and who is due all of our adoration and worship.



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- From all these demons come more deceiving spirits, more liars, more false prophets.
- And the grand master of them all will be the False Prophet.

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Authority and power given during the Tribulation:

Rev 6:3,4,7,8

3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.”
4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.”

8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Rev 9:3

3 Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them,

Rev 11:3

3 “And I will grant authority to my two witnesses,

Rev 13:2,4,5,7

2 And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast;

5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

“He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence.”

- The Antichrist and the False Prophet are equal in their authority.
- The False Prophet will command with his words, will deceive with his miraculous signs, and draw people to himself with his magnetic personality and will accomplish as much, perhaps more than what the Antichrist accomplished through military might and political savvy.
- To “exercise all authority in his presence” confirms that there is no competition, only approval.

“And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.”

- Notice: the False Prophet makes/causes the world to worship the Antichrist.
- The False Prophet will accomplish his goal – worldwide worship of the Antichrist aided by the fact that the Antichrist was brought back to life.

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Definitions of true signs, wonders, and miracles.

- A sign is something that points beyond itself to the reality of the mighty hand of God in operation.
- A wonder is an event which, because of its supernatural character, excites awe and amazement on the part of the beholder.
- A miracle (or literally power) emphasizes the dynamic character of the event, with particular regard to its outcome or effect.

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Heb 2:3-4

- 3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,
- 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

2 Thess 2:8-12

- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.
- 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,
- 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

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4. Signs, wonders, and miracles were never performed randomly and without significance. Instead they were performed to cause men to respond to the truth **confirmed** by the sign, to face men with a decision.

Signs, Wonders, and Miracles in the N.T.

Acts 2:22, 43

22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst,

43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

Acts 4:30

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Acts 5:12

12 At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people;

Acts 6:8

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 7:36-37

36 "This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.

Acts 14:3

3 Therefore they spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.

Acts 15:12

12 All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Rom 15:18-19

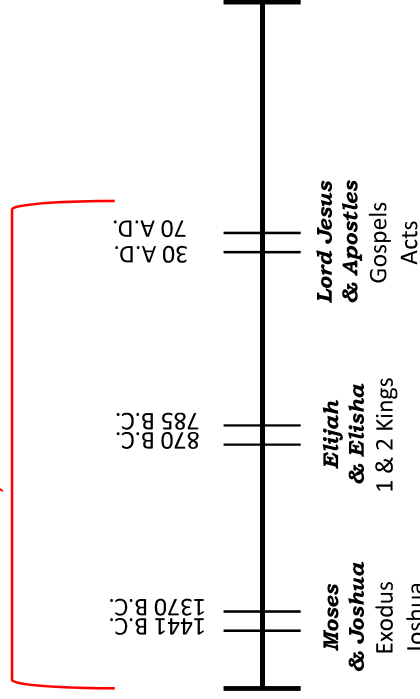
18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

2 Cor 12:12

12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

4,000 Years



I. Moses and Joshua--the time of the giving of the Law.

- The burning bush
- Staff became serpent
- Hand became leprous
- Water from Nile became blood
- The ten plagues of Egypt
- The parting of the Red Sea
- The crossing of the Jordan
- The fall of Jericho
- The battle of Gibeon

Miracles in the Life of Elijah:

- Causing the rain the cease for 3 1/2 years (1Ki 17:1)
- Being fed by the ravens (1Ki 17:4)
- Miracle of the barrel of meal and jar of oil (1Ki 17:14)
- Resurrection of the widow's son (1Ki 17:22)
- Calling of fire from heaven on the altar (1Ki 18:38)
- Causing it to rain (1Ki 18:45)
- Prophecy that Ahab's sons would all be destroyed (1Ki 21:22)
- Prophecy that Jezebel would be eaten by dogs (1Ki 21:23)
- Prophecy that Ahaziah would die of his illness (2Ki 1:4)
- Calling fire from heaven upon the first 50 soldiers (2Ki 1:10)
- Calling fire from heaven upon the second 50 soldiers (2Ki 1:12)
- Parting of the Jordan (2Ki 2:8)
- Prophecy that Elisha should have a double portion of his spirit (2Ki 2:10)
- Being caught up to heaven in a whirlwind (2Ki 2:11)

II. Elijiah and Elisha--introduced the prophetic office, the prophetic age, and all of the Books of Major Prophets & Minor Prophets.

Miracles in the Life of Elisha:

- Parting of the Jordan (2Ki 2:14)
- Healing of the waters (2Ki 2:21)
- Curse of the she bears (2Ki 2:24)
- Filling of the valley with water (2Ki 3:17)
- Deception of the Moabites with the valley of blood (2Ki 3:22)
- Miracle of the vessels of oil (2Ki 4:4)
- Prophecy that the Shunammite woman would have a son (2Ki 4:16)
- Resurrection of the Shunammite's son (2Ki 4:34)
- Healing of the gourds (2Ki 4:41)
- Miracle of the bread (2Ki 4:43)
- Healing of Naaman (2Ki 5:14)
- Perception of Gehazi's transgression (2Ki 5:26)
- Cursing Gehazi with leprosy (2Ki 5:27)
- Floating of the axe head (2Ki 6:6)
- Prophecy of the Syrian battle plans (2Ki 6:9)
- Vision of the chariots (2Ki 6:17)
- Smiting the Syrian army with blindness (2Ki 6:18)
- Restoring the sight of the Syrian army (2Ki 6:20)
- Prophecy of the end of the great famine (2Ki 7:1)
- Prophecy that the scoffing nobleman would see, but not partake of, the abundance (2Ki 7:2)
- Deception of the Syrians with the sound of chariots (2Ki 7:6)
- Prophecy of the seven-year famine (2Ki 8:1)
- Prophecy of Benhadad's untimely death (2Ki 8:10)
- Prophecy of Hazael's cruelty to Israel (2Ki 8:12)
- Prophecy that Jehu would smite the house of Ahab (2Ki 9:7)
- Prophecy that Joash would smite the Syrians at Aphek (2Ki 13:17)
- Prophecy that Joash would smite Syria thrice but not consume it (2Ki 13:19)
- Resurrection of the man touched by his bones (2Ki 13:21)

III. Christ and the Apostles - which introduced the era of the New Testament revelation. Between 36 A.D. and 95 A.D., all 27 books of the New Testament were written

Christ –

- Changing water into wine (John 2:1-11)
- Healing of the royal official's son (John 4:46-54)
- Healing of a man possessed by a demon in Capernaum (Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:33-37)
- Healing of Simon Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39)
- Healing the sick during the evening (Matt 8:16, Mark 1:32, Luke 4:40)
- Catching a large number of fish (Luke 5:3-10)
- Healing a leper (Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-15)
- Healing a centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10)
- Healing a paralyzed man (Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:18-26)
- Healing a withered hand (Matthew 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-10)
- Raising a widow's son (Luke 7:11-17)
- Calming the stormy sea (Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25)
- Healing the Gerasene demon-possessed man (Matthew 8:28-32, Mark 5:1-13, Luke 8:26-33)

- Healing a woman with internal bleeding (Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:43-48)
- Raising Jairus' daughter (Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25; Mark 5:22-24, Luke 8:41-42, 49-56)
- Healing two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31)
- Healing a mute man possessed by a demon (Matthew 9:32-33)
- Healing a man who was crippled for 38 years (John 5:1-17)
- Feeding 5000 men and their families (Matthew 14:16-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:5-14)
- Jesus walks on water (Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:16-21)
- Healing of many in Gennesaret (Matthew 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56)
- Healing a demon-possessed girl (Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30)
- Healing a deaf man with a speech impediment (Mark 7:31-37)
- Feeding the 4000 men and their families (Matthew 15:29-39, Mark 8:1-10)

Apostles –

- Peter walked on water (Matthew 14:28-31).
- Believers spoke in Hebrew dialects (Acts 2:4).
- Many signs and wonders performed (Acts 2:43; 5:12).
- Peter & John healed the lame man (Acts 3:1-11; 3:16).
- Peter's shadow fell on the sick, healing them (Acts 5:15-16).
- Stephen performed amazing miracles and signs (Acts 6:8).
- Philip cast out demons and healed the lame (Acts 8:7; 8:13).
- Peter & John laid hands on believers who then received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17).
- Peter heals lame Aeneas in Lydda (Acts 9:32-35).
- Peter raised Tabitha, aka Dorcas, from the dead (Acts 9:36-3).
- Paul cursed and blinded the blasphemous Elymas the sorcerer (Acts 13:11-12).
- Paul & Barnabas performed signs and wonders in Iconium (Acts 14:3).
- Paul & Barnabas healed the crippled man who had faith (Acts 14:8-10).
- Paul & Silas cast a demon out of a fortune telling slave girl (Acts 16:16-18).
- Paul given extreme power for many unusual miracles. People touched him with aprons and handkerchiefs and laid the cloths on the sick and demon-possessed, who were then healed (Acts 19:11-12).
- Paul raised Eutychus from the dead after a terrible accident (Acts 20:9-12).
- Paul unharmed by poisonous snake bite in Malta (Acts 28:3-6).
- Paul healed Publius' father of fever and dysentery (Acts 28:7-8).
- Paul healed all sick people on the island of Malta (Acts 28:9-10).

Signs, Wonders, Miracles

	<u>Signs (shmeion)</u>	<u>Wonders (teras)</u>	<u>Miracles (dunamis)</u>
Acts 1-8	9	7	2
Acts 9 – 19	2	2	1
Acts 20 – 28	0	0	0

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Fire is often referred to as a supernatural manifestation –

Gen 19:24

24 Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven,

Lev 10:1-3

10 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. 2 And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.

2 Kings 1:10

10 Elijah replied to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

Luke 9:54

54 When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

Rev 11:5

5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies;

Signs produced by Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet:

1. These *signs* will not be trickery, sleight of hand, pyrotechnics or magic. They will be bonafide miracles designed to **confirm** the Antichrist's doctrines and lead the earth's inhabitants to ruin. They will be so convincing that they will almost deceive the elect!

Matt 24:24

24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

2. While Satan is limited in what he can do and only what God permits, God will add to his capabilities and his agents (Antichrist and False Prophet) in an unprecedented and greatly expanded manner.

Rev 16:13-14

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

3. They can be used for financial gain.

Acts 8:9-13, 18-20

9 Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great;

10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of God."

11 And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

13 Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

4 Problems with Signs -

1. They can become a substitute for faith.

John 4:46

48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe."

Rom 10:17

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

2. They can become a substitute for the gospel.

1 Cor 1:22-23

22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom;

23 but we preach Christ crucified,

4. They are unreliable indicators of a work of God.

Ex 7:8-12

8 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Work a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'"

10 So Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and thus they did just as the Lord had commanded; and Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers, and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same with their secret arts.

12 For each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Matt 7:22-23

22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Deut 13:1-5

- 1 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,
2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,'
3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
4 "You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.
5 "But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the Lord your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

3 actions of the Antichrist at the midpoint of the Tribulation:

1. Stops Israel from sacrificing in the Tribulation Temple. (Dan 9:27).
2. Declares himself to be God. (2 Thess. 2:3-4)
3. Sets up a statue to remain in the Tribulation Temple. (Rev. 3:14)

Rev 13:11-14

- 11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.
12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.
13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.
14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Ex 20:4-5

- 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.
5 You shall not worship them or serve them;

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"History is more astonishing than fiction. Somehow, there is a weakness in humanity. I must have some kind of a visual representation in order to help me to worship. It was true back there in ancient Israel, when Aaron made those golden calves. It has been true in the development of the story of the people of God ever since. There is a bewitchery about idolatry that is indescribable. There is a fascination about images, about idols, about representations that is almost unbelievable. And God says it is the bane and the abomination and the scourge of the earth, idolatry, the representation that helps you worship."

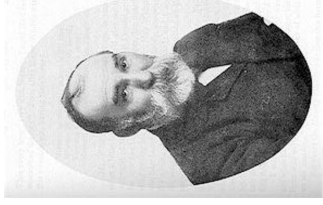
- W.A. Criswell



DANIEL WEBSTER WHITTLE
1840-1901

Daniel Webster Whittle was born in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts on November 22, 1840. He was named after the great American politician Daniel Webster who was greatly admired by Whittle's father. Little is known of his childhood. His father had heard Daniel Webster, the great statesman, make a stirring speech. Daniel Webster in this speech said "It is my living sentiment, and by the blessing of God it shall be my dying sentiment --- independence now and independence forever!"

This would later inspire his parents to name him after Daniel Webster in hopes that he would become a great leader in the fight for freedom as well. His mother is said to have been a godly woman who instilled in him and his three brothers strong Christian principles.



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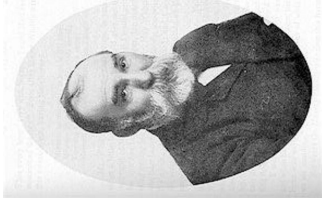
Whittle reached the rank of major in the American civil war, and for the rest of his life was known as Major Whittle. During the war, Whittle lost his right arm, and ended up in a prisoner of war camp. Recovering from his wounds in the hospital, he looked for something to read, and found a New Testament. Though its words resonated with him, he was still not ready to accept Christ. Shortly after, a hospital orderly woke him and said a dying prisoner wanted someone to pray with him. Whittle refused, but the orderly said, But I thought you were a Christian; I have seen you reading your Bible. Whittle then agreed to go. He recorded what took place at the dying youth's bed side:



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"I dropped on my knees and held the boy's hand in mine. In a few broken words I confessed my sins and asked Christ to forgive me. I believed right there that He did forgive me. I then prayed earnestly for the boy. He became quiet and pressed my hand as I prayed and pleaded God's promises. When I arose from my knees, he was dead. A look of peace had come over his troubled face, and I cannot but believe that God who used him to bring me to the Savior, used me to lead him to trust Christ's precious blood and find pardon. I hope to meet him in heaven.

After the war, Whittle became treasurer of the Elgin Watch Company in Chicago, Illinois. Ten years later at the encouragement of his close friend D.L. Moody he would enter into evangelism. Some of his first songs were set to music by Phillip Bliss. Whittle attended and participated in the memorial service for Phillip Bliss.



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This beloved hymn written by Major Daniel Webster Whittle, the exact date of his composition is not known, was originally published in 1883 in Gospel Hymns No. 4. It is one of about two hundred hymns composed by Major Whittle as he was known. It is one of his most well known hymns, one other popular hymn that he wrote is "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing".

The refrain of this hymn that we are looking at this evening is a direct quotation from the King James Bible in II Timothy 1:12 "...for I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."
The name of the hymn is . . .

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

Refrain

Refrain
But I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day.

4. I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days,
Before His face I see.

Refrain

2. I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.
Refrain

5. I know not when my Lord may
come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I walk the vale with Him,
Or meet Him in the air.
Refrain