

The Final False Prophet, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Revelation 13:11-18.
- B. The most dominant feature of Satan is deception.
- C. The second beast witnesses to the Antichrist.
- D. He appears like a lamb but his words sound like the Devil.
- E. He performs great signs with his authority.
- F. Satan always wants to lead away. (2 Thessalonians 2:10)

II. The false prophet's program.

- A. The idol speaks contrary to expectation. The false prophet gives him this power. (Psalm 139)
- B. Believers will be executed for faith in Christ.
- C. Jews will be spared from execution.
- D. The mark of the beast separates those who worship the beast from those who worship God. (2 Thessalonians 2)
 - 1. Slaves and soldiers were branded. (Galatians 6)
 - 2. We are marked today by credit cards.
 - 3. The number of the beast is connected to that of a man and it is 666.
 - 4. The Antichrist's name may add up to 666. We know that it isn't Nero or Hitler because the Antichrist has not come.
 - 5. 666 is short of the perfect number 7.

VI. The false prophet's punishment.

- A. The false prophet and those with the mark are destined to destruction.
- B. We have to be faithful to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ while it is still possible.

Application Questions:

1. How is the first beast distinguished from the second?

2. What is the mark of the beast? What should we expect?

3. How should believers respond in light of the coming of the false prophet? Explain.
