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Episode 50 - Revelation 13 - The Beast

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To get the most out of this podcast, we should revisit the podcasts given in January of 2024 concerning Revelation 17. The beast described in Revelation 17 is the same beast found in Revelation 13. The head of the beast described in chapter 13 is Catholicism.

Modified Transcript:

Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to KJV for verbatim wording.

This is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries continuing the Revelation podcast. Today, we're in Revelation, chapter 13, and I was going to begin with verse 3. Last week, I talked about the lion, the bear, and the leopard, which is Revelation 13:2, but for me to continue into verse 3, there has to be a more detailed explanation of verse 1, the beast with seven heads and ten horns. I'm not going to give a complete explanation of verse 1 because I did that in January. I believe it was at the end of January when I recorded two studies on Revelation 17, Part 1 and Part 2.

Revelation 17 is a depiction of the same beast we're seeing in Revelation 13. So, instead of reviewing that material, I will point you back to January 2024. You can review those

podcasts, and you'll have a much better understanding of this episode because I'm beginning in Revelation 13:3. We're talking about Catholicism; one of the heads of this beast is Catholicism. He says in verse 3, Revelation 13:3,

Rev 13:3 I saw one of the heads wounded to death. The deadly wound was healed, and all the world wondered after the beast.

I can include in this Napoleon and Napoleon's generals who arrested the pope and took him off the throne. That is true. But it's also true that the Protestant Reformation wounded the papacy. In Revelation 13:14, it says he was wounded with a sword. Well, that sword would be the scriptures, and the Protestant Reformation did wound the papacy with the truth of the scriptures.

But we know that the Protestant Reformation, even though they came out of Catholicism, retained Catholicism in their heart because they still believed Jesus died to pay a sin penalty. They still believed in the Trinity; they still believed Jesus did not come in the flesh, in a fleshly understanding. There are a variety of ways the Protestant Reformation retained Catholicism. That is why in Revelation 13:3, Catholicism is wounded, but the wound is healed; and "*all the world wondered after Catholicism,*" after this head. If you look at chapter 17, verse 11,

Rev 17:11 The beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, who is of the seventh...

That's Catholicism- Catholicism was the sixth head. It was wounded, but it came back. When it comes back, it is more united with Protestantism. They teach basically the same things- one just doesn't have a pope. That sixth head is wounded, but it comes back as the eighth. Well, that is exactly what you're seeing in Revelation 13. One of the heads is wounded, but the wound is healed, and all the world wonders after the beast because they all base their faith on the angry God. It's the wine of the wrath- the doctrine of God's wrath- joining hands with the Trinity God, and you've got Trinity Jesus. So, they continue to worship Catholicism without realizing what they're doing. The Trinity is the main doctrine of Catholicism. So, looking at Revelation 13:3 and recognizing this is Catholicism being healed, verse 4,

Rev 13:4 They worshiped the dragon, (which we know is Satan, Revelation 12:9) ...

The dragon is the serpent; it's the devil and Satan. So, they worship the dragon. Well, if the dragon is the serpent, that goes back to Genesis, chapter 3- it's the whisperer. It's the author of iniquity.

Rev 13:4 So they worshiped the dragon (or their own iniquity), gave authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast. They said, Who's like the beast? Who's able to make war with him? (And you could say who's able to make war with the papacy itself.)

Rev 13:5 There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemy; and authority was given unto him to continue forty-two months (which is six times seven or until iniquity or sin is perfected).

Rev 13:6 He opened his mouth in blasphemy against God. He blasphemed God's name.

God's name, his character- God's name is love; God is love. Love does not make a record of sin, but they deny that. They will blaspheme the character of God. They blaspheme his tabernacle. In Revelation 21:2-3, the Tabernacle of God is New Jerusalem. That's the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit carries God. It carries the understanding of God. It's the tabernacle of God.

Rev 13:6 They blaspheme the name of God, the Holy Spirit, and those who dwell in the heavens- the people who are learning heavenly truth.

Remember, in Daniel 7, the lion's wings are plucked. He cannot fly into the heavens. The bear is told to devour flesh. The leopard has an earthly head (four heads), which is the whisperer. All of this ties in perfectly with all of the prophecies.

Rev 13:8 All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb, which was slain from the foundation of the world.

For him to be slain from the foundation of the world is simply stating it was God's plan from the foundation of the world that Christ would die to redeem us from iniquity.

Rev 13:9 If any man has an ear, let him hear.

Now, when he makes that statement, "*If any man has an ear, let him hear,*" is he talking about what he just said, or is he talking about what he's getting ready to say? *If any man has an ear, let him hear*- I say that because, in Revelation 2 and 3, we see both happening. If you look at Revelation 2:7,

Rev 2:7 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches. Then he says, To him that overcomes, I'll give to eat of the tree of life... (Well, look at Smyrna, the next church, in verse 11.)

Rev 2:11 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches; He that overcomes shall not be hurt of the second death. (Pergamos, verse 17.)

Rev 2:17 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna... (But notice when you come to Thyatira, that changes. Revelation 2:26.)

Rev 2:26 He that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the nations. (Last verse, 29.)

Rev 2:29 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.

See, there is a change. Three churches: "*He that has an ear,*" then "*He that overcomes.*" But from Thyatira through Laodicea, it's exactly the opposite. So, when I come to Revelation 13:9, "*If any man has an ear, let him hear*" what? What was just said, or what is getting ready to be said? Well, I'm going to say if any man has an ear, let him hear what is spoken in the next verse, Revelation 13:10.

Rev 13:10 He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity...

Let me just simplify that. The blind lead the blind. If somebody leads you into the captivity of iniquity, it's because they are captive to it themselves. He isn't talking about somebody arresting you and putting you in jail type of captivity. He's talking about being a servant to sin. The person who leads you into the captivity of iniquity, they are captive themselves. The person who is killing you using the Bible must be killed with the Bible themselves.

Now, think about that. If somebody is using the Bible to bring you into the bondage of iniquity, it's because they're in iniquity. And if you are going to come out of it, if you're going to help them at all, you're going to have to use the Bible to do it. Remember,

Christ made the statement in Matthew 11:12 that *"the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."* The truth of God's kingdom suffers violence. People reject it and attack it, and if you're going to retain it and enter into the kingdom yourself, you'll need to become violent to do that. If they are killing you with the sword, you'll need to use the sword to fight back.

You know, again, do we need to be encouraged to study our Bibles? Do we need to be told that God would have us understand the scriptures and be able to give every man an answer who asks us of the hope that we have (1Pe 3:15)? Well, *"If any man has an ear, let him hear"* the person leading you into captivity is captive to iniquity themselves. The person who is killing with the sword will have to be killed with the sword to stop it. Now, notice the end of Revelation 13:10.

Rev 13:10 ... Here is (in other words, in this) ... In this killing with the sword, you're going to see the patience and the faith of the saints.

Patience in helping other people see the truth, but the faith of the saints is what guides the sword of the saints. In their coming out of captivity, in their killing with the sword, this is where you're going to see their patience, and you're going to see the faith of the saints. There are a couple of verses that I want to put in right here. Proverbs 12, verse 9.

Pro 12:9 He that is despised, and has a servant, is better than he that honors himself, and lacks bread.

People will despise you for believing the truth and entering into the kingdom of God. But what does he mean, *"He that is despised, and has a servant,"* because the truths of God are the servants of God. You see this in Luke 17:7. The apostles are asking, *"Increase our faith,"* and Christ says,

Luk 17:7 Which of you, having a servant working in the field...

See that truth, the truth of God, for instance, John 3:16, Titus 2:14, those are the servants of God which work in your heart to bring forth healing and forgiveness. It's better to be despised and have a servant of truth than to honor your own understanding and lack bread. If you're honoring your own understanding, you will not understand *"Eat my flesh*

and drink my blood," this is the bread and the wine (Jhn 6:54-55). He says in Proverbs 29, verse 12,

Pro 29:12 If a ruler hearkens to lies, all of his servants are wicked.

So, if you begin with the foundation of the Trinity (the Trinity is part of your basic concepts), then your wings have been clipped, you're devouring much flesh, and Satan is your head- all of the truths you carry are only bringing darkness.

Matthew 6:23 But if your eye, the eye of your understanding, is evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If, therefore, the light (what you think to be of God that's in you) be darkness, how great is that darkness?

It's essential that we understand the Son of God is really the Son of God, and he died to redeem us from iniquity. If we're not in that place, when the healing of the wound happens to Catholicism ... and let's just make that personal- when you see the truth and you realize, hey, I am not a Catholic, but if that wound is ever healed, you find yourself wondering after Catholicism: The wine of God's wrath, Trinity, I could say Trinity Jesus, the immortality of the soul- the list just goes on and on. You'll find yourself wondering after the beast instead of becoming a king, coming out of it, and being free from it.

God would have us be free from all iniquity, walking in the light, not the darkness. We're at the end of the world, and I started this podcast to try to give people an understanding of Revelation so that they could see the state of the churches and so that they could understand scripturally what is going on in the universal church.

Now, it's my prayer that you would see it and that you would have the courage to turn around and walk away from it. It's better to be despised and have a servant than to walk according to your own opinion- you honor yourself and have no bread.

We need the truth, and we need to live the truth. The truth is essential, and you want your truth to be as sharp as any two-edged sword. You want your truth based on the scripture, and to be able to have the courage to live it.

Gracious Heavenly Father, help us. I pray that you're glorified in Jesus' name. Amen.