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Greetings, everyone. What is the Prophetic Beast, and why do evangelists ignore this subject? Usually it is ignored, or they'll just simply say that they don't understand it, and yet these are prophecies that are focused *right now* on this end time, so we all need to understand.

And God says in Hosea 4:6 that ignorance is no excuse, because He said His people were destroyed because of a lack of Bible knowledge.

And Jesus Christ said He was going to inflict His worst wrath on the people who receive the Mark of the Beast. They're going to receive the seven last plagues.

Now, there are four world-ruling beasts, and they're discussed in Daniel Chapters 2 and 7, and also Revelation 13 and 17. But Daniel saw these four beasts in a dream and in a vision. Now, the first one was like a lion, the second one was like a bear, and the third was like a leopard, but the *fourth* one was unlike any beast on this earth. It was so dreadful and so terrible that there's not a beast on this earth, or an animal on this earth that you

can compare it to, and it embodied, really, the strength of the first three.

This fourth beast is rising on the world scene *right now*. I mean to tell you, it's out there where anybody can see it very, very clearly, and we all had better receive God's protection because it's going to radically change our lives. That's just simply the way it is, and it says that everyone in the Great Tribulation that refuses that Mark of the Beast is going to be killed. So why don't we hear more discussion of these prophecies? And there are so many of them and they're for this end time.

Well, notice Revelation 13: ¹**And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.** ²**And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**

So if we're going to know what the Mark of the Beast is, first we're going to have to know *who* the Beast is. Who is this Beast? Now, of course, these are all symbols, but again remember that Daniel

and John both talk about these first four beasts: the lion and the bear and the leopard, and mention that this fourth one is so great and dreadful that it's unlike any animal on this earth, so it is something that is so bad that God wants to get our attention. You can't compare it with any other animal on this earth, as you could the first three.

Notice Daniel 7: ¹⁵**I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.**

Now, this is something that should trouble us, too. It troubled Daniel and he just saw it in a vision, and we can see it in *reality* in this end time if we're really looking and observing, and letting God show us what's happening.

Verse ¹⁷**These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.**

So these four beasts are four kings. It's not so mysterious when you start studying it and letting the Bible interpret itself. These kings represent four kingdoms, so those four beasts are not four churches (as many people believe) or different churches, but they're four kingdoms, and those words 'king' and 'kingdom' are just used interchangeably.

But let's read verse 18 of this chapter. ¹⁸**But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.**

Now, I mean this is *awesome news* that the saints, that is, those chosen who work with Christ before He returns to this earth, God says, "I'm going to give

that kingdom of the whole world to those saints, and they're going to rule it forever and ever."

Now, if you stop and think about this stupendous reward, you can understand why God tries and tests those that He calls in this age, because He's going to give them so much. He's going to give them the *whole world* to rule, if we can fathom that. Now, that ought to excite us today.

But again, see, this is about four Gentile kings and four kingdoms. Daniel says that Nebuchadnezzar was the first one, the head of a great image, but he's talking also about the four world-ruling kingdoms. Nebuchadnezzar was that first king of the Chaldean Empire. Then came the Medo-Persian Empire, the Greco-Macedonian Empire, and then the Roman Empire, and this is all supported by history books. I mean it's right there in your history books, and yet Daniel prophesied certainly the last three of those beasts, and God used them to even reveal what the first one was to Nebuchadnezzar. We have to understand this because it's going to happen right in the end time before Christ returns, and Jesus Christ is going to come back and *smash* this world-ruling empire that is so evil and so destructive to human life on this earth, this final beast.

See, Daniel lived in the time of that first beast, and then it talked about all of these world-ruling empires and yet—why is it? Think about this for a moment. Why is it—with all of these prophecies and so much emphasis on this end-time—why is it religious leaders don't *discuss this more*? I can tell you, we *are* going to discuss what is in your Bible, and certainly what is for

this end time. We feel that is our commission; that is what God says we *must* do if we're going to represent Him. But why don't we hear more about it?

And you should remember that Daniel is an end-time book. Daniel 12, verse 4 and verse 9 tell us that, and if we don't get this message of Daniel out in the end time, then he has lived in vain.

So God's people *have* to know, *have* to understand what is the Prophetic Beast or who is the Prophetic Beast. We have to *understand* that and *know* that, and understand what the *mark* is, and why God is so angry with people who give it and receive it. He certainly is very angry.

And I'll tell you, God promised that He would reveal every one of these prophecies to us and fulfill all of these promises, and He has done that without fail throughout history, and He's certainly doing it in this end time.

Let me read to you just a quote from this little booklet, *What or What is the Prophetic Beast?* Now, we'll offer that to you at the end of this program, but here is a quote from it, and that's by Herbert W. Armstrong, and it is a booklet that you really need to read and study if you're going to understand this subject. But here is the quote: '*And the FOURTH KINGDOM, which, developing from Rome, spread out and gradually absorbed one after another of these four divisions—"dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly," was the ROMAN EMPIRE (31 B.C. to A.D. 476).*

It had absorbed all the others, occupied all their territory, was greater and

stronger than all. It included all the royal splendor of ancient Babylon, thus having the head—the strongest part—of the lion. It had all the massiveness and numerically powerful army of the Persian Empire—symbolized by the legs, the most powerful part of the bear. It was the greatest war-making machine the world had ever seen, and it also possessed the swiftness, the cunning, the cruelty of Alexander's army, symbolized by the leopard.

And thus, this fourth beast was unlike any wild beast of the Earth. It was stronger, greater, more terrible, than any.

Daniel's fourth beast, the Roman Empire, had absorbed and therefore included the three beasts before it.'

So there's nothing like it.

Now, you will find that they actually worshipped the devil; they worshipped the 'dragon.' The Bible calls the devil a dragon, and our artists have drawn a dragon to show you, try to give you some picture of this beast that is so terrifying that there's no animal on this earth that you can even compare it to, and it's rising up right here in this end time, and God says we'd better be aware of this dreadful, dreadful beast, because it's so bad you can't describe it by any animal on this earth. It embodies the strength and the power of those first three beasts. In other words, it has all of that military power and physical strength of all three of the first three beasts.

How do you even describe it? It's hard to because you can't use an animal on this earth to liken it to, as you could the first three.

But this fourth beast was wounded unto death. Wounded unto death, but *then* out of that wound came ten horns that continues right down to the return of Jesus Christ.

Now, the last seven are ruled over, or ridden, by a woman, the Bible says, which is the symbol for a Church. In other words a great false Church *guides* that Beast power, the last seven heads, and we've already seen six of them, and John described every single one of them. I mean he prophesied about how they would look and what they would do, and you can find it in your history books, if you know very much about history. And John prophesied about the Mussolini/Hitler axis and all the evil that they would do in this end time, and if he prophesied all of those six heads, then you can be sure the seventh one is going to appear also, and it's *already* very much on the world scene, and anybody ought to be able to see it. Anybody.

Daniel prophesied of those last seven heads of the Roman Empire, as did John. And look, if he can tell you all about Hitler and Mussolini and all of these terrible things that came, then we know also that if *those* prophecies came to pass, then so does the *seventh one* have to come to pass. They *all* are going to come to pass, and we're going to be able to see it right before our eyes; I mean, it's so dreadful and so terrible, nobody can miss it. And, oh, how it is going to radically change the lives of multiple millions of people on this earth.

Notice Revelation 13: ¹⁷**And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.** ¹⁸**Here is wisdom. Let him that hath**

understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Now, this is very specific and it's very frightening and again I ask the question: why don't you hear more about it? Why? What is the problem?

Well, let me again quote from the little booklet on *Who or What is the Prophetic Beast?* Just a short quote. First of all, '1. *The beast has a number and may be identified, if we have wisdom, by this number.*

2. *The number is 666.*

3. *We are told to count this number—that is, add it up. The same Greek word is used elsewhere only in Luke 14:28...*'

Where it talks about 'counting the cost.'

So count the numbers, add them up.

'4. *This number, 666, is the number of the beast. The only Bible interpretation of this symbol, "beast," is a kingdom or the king who rules it and, therefore, really is the kingdom...*'

Daniel 7 tells you all about that.

'...*Therefore 666 must be the number of the KINGDOM, or GOVERNMENT, or EMPIRE, as well as that of the king who founds or rules it.*

5. *The expression "the name of the beast, or the number of his name" makes plain that the number 666 is the number of the name of the kingdom or empire.'*

And number 6, finally.

‘6. The expression “It is the number of a man” shows we must also count this number in the name of the king, or ruler, over the kingdom identified as the “beast.”’

Now, again, this is a somewhat involved subject, although it’s covered in this little booklet, but you need to get this little booklet to really understand it in detail and be able to study and *prove this* from your own Bible. I mean, these prophecies are coming alive in your own Bible, and they’re so terrible and wonderful that you can’t afford to not understand them. We all must understand.

Of course, the word “beast” is just a symbol for “kingdom,” as you can see as you go through this, and “king” and “kingdom” are used interchangeably, but it is talking about the Roman Empire.

Now here’s the amazing thing about this, and again, you can prove this. The name of the kingdom, also its founder and first king and each man in that kingdom, you can count to exactly 666. That is the name of the kingdom (it’ll add up to 666), the founder or the first king will add up to 666, and each man *in* that kingdom (what each man is called) adds up to 666.

Now, look, who understands this today? I don’t find understanding; I have to honestly tell you I do not, and people and evangelists don’t really discuss it. They almost ignore it, and yet how can we ignore this, and how can God’s very elect not understand it, if it’s all for this very end time that we’re living in right now? Today! Satan has labored for years and years throughout man’s history to deceive man, and oh, how he has

deceived them. And Revelation really does magnify that deceit, but also tells you the wonderful outcome, the good news at the end of all of this.

So it’s time to stop ignoring this *extremely dangerous* part of these prophecies. Though the outcome is good, it could be a lot better, and we could have peace a lot sooner if men would heed this message and *listen* to what God says, and just *believe* God, *believe* His Word. Not believe *in* God, but *believe Him, believe what He said*. This is, after all, His Word, and Christ said we ought to live by every Word of God, and you can prove this certainly is His Word.

Notice Revelation 13: **4And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?**

They *worshipped*. I mean this political organization and this religious organization (church and state together) actually *worshipped* the dragon, or the DEVIL! You can see why it’s so ferocious and *fierce* like no other animal on this earth. You can see why, and I’ll tell you, this is so powerful that it’s going to make WAR, and it gets so powerful that the people that are a part of it that see this monstrous war machine and think that NO NATION or groups of nations can make war with this kingdom or this beast or this power. They think no power on earth would DARE make war with this monstrous machine.

Now, can you imagine not understanding that in the end time? Can we imagine not really grasping what God is telling us in

this very end time? And do we see how vital it is that we understand?

And again, why don't we hear more about it? Why?

Well, I'll tell you, it gets even worse. Notice verse ¹¹**And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.**

He had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. Now, you see, he looks like a lamb; on the surface it looks like a church following Christ, *on the surface*. But you'd better look a little closer; you'd better look closer because it speaks like the dragon, because it *worships* the dragon, and it has the *message* of the dragon. And oh, how deceived this world is, how very, very deceived they are.

You see, again, how can people be so deceived? How can you be so deceived that you think you're following God, and you're worshipping the devil? And that's what your Bible says, and maybe some people don't like to hear it, but are we ashamed of Christ? Are we afraid to hear Christ's message, what He has to tell us?

And I'll tell you, this church *guides* that beast; you can see the last seven heads are *guided* by this beast. And if you look at verse 7 you can see that all of God's lukewarm people, His own Church, His own lukewarm, rebellious people, are going to be *killed* by this monster, every single one of them as they worship the dragon, thinking they're worshipping God, and actually kill the very people of God, though lukewarm.

And in verses 13 and 14 talks about all kinds of miracles that are going to occur. I mean this beast is going to perform *miracles*, and these two leaders are going to—certainly the religious leader—is going to perform miracles, and people are going to believe it's of God, and it isn't going to be of God. Now, they're going to be miracles that have a lot of deceit in them, but nevertheless God labels them as miracles.

Notice verse 15 and 16. ¹⁵**And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.** ¹⁶**And he causeth all...**

This religious leader in this church.

...causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

And see the church *causes* all this, and it causes the people to receive a *mark*. Now, that 'mark' is—again, you need this little booklet to explain that to you. ***Who or What is the Prophetic Beast?*** You really need that because it will show you that this 'mark' revolves around the day you worship God. It involves the Ten Commandments, because, well, it *is* one of the Ten Commandments, as far as God's day. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy." It *is* part of the Ten Commandments, and James says, "Look, if you break one of the Ten Commandments, you break them all."

So it is about the Ten Commandments.

But you need to think about this because in the Middle Ages, I'm telling you, that beast destroyed some 50 million people. That's in the Middle Ages! And God says well, that time and the destruction there is going to be, well, just a picnic compared to what's coming. It's going to be worse; it is going to be worse than anything we've ever seen on this earth.

And it's coming in this very end time, the time that we're living in *right now*. Now, that's something that we need to give a lot of thought to and frankly, a lot of prayer because this is so important to your life. What could really be more important? All these people that end up getting killed or hurt or whatever, do so because they don't have God's protection. They don't *believe* God, and those people who *do* believe God, God says He's going to protect from all of this, that they're not going to have to worry, about that little remnant that the Bible talks about so often, the little remnant that God says He will protect if they will come out of this world, come out of Babylon, come out of this world and keep the Commandments of God, and keep God's Sabbath, and keep God's way of life, that it brings such joy and peace and happiness, along with some trials, too. But we need those trials to help us to build the character to *qualify* to rule this world kingdom that's coming with Jesus Christ.

Now, that's what God is going to give you to do if you let Him choose you, and obey Him in this age. That is what is going to happen in your life. This is good news. It's the greatest event ever to occur in the *universe*, the return of Jesus Christ to this earth, and He's going to smash that beast, totally smash it, and

bring peace and joy to the earth and to the universe *forever*.

Until next week, this is Gerald Flurry. Goodbye, friends.

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