Today's Theme

"The Anti-Christ Arrives"

Series Title

"The Future - From Jesus"

Part 29 April 23, 2023

- 1. Anti-Christ is introduced to the world.
- (1) The dragon (Satan) stood on the beach. Rev 13:1 The dragon stood on the shore of the sea.
- **(2) The dragon** *called* **for the beast** (Anti-Christ). Rev 13:1 . . And I saw a beast coming out of the sea.
- (3) Who is this *beast* that Satan *employed*? Rev 13:1 It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.
- (4) A-C was intimidating & powerful?
 Rev 13:2 The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion.
 - 1.The beast was leopard like.
 - 2. His feet looked like a bear.
 - 3. His mouth was like a lion.
- **(5) His** *authority* & *power* came from Satan. Rev 13:2 . . . The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.
- 2. A-C faces a fake death & resurrection.
- (1) A-C apparently experiences a fatal wound. Rev 13:3 One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, . . .
- (2) The fatal wound is *healed* miraculously. Rev 13:3 but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast.

(3) Unbelievers are amazed by & worship evil. Rev 13:4 People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

3. A-C was arrogant & hated God.

- (1) Thought *highly* of himself & had *limited* power. Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months.
- (2) A-C openly preached against God & His ways. Rev 13:6 It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

4. A-C stood against those who believed.

- (1) AC pursued war against God's children.
 Rev 13:7 It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.
- (2) A-C is worshiped by unbelievers on earth. Rev 13:8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.
- (3) Continue following Jesus as you face trauma. Rev 13:9 Whoever has ears, let them hear. 10 "If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity they will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword they will be killed." This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.