

End Time Events Series
7 – Just Like Momma!
Bible Sermon Notes
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Matthew 24:7

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

[Slide] Coronavirus pandemic 'will cause famine of biblical proportions' , The Guardian, Flonia Harvey, April 21, 2020

“More than 30 countries in the developing world could experience widespread famine, and in 10 of those countries there are already more than 1 million people on the brink of starvation, said David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Programme.

“We are not talking about people going to bed hungry,” he told the Guardian in an interview. “We are talking about extreme conditions, emergency status – people literally marching to the brink of starvation. If we don’t get food to people, people will die.”

[Slide] Gigantic new locust swarms hit East Africa, Haley Gilliland, National Geographic, May 12, 2020

“These...swarms...are terrifying,” Albert Lemasulani narrated breathlessly as he recorded a video of himself swatting his way through a crush of desert locusts in northern Kenya this April. The insects, more than two inches long, whirred around him in thick clouds, their wings snapping like ten thousand card decks being shuffled in unison. He groaned: “They are in the millions. Everywhere...eating...it really is a nightmare.”

Swarms can swell to 70 billion insects—enough to blanket New York City more than once—and can destroy 300 million pounds of crops in a single day. Even a more modest gathering of 40 million desert locusts can eat as much in a day as 35,000”

[Slide] 6.5 magnitude earthquake strikes Nevada, shaking felt hundreds of miles away, Mark Puleo, AccuWeather, May 15 2020

“An early Friday morning earthquake near Tonopah, Nevada, was strong enough to be felt over 300 miles away in areas such as Bakersfield, California. The 6.5 magnitude quake struck at 4:03 a.m., PDT, according to the U.S. Geological Survey and had a depth of 2.5 miles.”

Other prophetic news

[Slide] Trump Mobilizing U.S. Military to Deliver Coronavirus Vaccine, Reuters, May 14, 2020

"You know it's a massive job to give this vaccine," Trump said in an interview broadcast Thursday on Fox Business Network. **"Our military is now being mobilized so at the end of the year, we're going to be able to give it to a lot of people very, very rapidly."**

Review

Revelation 13:12 reveals that the U.S. exercises all the power of the beast to cause the world to worship the beast.

Revelation 13:13 reveals that the U.S. government will do "great wonders" even to make fire come down from heaven. Verse 14 reveals that these wonders are used to deceive the world to worship the beast.

The end of verse 14 reveals that the United States "should make an image to the beast," Papal Rome.

Revelation 13:14

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

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"Image" (Greek) = "eikōn": means a "likeness, statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance." - Strong's Greek Dictionary.

It is clear from the definition that the image of the beast is one who is in the likeness or resembles Papal Rome. In other words, the image of the beast mirrors the beast with some of the same characteristics of the beast, but it is not the original. The image of the beast is just like their Mama, Papal Rome.

Remember, Revelation 17:5 reveals that Papal Rome, the mother of harlots has daughters. Her daughters, who are apostate Christian churches, who like their Mama fall away from the truth of God's Word.

The image to the beast are last day apostate Christians who like Papal Rome fall away from the truth of God's word.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

1 This know also, that in the **last days** perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof**: from such turn away.

1 Timothy 4:1

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

The image to the beast, apostate churches, will become a depository of lies and an agent of the Devil that will be used to deceive millions of people!

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with **all deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because **they received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth**, but had **pleasure in unrighteousness**.

When there is NO distinction between the church and the world, the end time churches regardless of denomination will eventually become an image of the papacy, the beast.

Government Influence and political power

Like Papal Rome, the image of the beast uses its “religious authority” or church beliefs to influence multitudes of people and governments. They gain significant political power as they convince the government to politically and financially support their church institutions.

“When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of “heresy.” In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.” Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 444

During the Trump Administration the Christian evangelicals have gained power and influence in the White House. One of Trump’s spiritual advisors is Paula White a televangelist.

The office of faith based initiatives have been established in the current White House. As we mentioned in the last sermon. Churches can now apply for federal funding. There is a proposal to aid some of the pastors with a salary because of COVID-19.

Remember history, Papal Rome was aided by the Constantine the Emperor of Pagan Rome with money that gave them more power and influence overtime.

Many churches have joined in the human brotherhood with the beast. Many who are a part of this will become an image of the beast.

Over the last few years Pope Francis has been able to bring all major religions together.

[Slides] Pope joins interreligious prayer, begging God to end pandemic, Cindy Wooden, Crux News, May 14, 2020

“During his early morning Mass, Pope Francis joined leaders of every religion marking May 14 as a day of prayer, fasting and acts of charity to ask God to stop the coronavirus pandemic.”

The image to the beast who have united themselves in brotherhood with the beast have compromised God’s truth and become a part of her apostasy! Churches who use to protest against Papal Rome have joined in the “human fraternity”.

The modern last day churches has unified themselves to the sinful lusts of worldliness in which they try to cover with a form of godliness, **Most major denominations have left the simplicity and holiness of the true gospel and now teach a false gospel that embraces the commandments of men, but rejects the commandments of God. They teach a false Christ that is a reflection of their sinful human flesh that has no power to overcome sin.**

Don’t forget, who gives the evangelicals political power? The United States, the lamb like beast.

Not only will the U.S. make an image of the beast through deceptive signs and wonders, but it will eventually legislate and enforce a death penalty for those who refuse to worship the image of the beast.

Revelation 13:15

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.

Remember, America “speaks” through its laws and “causes” through the enforcement of those laws using the police, military, and other law enforcement. In the last days a great number of people will worship the image of the beast because they don’t want to be killed. On the other hand, many of God’s faithful who refuse to bow down to the image of the beast will be.

What else will the United States cause after it makes an image of the beast?

Revelation 13:16-17

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

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.

The United States will place economic sanctions on all the people of God who refuse to bow down and worship the image of the beast. Without the “mark” they will not be able to buy or sell!

Whose “mark” is it that the USA is forcing all people to get? The following verse make it clear.

Revelation 14:9

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand.

Revelation 19:20

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The “mark” that Revelation 13:16, 17 is referring to is the “mark of the beast.” This is a “mark” that is created and established by the beast, Papal Rome.

We will look at the mark of the beast at a later study.

Whose image do you reflect, Christ's or Satan's?

You were made in the image of God to reflect the character of God. Sin and disobedience has marred and corrupted that image. Sin has made us into the image of Satan, but Jesus came to this world to restore us back to His original image. The more we partake the Word of Jesus, the more we become like Him. If anyone partake in the worldly evil nature of Satan they will be lost from eternal life and the everlasting kingdom.

The time is very clo. Are you ready and prepared? Let us worship Jesus Christ. Amen. Let us reflect His character.