

Signs of the End of the Age The Systems of the Beast, Part 1

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Satan gives his power, his throne, to the beast. (Inserted – actual verse—“**The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.**” – **Revelation 13:2**) That means that it exists for his benefit and to further his aims and his goals. What is this beast? **Daniel** tells us that this great beast—seven heads and ten horns—that will arise from the earth is a kingdom, like its evil predecessors: predatory in nature, devouring those under its rule. (Inserted – actual verse—“**‘The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth.’**” – **Daniel 7:17**) It has all of the characteristics of the spirit behind it and the same spirit has been behind these other kingdoms actually since the dawn of time—since man began to formulate ways to reduce other men to being subject to their rule.

These kingdoms are predatory in nature; they rob people of liberties, freedom of peace. They enslave people to thoughts and ideas that demean and humiliate the human being, and eventually humans under the rule of these kingdoms become no better than beasts of burden—people whose primary goal is to survive—and that is what the enemy hopes for because he understood a long time ago that apart from every other consideration, the human being will attempt to provide for his needs and defend himself. He learned that in the Garden... that’s further down the line of our discussion. We will pursue that at the appropriate time.

It says simply that Satan gives his throne, his power and great authority to the beast. The beast becomes his instrument, by which he acts, and so the one who rises to speak for the beast is his spokesman. Here you cannot miss the irony: Just as readily as God the Father lived through and spoke through the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, so Satan has his person through whom he will speak. The power of God, manifested through the Holy Spirit, is now being presented in counterfeit form through this beast—this global kingdom. Where God speaks through Christ, where the things of God are enforced or empowered by the Spirit of God, you have this unholy comparison. You have Satan on the other side of this, speaking through this little horn that comes up—the eleventh horn

that overthrows the other three—and utilizing the power of a global kingdom.

Where God utilizes the power of the Spirit, Satan utilizes the power of a global kingdom. It is important that you understand this substitution and counterfeit because this is the time of the conflict of powers. God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are the sufficiency for mankind. Whoever will put their trust in the Living God—believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and walking in the Spirit of God—will be cared for, but not through this global system, because the one who is behind this global system is Satan. Here in plain language it says in **Revelation 13**, “**The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.**” That is **Revelation 13:3**. We have already identified the beast as this global kingdom that crushes and devours the whole earth. Now we are looking behind this kingdom.

We first observed that in a line of succession we come up to this beast. This great kingdom that rises on the earth, that devours the whole earth, is the ultimate compendium of its type, that ruled in three different presentations previously—presented previously by the lion, the bear and the leopard—again, all of which were devourers of everything godly, everything that ennoble the human being. So when this kingdom is rolled out here in the end of the age, one should never think that its pedigree is new and original. You must suspect its pedigree because of its predecessors. What it will do to human beings is what it has always done to human beings: it causes you to worship evil things; it causes you to have to toil and sweat to eat bread. The basic necessities of life are provided at the most extreme of costs: you take a mark, the way you would brand a slave. Compare this to the kingdom of God—where his yoke is easy and his burden is light—and to walk under the rule of the King—the King of kings and the Lord of lords—ennobles you, empowers you, it restores you, blesses you, glorifies you, just by association with the One who is blessing, who is glorious, who is magnificent, who loves mankind. The juxtaposition is stark when the contrasts are observed.

Now as the enemy pushes his agenda upon human beings he will require you—for your very survival—to give up everything that you are or have in exchange for the barest necessities of survival. The believer in Jesus Christ will oppose him, and our source of supply will have to be different. Satan will gain every advantage, giving out the minimum. He wants to brand you as a slave, cause you to believe and accept him as god and worship him as god, to submit—not wage war—and economically to participate only on the terms that he sets forth. This is to enslave the populations of the world. But we have observed that the populations of the world will rejoice and worship the beast... and the question is: Why would not people see that? The answer is: No, the work of the false christ—the work of the little horn that comes up—is to denigrate everything that is holy

Now the norm—and you should not make this mistake—the norm is to think that he will be foaming at the mouth and be extreme in his blasphemies. Not at all. I promise you

this: He will be extremely reasonable. He will offer a theology that very much suits the thinking of mankind. You see, his view is that God and Christ cannot be defined as the Bible defines God and Christ. Jesus told us this from the beginning. Jesus said, “You will be hated by all the nations because of me.” (Inserted – actual verse—“ **‘Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.’**” – **Matthew 24:9**)

Jesus himself was described as a stone of stumbling and as a rock of offense, and he said that if they did this—meaning if they crucified the Son of God... his analogy was: “If they did this when the tree was green, what do you suppose they will do when the tree is dry?” (Inserted – actual verse—“**As it is written: ‘See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’**” – **Romans 9:33**) (Inserted – actual verse—“**For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?’**” – **Luke 23:31**) If they hated and persecuted the Master, do you not suppose that they will hate and persecute his servants? All of these things have been spoken ahead of time.

The blasphemous one—the one who speaks blasphemies against the Most High and rails against the angelic that—unlike them—remained faithful to God, and wages war against the saints—has as his goal to cause small and great, rich and poor to accept him and him alone as god. Whoever does that cannot be saved because they have made a choice and now that choice will govern their eternal destinies. Make no mistake: you will not accidentally take the mark. A person will not accidentally take the mark, because to do so will mean that it was done against your better judgment and your free will. This system that the enemy is creating—this global kingdom that he is creating—will require you to knowingly opt in.

All of the accessibility to this kingdom will offer on the one hand, convenience, the promise of survival, the promise of certainty, the promise of provision, the promise of protection and the like. To avail yourself of it you must opt in. Let me give you an example: If you are traveling and you are staying at a hotel, when you arrive at the hotel today, most hotels will not accept cash as payment for your lodging. You must provide them with a credit card. Now they are not saying that you must carry a credit card with you, they are saying that if you intend to stay at our hotel you must present us with a credit card. Now if you don’t want to present us with a credit card you don’t have to, but those are our rules. If you are going to stay here you will present us with a credit card.

The same is true of any car rental company, and they have perfectly good reasons for it. Their reasons are such things as: expenses that you may incur in association with the use of their facilities or their product, and they want some measure of guaranteed security if you are going to do business with them and so their reasons are perfectly plausible. But what is unstated is: no one is requiring you to carry a credit card, however let’s both be

sure that if you are not carrying one—if you are not carrying a valid one—then you can't do business with us. It will be like that. No one will say that you must take the mark of the beast. So you have often heard people wondering about whether or not a certain way of doing business is the mark of the beast. Listen... when it is time, and when it is what it is, you will know. You do not need to sweat that details ahead of time. You will know. You will not accidentally fall into this trap; it has to be deliberate. Otherwise it would not be an exercise of your will and it would not accomplish the purpose for which its existence is. You must know what you are doing and choose to do that, and that is the way that it will present itself.

The little horn that comes up is the spokesman for the beast... like Jesus spoke for the Father. The power of its systems is what the evil one—Satan—offers, where God offers the power of the Spirit. God and Satan both intend a particular result in this time, and that result is that men choose. You choose to give your life to God, put your trust in God for the results—including your physical provision, your care and your well-being, your safety and your security—or you put your trust in Satan and rely upon what he offers via this kingdom. This is what it will come down to; this is what it is supposed to come down to. After all, this is the end of the age; this is when all things are summarized.

Again one might say: “Wow, this seems so farfetched... so far afield.” Well is it really? I began to remark in another broadcast how this kingdom of Satan—to which he gives his power, his throne and his great authority—this kingdom governs the whole earth. It is not a geographically based model; it is a systemically based model, meaning it is comprised of systems upon which human life depends. We will come to that in further detail as we examine specifically: What is the kingdom of Satan? But at this point the desire is to express the thought that he will use man's fear for his well-being and his desire for his protection and his provision to lure humans into the web of this deceit. His idea is that you will do anything to survive, and frankly the way that people are today—even many who would call themselves “Christian people,”—when the going gets really rough, when the things of God are not clear, when you feel entitled to more than you are getting, if God doesn't seem to meet the standards that you have set for God, the chances are that the majority of people who are not serious about God—except that they see God as some surety or guarantee for their financial well-being, for their provision and their protection—will turn away.

There will be—in the end of the age the Scriptures say—not a great ingathering as you have heard popularly presented. Instead there will be a great falling away, and it is this great falling away that will reveal the man of lawlessness. What does that mean? It means that people will give as their reasons why they do not trust in Jesus as the exclusive way to God—why they do not trust in the provisions of God—they will give as their reasons the very things—the very blasphemous words—that come out of the mouth of the beast through this horn that speaks. You will hear people with the same

philosophy. We are already hearing that. If you think that this is so farfetched consider this: That since September 11, the whole world has gone crazy and obsessed with security. Everywhere you look, nations are planning how to be secure and are willing to give up even such basic things as national sovereignties in order to be secure. Provision through global systems requires more and more disclosure of private information. This is not accidental; this is deliberate, because nothing will be hidden, nothing will be private. You will be a participant in a system, the existence of which is to control human beings. We are already there.

Now these systems that the Scriptures speak of—and that comprise the kingdom of Satan—are systems upon which human life depends. Today there are many of these systems, but eventually there will be no more than ten systems ruled over by seven kings. The Scriptures say... now I am about to explain why I consider and why I have been saying that Satan's kingdom is systemic; it is comprised of systems rather than geographies over which kings rule. Satan's kingdom—and again we have said the dragon, or Satan, gives his power, his throne and great authority to this global kingdom. Now Satan's kingdom is not a new thing. This is just how it has developed in the millennia since it has been around. It has been around for about six millennia and it has been developed to this place where it will present itself, and we are—for the first time in human history—we are at that point.

But Satan's kingdom is systemic. It is called the kosmos—the “kosmos” in Scripture. The Scriptures say, “Do not love the world, nor the things of the world. Whoever loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” This is John, the apostle, writing in **I John**. (Inserted – actual verse—“**Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**” – **I John 2:15**) Now this same John, in **John 3:16** says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son...” (Inserted – actual verse—“**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**”)

Do you see the similarities? John, the same author in **I John**, says, “Do not love the world.” The word he uses there for “world,” is the word “kosmos.” “Do not love the world nor the things of the world.” Then he says, “Whoever loves the world—whoever loves the kosmos—the love of the Father is not in him.” The same John, in **John 3:16** says, “For God so loved the world...” Do you know what the word for “world” is there—in **John 3:16**? Same word: “kosmos,” the kosmos. And there he says that God loves the kosmos, but in **I John** he says, “Do not love the kosmos, and if you do, the love of God is not in you.” Well is this a contradiction? The answer is: No.

Like any language you may use the same word to signify very different things. So in **John 3:16**, “For God so loved the world...” The world that is referred to there is

“humanity.” God loves people so He gave his only begotten son. But the same John, writing in **I John** says, “Do not love the kosmos...” There the meaning of it is very different. It is an orderly arrangement of systems under the sway or rule of the kosmokrator. This system has its own creator. This world that we are not to love—and if we love it we cannot at the same time love God—is a systemic world, and it is easy enough to understand that because what John is saying is if you put your trust in these systems you cannot at the same time put your trust in God. You cannot do both.

It is like the Scriptures say in another place, “You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Inserted – actual verse—“ **No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.**” – **Matthew 6:24**) Now obviously this kosmos that John is speaking about that has a kosmokrator—the god who created it—could not be the physical geography. Why? Because God created the physical geography. “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” (Inserted – actual verse—“**The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.**” – **Psalms 24:1**) And God never gave the authority to rule over the geography to Satan. Satan is the ruler over the world that he created. It is not difficult to understand two very distinct usages of the same word: world.

For example I could say, “I have been traveling in the world.” You would understand that to mean I am moving in a certain geography. I could say, “Some young people live in their own world.” And you would understand that’s not the world I’ve been traveling in but I’ve used the same word twice... very different meanings. That is what the Scriptures are doing, and we are saying that the world that Satan created, of which he is the god—the god of this world—cannot be people because he didn’t create people, cannot be the geography because he didn’t create the geography. What is it that he created over which he is god? He created the illusion that you can rely upon certain of his systems in lieu of God.

In the next broadcast it is my intention to speak at some great length to you about what these systems are. I’ll give you just one example now: the legal system is called the adversarial system. God didn’t create this, the enemy did. But humans have come to trust in it and think that it is God. The product of this system, when it runs its course, is that it produces adversaries out of friends, and God says, “You can use it but don’t put your trust in it.” But as we come more and more into the kingdom of God we will understand that these are inadequate systems. We will further understand that these represent a serious entrapment because the day will come when all of the systems will come together under the rule of the little horn. We will look at that in the next broadcast. I hope that you will join me as we consider it. I’m Sam Soleyn, God bless you and I’ll see you then.

Scripture References :

Daniel 7:17

Revelation 13:3

Matthew 24:9

Romans 9:33

Luke 23:31

I John 2:15

John 3:16

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Psalms 24:1