

WORSHIP IS THE FINAL ISSUE IN THE LAST DAYS!

Revelation Chapters 13 & 14 contains the final prophetic events before Jesus returns to earth the second time. In this article, we could go through all of the prophetic symbols. But instead, we are going to focus on the prophetic actions involved in this last day conflict, because actions speak louder than words! The last day issue is about **whom we shall worship**, because the words "worship" or "worshipped" are used repeatedly. We want to worship our Lord Jesus Christ in spirit and in truth, and no one else, because all other worship is in vain.

Matthew 15:9: - "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

☞ The final conflict of this earth's history can be simply summed up as follows: -

The vast multitude of this earth's inhabitants will be WORSHIPPING the Beast and the Image and receive the Mark of the Beast system VERSUS the Saints of God.

THOSE WHO OPPOSE GOD -

THE WORSHIP OF THE BEAST, THE IMAGE AND THE RECEIVING OF THE MARK IS REPEATEDLY MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION: -

Revelation 13:3 & 4: - "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. **And 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?"

NOTE: - The Dragon is identified as being - "... the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, **called the Devil, and Satan.**" - Revelation 12:9

Revelation 13:8: - "And **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

NOTE: - If our names are not retained in the Lamb's Book of Life, we will worship the Beast system.

Revelation 13:12: - "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and **causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed."

Revelation 13:15 - 17: - "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.** 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: 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.**"

Revelation 14:9 - 11: - "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**, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, **who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**"

Revelation 19:20: - "**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."


IN THE CONTEXT OF REVELATION 13 & 14, THE SAINTS OF GOD IN THE LAST DAYS ARE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED: -

Revelation 12:17: - "And the dragon was wroth with **the woman**, and went to make war with **the remnant of her seed**, which **keep the commandments of God**, and **have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**"

Revelation 14:6 & 7: - "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, **having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth**, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**"

Revelation 14:12: - "Here is the patience of **the saints**: here *are* they that **keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**"

NOTE: - These 3 witnesses surround the terrors of Revelation 13 & 14, to give hope for those who have ears to hear, and a heart to obey and worship the Creator God only. The everlasting gospel proclamation that is given to the world, includes the worship of the Creator of Heaven and Earth. The Ten Commandments include the command to keep holy the seventh day Saturday Sabbath, because the Lord is the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and all things therein [see Exodus 20:8 -11.] Those whose eyes are spiritually opened as to what constitutes a saint of God, will recognize this Commandment as a weekly reminder of whom we worship, the Creator of Heaven and Earth.


 The Saints of God are identified as: -

1. Keeping the Commandments of God [the Father];
2. Keeping the Faith [or teachings] of Jesus; and,
3. Worshipping the Creator God of Heaven and Earth.


FIRE COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN IN THE LAST DAYS = MIRACLES OF DECEPTION: -

Revelation 13:13 & 14: - "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 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."

NOTE: - The Beast [of Revelation 13:11 & 12] has power to bring down fire from heaven, but the power who supports this Beast's activities, and gives power to it is Satan – the great Dragon and Deceiver himself. This miracle will be satanic in origin. Let no person be deceived upon this point.

 These miracles, even to the point of bringing down fire out of heaven upon the earth are clearly prophesied as being works of deception, miracles designed to deceive the world into accepting the worship of the Beast and the Image system. In the Old Testament, the story of the prophet of God, Elijah and the Baal priests on Mount Carmel as recorded in 1st Kings 18:19 – 39, records the fact that the challenge laid down by Elijah, was to reveal who the true God was – either Baal, or the Lord God of Elijah, as Elijah stated, "the God that answereth by fire, let him be God" – VS. 24.

In the last days, Satan and his agents will completely invert this situation from the test of Elijah and the Baal priests. In Elijah's day, the true God answered by fire from heaven; in the last days, the false system of worship will be bolstered by satanic miracles even to the point of bringing down fire from heaven, to deceive people. The people of the world will especially fall for this false miracle working power. They will live by sight and not by faith, and this counterfeit miracle working power will deceive all to lead them to embrace a false worship system, all **except the saints of God**.

 Any laws or system of government which will enforce upon its citizens a system of worship [worship is in the sphere of religion], to the point that you cannot buy or sell, or survive economically unless you comply with the system's requirements, and which will eventually cause a death penalty to be enacted upon all dissenters, are obvious markers of a satanic and corrupt system. These laws will compel its citizens to violate God's Eternal Law of Ten Commandments. This is what we need to watch out for in the end time issues of Revelation Chapters 13 & 14. Remember, the Saints of God do **NOT** worship the Beast system; rather they keep the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus!

GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS – EXODUS 20:3 – 17: -

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

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