



MC Chapel Fellowship
Sunday, January 24, 2021

Today's message:

Equipped for Life and Ministry Series

Part One: Beyond Speculation

Lesson Three: Man of Lawlessness Finally Revealed

Text: Revelation 13:1-18

Introduction: Man of Lawlessness Finally Revealed

- Centuries Since the First Church – Much Speculation and False Interpretations.
- Christ's Words Clarify and Specify the End-of-this-Age Events and Timeline.
- Knowing His Words in Context of Surrounding Scripture Brings Confidence/Trust.
- Part One Lessons “Beyond Speculation” are presented to end any doubts:

We Are Now Falling into lawlessness and Persecution that leads to:

Last Week, The Midnight Cry Expands: Today the Revealing of the Antichrist.

- **Main Course Objectives:**

Become Strong in Christ, to endure, escape, and Stand before the Son of Man.

To become Awake, Single minded, Determined, Steadfast, Equipped to Minister

To Rely Not On Our Own Strength, But on God's Might to Endure and Stand :

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:34-36

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. If anyone has an ear, let him hear: If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain.

Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. **Revelation 13:1-18**

Man of Lawlessness Finally Revealed

- **We Left Off Last With: Persecutions, Great Falling Away, and Midnight Cry Awakening**
Those endure will be saved: Many were Born Again –Never Grew Up into Salvation.
Many were not Born of the Holy Spirit, but Religiously Followed Christ's Name
- **The Birth Pangs Judgements will Continue To Shake Everyone to the Core**
- **Political Leaders, Talking Heads, and Christian False Teachers/Prophets – Stymied**
- **The Good News of the Kingdom – Many will Wake UP | The Wicked will be Infuriated**
- **Global Discord – and Multitudes Looking for Someone with the Answers**
- **Many Antichrists have come and gone and Many Want-to-be Christians Fallen Away**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. **1 John 2:15-19**

- **The First Beast of Revelation Appears – The Great Tribulation Begins.**

The Man of Lawlessness Comes into View: “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, **Matthew 24:15-17**

Third Temple Built* Abomination of Desolation Declares Himself God & Messiah. – Antichrist performs sacrifice

Birth Pangs Troubles Will Pale Compared to the Great Tribulation: And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!” **Revelation 12:11-12**

- **Chaos, False Prophets and Panic Explodes as People’s Hearts Fail in Fear**

- **Deception so Great –If Possible, Deceive Even the Elect. DISCERNMENT**

- **We Have No Excuse, For Christ Warned us Beforehand:**

Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. **Matthew 24:23-25**

- **The Second Beast Appears and Glorifying the First Beast – The Antichrist.**

Great Signs: It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast (antichrist) it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. **Revelation 13:13-14**

Mark (Incision) of the Beast – Cannot Buy or Sell without the Mark: Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. **Revelation 13:16-17**

- **Make War On the Saints:** Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. If anyone has an ear, let him hear: If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. **Revelation 13:7-10**

- **The Great Tribulation Period Cut Short For the Sake of the Elect:**

The Rapture: Revelation's Final Harvest “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. **Mark 13:24-27**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **Revelation 7:9** “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” **Revelation 7:14-17**

- **Unprepared Christian Left Behind along with the Wicked Suffers Wrath of God.**

Many On Fire Christians will be Left Behind and Shut Out: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” **Matthew 7:21-27**

Many Foolish and Asleep: “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. **Matthew 25:1-13**

- **What is Christ Saying to Us, The Last Days Christian?:** “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” **Luke 21:34-36**
- **Part Two, Equipped for Life and Ministry in the Last Days:**
Born of the Holy Spirit and Growing Up Into Eternal Security