

and what a powerful name it is the name  
of Jesus today today we rejoice and  
knowing that 29 people gave their hearts  
to Christ over last weekend's judgment  
house let's praise the Lord for that  
what a colorful name and I really do  
appreciate all of your efforts and your  
prayers and God God was glorified and  
and many lives were changed for eternity

glad to see you today let's let's turn  
Up next  
in our Bibles now to Revelation chapter

13 revelation 13 and I'm gonna I'm gonna  
continue a message that started a couple  
of weeks back called the unholy trinity  
as we are now in the midpoint of the  
book of Revelation but we're in  
Revelation chapter 13 today and we're  
going to be talking about this morning  
the the Antichrist and the false prophet

the Antichrist and the false prophet  
part of the unholy trinity I want to  
know and you got to be honest because  
we're in church need to be honest about  
this but but I want to know by show of  
hands how many of you are good at lying  
my show of hands go ahead so there are  
some sinners in the house today yeah  
yeah if you're good at lying okay now  
now go ahead and put your hands back up  
since you did it one time go ahead and  
do it everybody look around these are  
the fish these are the people that'll be  
good at lying to you I'm kidding but  
truth be told truth be told we have all  
lied before right  
and we probably lie more than we think  
that we do so I was doing a little bit  
of research a TEDTalk  
article and then a UMass UMass study

some several studies Creative Commons on  
statistic brain site today US news all  
these sources came together and they did  
a they did a lying survey and they  
wanted to see how often people lie and  
what they lie about and here's what they  
found their studies revealed that 60% of  
adults 60 percent of adult  
that they interviewed could not have a  
10-minute conversation without one lie  
being spoken first think about that  
actually actually an average of three  
lies per conversation were recorded in  
their study how about this report those  
same reports shared that there are four  
groups of people the top four groups of  
people that get lied to the most the  
number one group that gets lots of the  
most are parents  
all right following behind them are

close friends following behind them are siblings and then not not far from the top we're spouses at 69% we're lives most seen the two the two top areas that lies are most found are on resumes and dating websites people live for all kinds of reasons people lie to save face people lie to pass blame or shift blame on somebody else people lied to avoid confrontation people lie to get their way some will live to be nice and some will lie to make themselves feel better now just some things for our students to think about today and all of you as well but most people lie on average four times a day at some point shape the fashion that's an average of 1400 lies a year it's a line people are ly how about this nine out of ten middle school students

in this survey nine out of ten middle school students admitted to regularly cheating on their homework right over one over 15 million Americans are victim to identity fraud which in turn cost fifty billion dollars in damages all right and then then the most notorious lie in history number one is the Watergate scandal with Richard Nixon happened on American soil now what's something that may be interesting to you all is that there is a there is a world's biggest liar competition every year in England and competitor this is crazy this is true that competitors from all over the world will gather in Cumbria England and they will have five minute to tell the biggest most convincing lie

that they can they can't use props  
they're not allowed to use scripts and  
politicians and judges are not allowed  
to compete not kidding you not kidding  
you all right so so lying lying is  
something that that we are all  
accustomed to we all have lied before  
but do you know who the greatest liar of  
all time is that would be Satan Lucifer  
the devil he would be the greatest liar  
in history Jesus called the devil the  
father of lies Jesus said that the  
devil's native language was lying that  
there was no truth at all to be found in  
him and we learned that last week that  
the devil himself is our adversary he is  
our accuser he is he is the ultimate  
deceiver and he will lie to you about  
anything anything think about from the  
beginning he lied in in Eden - to

Adam and to even and and he lied that he  
lied and said that God didn't love him  
he lied that God wasn't truthful he lied  
that God wasn't righteous he lied that  
God wouldn't be gracious and on that  
same agenda the devil lies to all kinds  
of people all the time and so and so  
what are some of the lies that he tells  
there's a there's a book I'm called the  
10 biggest lies of the enemy by Kenneth  
strong and in his book he said that some  
of the top whispers of the enemy some of  
the top lying whispers of the enemy are  
as follows Satan will lie to us that we  
are all alone Satan will lie to us that  
we should count on ourselves instead of  
God Satan will lie to us and tell us  
that God is not good Satan will lie to  
us and say that he is as powerful as God  
Satan will lie to us and say that

following God means giving up happiness

he says that God that that Satan will

lie to you that God can't save you help

you provide for you that we are so

broken that we cannot be saved and the

biggest lie of all that Satan tells us

is that he does not exist I'm sure the

old devil has whispered those lies to

you before and maybe some others some

others over your life now on a personal

note on a personal note the lies that

Satan tells me the most okay are this

one

I'm not adequate as a husband a father

amen

something that the enemy often lies to

me about is that I'm not really saved or

called

to do God's work one lie that that the

enemy tells me often is that I will fail



in the work that God has called me to do  
and I know I know that all of those are  
true if Christ is not in me amen all of  
those archery of Christ is not in me  
within me working through me but Satan  
is a liar and we find that as we  
continue studying the Bible and looking  
in the book of Revelation that Satan  
will not stop lying until Jesus comes  
again and puts him in the pit of hell  
forever

Satan is a chronic liar Satan is a  
pathological liar Satan is an evil  
deceiving liar and one of the chief lies  
that he is going to tell us is that He  
is God and that is the theme as we find  
ourselves here in Revelation chapter 13  
he is going to deceive the whole world  
into thinking that he is God and that's

what we see him doing we see him on a on  
a full-out attack against God and his  
kingdom and he's doing it in a very  
deceitful this deceiving way and that's  
through something called the unholy  
trinity just as we have the Holy Trinity  
of God the Father God the Son God the  
Holy Spirit Satan is going to produce a  
counterfeit unholy trinity that includes  
the devil himself the Antichrist and the  
false prophet Satan is not just a great  
liar but Satan is also a great counter  
filter but that's all that he can do  
folks you need to remember that today  
and you rest in that today all that  
Satan can do is copy he is not God and  
he cannot be God and he never  
we'll be God but he is surely going to  
try think about it this way okay and  
this is the picture that we get here in

Revelation 13 as we're going to read  
that in a moment  
just as God sent his son Jesus into the  
world to redeem us and to deliver us and  
to save us

Satan is also going to be sending his  
son I say that and I say that  
figuratively into the world to ruin and  
deceive the world through the Antichrist  
just as we have Jesus Christ the Saviour  
of humanity

there are also bi also be an antichrist  
who will claim to be the savior of  
humanity and while all of this is going  
to be a hoax while all of this is going  
to be you know Satan being the greatest  
poser and imitator and counterfeiter the  
Antichrist is going to be a very real  
person a very wicked person a very evil  
and cunning and deceptive figure and

he's going to be the most evil the most  
cunning the most deceptive figure to  
ever hit the earth now he's not going to  
be what you expect I know what happened  
as we think about the Antichrist and we  
get and we get in our mind this dark  
figure who comes around and walks around  
and dark clothing and maybe he has  
glowing red you know hypnotizing eyes  
and maybe maybe he has an emblem on his  
on his shirt or on his coat or on his  
sleeve that says 666 or something like  
that and so we have the scary image of  
this person and you know what I just  
want to I want to just dispel this myth  
he's not going to be walking around in  
dark clothing he's not gonna appear to  
be this monster he's not gonna have this  
marking bearing all over his clothes and  
and and he's not gonna have scary music

playing every time he walks into the  
room nor is he gonna have a mist  
following him as he walks around no he  
is going to be an intelligent the most  
intelligent the world has ever seen he  
is going to be a magnetic personality a  
charismatic personality he's going to be  
skilled he's going to be popular he's  
going  
to be a world leader that's what the  
devil is going to use in the end times  
to deceive the world and draw people's  
worship to Satan instead of Christ the  
world has always called for leaders from  
kings and queens to emperors to Prime  
Minister's to judges and Presidents and  
vice presidents and governors and  
managers and principals and teachers  
nations rise and fall on leadership some

some leaders are great some leaders are  
not so great some leaders lead their  
people to peace and prosperity some  
leaders ly lead their people to war some  
leaders lead their people to alive some  
lead to death some lead to financial  
stability others lead to debt and  
financial instability some leaders will  
lead you on on this great train of  
morality and good will some leaders lead  
you down a road of immorality some  
leaders are about making their place  
their nation their people great and  
glorified and some will lead their  
nations and their people to failure and  
the hardship well here in Revelation the  
times are going to call for a leader  
we've read all the way up to this point  
in this book and we know that the world  
is going to be in the midst of the most

intense judgment hardship wrath famine  
war disease death crime immorality that  
the world has ever seen there's going to  
be great chaos there's going to be great  
confusion there's going to be great  
calamity there's going to be this very  
unsettled feeling on the world and the  
remaining people of the world after  
Christ has come and raptured his church  
and began to judge the world the people  
are going to be calling for a leader  
they're going to be calling for a leader  
and they're going to appoint a leader in  
this coming dark days of tribulation  
people are going to be desperate they're  
gonna want someone powerful who is going  
to help them in their time of need  
about who's gonna bring the nation's  
together somebody who's going to bring  
hope and security and strength and

charisma and the know-how and God is going to allow the Antichrist to bring these longings to fulfillment the Antichrist is going to bring world peace and we've never seen world peace before the Antichrist is going to solve the Middle East puzzle political puzzle for the first time ever the Arabs and the Jews are somehow going to get along and even such a great way that they're going to construct the new temple the Antichrist is going to bring an end to global terrorism for a season the Antichrist is going to put a stop to financial instability and institute a one-world currency but halfway through his reign he's going to turn on the people that follow him he's going to he's going to have an ulterior motive an ulterior plan a destructive plan and



he's going to lead the people to worship  
Him or else they will die he will launch  
an all-out war against those who do not  
worship Him he will launch an all-out  
war against those who will not follow  
him and he will be the most evil figure  
in history to ever hit the earth now I  
know that's hard to imagine we always  
say the best is yet to come and I  
believe that I do I do if Jesus is  
coming the best is yet to come amen  
but also in the set on the same token  
the work the worst is yet to come  
the Antichrist will be the ultimate  
false religious leader of all time now  
the burning question is this Christians  
are asking about the Antichrist this  
question why are we even concerned about  
it why are we spending Sunday morning

October 28th talking about the  
Antichrist because Peter I believe is  
you believe maybe you do maybe you have  
a different belief than I do that but I  
do believe that Christians today if you  
are in Christ today at this point I do  
believe that we will  
be here physically when the Antichrist  
emerges and takes over I believe that  
you may believe differently but I  
believe that I believe Christ is going  
to rapture his church before the  
Antichrist is in charge so why in the  
world should I care about Revelation  
chapter 13 today well let's start with  
this the Bible has over a hundred verses  
that detail the background the  
nationality the origin the career the  
Kingdom the motives the tactics and the  
doom of the Antichrist the Bible gives

us a hundred or more references about  
this Antichrist  
should we not pay attention to that and  
also let's not forget the main reason  
behind studying the book of Revelation  
the book of Revelation the reason we're  
studying this book together as a church  
is not necessarily for us it's for us to  
be prepared for the return of Christ and  
if we're saved today by God's grace we  
all have the same calling and the same  
Commission and that is to be a witness  
for Jesus Christ until he returns or  
calls us home and there are people in  
our lives in our families and our  
workplaces at our schools who do not  
have a personal relationship with Jesus  
Christ and we do not have the time to be  
distracted to be off duty to be  
undisciplined knowing that we have an

enemy who is constantly on the prowl to  
kill steal and destroy God's plan to  
redeem the world to himself so the book  
of Revelation while it may be beneficial  
to us it is certainly more so beneficial  
for those who don't know Christ so why  
do we talk about the Antichrist because  
we want to prepare people who don't have  
a relationship with Jesus to know what  
is to come if you know if you knew that  
a storm was coming and it was going to  
destroy destroy where you live and you  
knew ahead of time and you were the one  
with the answer would you not cry out to  
those who did not know that they needed  
help that is why we read revelation we  
need to be ready  
and we need to understand what is going  
to happen so that we can warn others to  
follow Christ so they will not fall into

this judgment what I want to do for the  
next few moments is share with you some  
attributes of the Antichrist that we see  
in Revelation 13 let's read together  
I'll read the whole chapter to you today  
to give you a big picture about the  
Antichrist and the false prophet  
Revelation chapter 13 John writes then I  
stood on the sand of the sea and I saw a  
beast okay so in chapter 13 the Beast is  
the Antichrist alright I saw a beast  
rising up out of the sea having seven  
horns or seven heads and ten horns and  
on his horns ten crowns and on his  
head's a blasphemous name now the Beast  
which I saw was like a leopard didn't  
say he was a leopard he said he was like  
a leopard his feet were like the feet of  
a bear his mouth like the mouth of a

lion the dragon who was the dragon Satan  
the dragon Satan gave him his power his  
throne and great Authority and I saw one  
of his heads as if it had been mortally  
wounded and his deadly wound was healed  
and all the world marveled and followed  
the Beast why because he was mortally  
wounded but now healed and so they  
worshiped the dragon that they worshiped  
Satan who gave authority to the Beast  
and they worshipped the Beast saying who  
is like the Beast who is able to make  
war with him I know one who can and he  
was given a mouth speaking great things  
and blasphemies and he was given  
authority to continue for forty-two  
months then he opened his mouth and  
blasphemy against God to blaspheme his  
name his tabernacle and those who dwell  
in heaven it was granted to him to make

war with the Saints and overt and to  
overcome them and authority was given  
him over every tribe tongue and nation  
and all who dwell on the earth will  
worship Him whose names have not been  
written in the book of life of the lamb  
slain

from the foundation of the world if  
anyone has an ear let him hear you  
listening if anyone has an ear let him  
hear he who leads into captivity shall  
go into captivity who kills with the  
sword must be killed with the sword in  
other words you will not be able to  
stand up physically against this beast  
here is the patience and the faith of  
the saints then I saw another beast  
coming up out of the earth and he had  
two horns like a lamb and spoke like a  
dragon and he exercises all the

authority of the first beast in his  
presence and causes the earth and those  
who dwell in it to worship the first  
beast whose deadly wound was healed this  
is talking about now the false prophet  
Satan will have a spokesman who leads  
the way for the beast he performs great  
signs so that he even makes fire come  
down from heaven on the earth in the  
sight of men he deceives those who dwell  
on the earth by those signs which he was  
granted to do in the sight of the Beast  
telling those who dwell on the earth to  
make an image to the Beast who was  
wounded by the sword and lived he was  
granted power to give breath to the  
image of the Beast and that the image of  
the Beast should both speak and cause as  
many as would not worship the image of  
the Beast to be killed he causes all



both small and great rich and poor free  
and slave to receive a mark on their  
right hand or on their foreheads and  
that no one may buy or sell except one  
who has the mark or the name of the  
beast or the number of his name here is  
wisdom let him who has understanding  
calculate the number of the beast for it  
is the number of a man his number is six  
six six I want to talk to you first  
about the physical appearance of the  
Antichrist in verses one through three  
on the Antichrist by the way the name  
then weren't Antichrist means against  
Christ okay against Christ and so he's  
also been called in Scripture the  
lawless one a man of sin he's been  
called the Beast as we see here in  
Revelation chapter 13 he's also called

the little horn  
or the prince or the ruler and in the  
book of daniel but the beast here we  
read the antichrist comes out of the sea  
says the Beast comes out of the sea so  
you get this picture of a monster coming  
out of the sea now here's something I  
want you to understand okay here in  
Revelation the word sea can mean several  
different things some suggest some  
suggest that the sea actually means a  
mass of people so out and so you can  
read it this way out of the masses of  
Gentile people come the Antichrist come  
the Beast and why they say that Isaiah  
chapter 17 Isaiah chapter 57 Revelation  
chapter 17 all talk about the sea being  
masses of people some say that the sea  
is symbolic of people multitudes nations  
and tongues but here's something I want

to throw out there at you the word sea  
can also mean abyss if you read in  
Revelation chapter 11 verse 7 in  
Revelation chapter 17 verse 8 we read  
that the Beast comes out of the abyss  
what is the abyss the bottomless pit of  
hell and so this person Antichrist comes  
from hell's Kingdom I like that  
translation a little bit better to be  
honest but he's described as a beast the  
word beast means venomous wild dangerous  
and the Antichrist will not be an animal  
or a monster though the Antichrist will  
be a man he will be a man second  
Thessalonians chapter 2 says that he he  
will oppose god and will exalt himself  
over everything that's called God or his  
worship he is a man possessed by a  
powerful demon and he's described in in  
God's Word as having ten horns seven

heads the ten horns talked about the strength and the power of the Beast the ten horns talked about in Daniel chapter 7 they're symbolic of a number of military or political powers that in the world not just nations but the whole world 10

ten ten of them the horns represent the power of the Kings who will rule under under his absolute authority and then the seven heads the seven heads are symbolic of successive world empires empires of the past like Egypt and Assyria and Babylon and Persia Greece and Rome and of course the seventh being the Antichrist world the Antichrist world authority and Dominion it says on his head are on his heads were a blasphemous name that means that on his heads that there will be titles that

dishonor God so picture a figure who  
constantly wears the title of a  
blasphemous name someone who dishonors  
the Lord who disapproves of the Lord  
someone who opposes the Lord and exalts  
himself and exalts the Antichrist above  
all else and we read that he is like a  
leopard we read that he is like he has  
feet like a bear we read that he has a  
mouth like a lion each of these animals  
would have been well known in Palestine  
and they represent the nation's so when  
he's called a lion or has a mouth  
like a lion well that talks about the  
fierce consuming power of the Babylonian  
Empire if you read about his feet being  
like the Bears of feet of bears the  
Persian Empire was known for their  
strength and stability and ferocity when

you see the word leopard leopard is also  
symbolic of speed and viciousness the  
Greeks were known as being like leopards  
and so this scripture tells us okay this  
scripture tells us that the Antichrist  
will have all of these powers and more  
he will be the greatest political  
phenomenon to ever hit the planet what  
something needs to learn something new  
John John gave these in that order  
gave it in the order of leopard bear and  
lion Daniel talked about them in reverse  
order here's what they mean by that then  
you'll look forward to the Antichrist  
John looked backwards I think it's neat  
the symmetry there but make no mistake  
about it his physical attributes  
describe a force that cannot be reckoned  
with  
the Antichrist will be an all-powerful

being more powerful than any ruler that  
has ever come the second thing I want  
you to see is the pedigree of the  
Antichrist

what's his pedigree his pedigree a  
pedigree means ancestry means lineage  
means recorded recorded family Adrian

Rogers called the Antichrist pedigree  
the satanic ancestry so here's what I  
want you understand about the Antichrist

the Antichrist is the child of the devil  
now not literally of course but he is  
the Christ figure of the unholy trinity  
and he gains his power from the devil

the dragon himself meaning that the  
devil will work through the Antichrist  
and listen people have asked a question

well it's kind of hard to believe that  
Satan would you know Satan would possess  
a man or work through a man you know

it's not hard to believe isn't it yes  
you just look look at the national  
headlines this morning and see how the  
enemy is at work and at large he there's  
a very real presence of Satan at work in  
this world and the Antichrist family are  
the major world powers and kingdoms and  
nations that are supporting his call so  
he is a child of the devil and he has  
all of the world at his disposal Church  
there are two types of children in the  
world there are children of God and  
there are children of the devil now  
parents your children do whether you  
agree to it or not your children do take  
on your likeness don't they in some way  
some shape some fashion my daddy used to  
drive me crazy and still does and some  
of the things that he that he does  
little Dennis isms why cause things that



things is dry my dad's a very very  
serious guy and very focused and he can  
easily be annoyed when he's aggravated  
he talks to himself well he wears his  
shoes in the house all the time okay it  
went in when he sits still he'll fall  
asleep  
in an instant just want Ellen to couch  
it responsible when he begins working on  
something outside like cutting the grass  
or cutting back brushy areas he goes way  
further than actually needed he doesn't  
like to be taken away from home for more  
than a couple of days at a time if he  
can sleep at home he will those are just  
some of the things that he does and I  
have to admit that the older I get the  
more I become like my father  
I have been accused of not smiling

enough I'll to get easily annoying I have  
to shut myself up when I talk to myself  
because I did okay and then I answer  
myself that's even crazy I'll wear my  
shoes in the house sometimes up to  
bedtime I wear my shoes I fall asleep  
when we have guests at the house  
sometimes outside I'll turn a 30 minute  
yard job into a 3-hour yard job  
sometimes cutting somebody else's yard  
in the process because I want it to look  
like mine

I usually get homesick after a day or  
two I have taken on the likeness of my  
father Tara at Toms acts like her mother  
whom I think is a wonderful lady but we  
know if our kids act like us we have  
serious issues to fix so far Micah's  
still developing the Mallee is just like  
his mom it's a good thing

spiritually thinking we exemplify who  
our Heavenly Father or we exemplify our  
enemy the devil a child of the devil is  
described in John chapter 2 verses 28  
through 3 through 10 you can flip over  
there and read just the descriptions of  
a child of the devil versus a child of  
God but the Antichrist the Antichrist  
will be just like his father the devil I  
want to talk to you now next about the  
power of the beast it says that the  
dragon Satan empowers the Beast in verse  
280 Robertson says the dragon works  
through this beast the beast is simply  
Satan's agent just a pawn in his game  
Satan claimed this power to Christ and  
Christ called  
Satan the prince of the world so the war  
is on now I want you to understand  
something here just for a moment okay

this that the Antichrist will have power  
just because he has power does not mean  
that the Antichrist will be all-powerful  
okay let's get something straight here  
Christ is all-powerful God is  
all-powerful and so God will allow the  
devil God will allow the Antichrist to  
run their course Antichrist will share  
the enemy's throne he will have power  
over the entire world and he will answer  
to no one here but you've got to be  
kidding yourself to think that he  
doesn't answer to Almighty God God is  
over him his time is limited and God is  
in control even if the most evil person  
in the history of the world is in charge  
on earth God is still in control let's  
go to this next thing let's talk about  
his popularity his popularity in verses  
three through four it says one of his

heads as if as if it had been slain his  
fatal wound was healed remember when I  
told you about Satan Satan is the great  
counterfeit Satan is a great imposter he  
is a wannabe God who will never be God  
okay and one of the most common tactics  
used by terrorists like the devil is  
that he likes to dress up or act apart  
and when he gets close to his target  
he's going to take down as many as  
possible

Satan is a great terrorist a counterfeit  
he may appear to be peaceful but he's a  
counterfeit that's how Satan operates  
Satan doesn't just lie he is a master  
copycat in Scripture what do we see  
Satan deceiving people as in Scripture  
we see Satan making himself a  
counterfeit being or creature in the

garden he performs counterfeit miracles  
think about the days of Moses and  
Pharaoh he performs our or brings out  
counterfeit doctrines and spirits and  
Gospels and communions think about the  
book of Corinthians think about think  
about all the false religions and  
and beliefs that are in the world he's  
behind those things why does Satan do  
this why does he do this to lead people  
astray and that would that's the  
ultimate chief job of the Antichrist  
it's to lead people away from Christ and  
to worship of himself I read a story  
about a man one day who was walking down  
his Road and he noticed a farm and he  
saw a farmer and he had a drove of pigs  
following after him and the pigs  
followed him wherever he went they  
followed him all the way to the

slaughterhouse in the Mantis he's  
watching the farmer he says how in the  
world did you do that how do and the  
farmer says well did you not see did you  
not see I had a basket of beans under on  
my arm and I dropped a few as I walked  
along and the pigs followed after and  
they ate the beans and they just kept  
following me following me all the way to  
their faith isn't that how the devil  
works he's got a basket of beans and he  
drops them as he goes and multitudes of  
people follow him to an everlasting  
slaughterhouse Satan will empower the  
Antichrist to deceive the world to lead  
the world astray and he's going to do it  
by faking his own death and faking his  
own resurrection remember he's a  
counterfeit notice the scripture says  
his head was as if he'd say it was says

was as if mortally wounded the word  
wounded means slaughtered verse 14 says  
that he had the sword wound and he yet  
the lid and the word for lived is the  
same word used for Jesus when he said he  
was alive in chapter 2 verse 8 now what  
does this mean

it means that the Antichrist will fake  
death and resurrection now whether it be  
his own personal death or resurrection  
or a national or political death or  
resurrection we don't know but  
regardless of which it is the world is  
going to see this resurrection this  
death and resurrection and the world  
will

moved to worship this one who has  
overcome death in the grave remember the  
context of the times folks do not forget  
where we are in Scripture we are in the



Great Tribulation so many people are  
going to die we're talking about  
worldwide wrath here we're talking about  
judgment we're talking about famine and  
persecution we're talking about death in  
unimaginable ways yet the Antichrist is  
going to be the one person on the earth  
who has over come death before these  
desperate desperate people and these  
people are going to be moved to follow  
him to worship Him and what they're  
gonna do is they're gonna worship not  
just Satan but they're gonna worship the  
Antichrist and they're gonna ask  
questions that we read here in scripts  
you're gonna ask who is like the Beast  
isn't that a counterfeit of what the  
psalm says who is like God who was able  
to wage war with him what a foolish

question have you read the end of the  
book who will wage war with the  
Antichrist Christ will wage war and the  
enemy doesn't stand a chance however  
Satan's desire has always been to be  
worshipped and treated like god he  
always has and he always will know let's  
step away from the text for a moment and  
let's let this be a reminder to us all  
today Satan's not just going to be at  
work in the end times Satan is at work  
right now  
in Satan's desires today is no different  
than his desires will be then Satan  
desires your worship - Satan desires  
your affection - Satan desires your  
heart - whether it be your time whether  
it be your money your attention physical  
things people politics pleasure whether  
what Satan will challenge your

commitment to Christ

Satan's all about challenging God's Word

Satan's always challenging God's church

in exchange for him Satan still is at

work and we've talked about his physical

stature we talked about his petty

his power his popularity let's talk

about for a moment is preaching vs. 536

it talks about how he is going to be

able to move the masses with his words

that says he was given a mouth speaking

great things and blasphemies and he was

given authority to continue for 42

months he opens his mouth and blasphemy

against God blasphemes his name is

tabernacle and those who dwell in heaven

folks there is great power in the words

that we speak amen

great power and the words that we speak

consider the responsibility of a teacher

who has children following them a  
teacher with a class great  
responsibility great power in your words  
if you are a driver's ed instructor god  
be with you whoever's driving with you  
you have great power with your words if  
you are a commander or captain or  
general before your soldiers if you are  
a coach before your team if you are a  
weatherman and the public is listening  
to what you have to say then your words  
do affect people not to mention a  
preacher before the congregation or a  
president before his country so the  
Antichrist will use many words to garner  
attention and popularity like his master  
Satan Antichrist will speak lies  
arrogant words and blasphemy and listen  
he's not going to do it subtly he's  
going to be outrageous he's going to be

openly arrogant he's going to be openly  
prideful and remember he will do  
whatever it takes to have the attention  
of the world he'll go so far as to take  
his seat in the temple complex and say  
I'm God worship me that's the kind of  
message he will preach his message will  
not be the gospel but a fake gospel a  
cheap gospel a false gospel that does  
not lead people to life but to death and  
what's so sad folks is that many people  
will follow the devils lead to  
destruction and not give any thought  
about it while we may have a chance  
today while we have a chance today we  
have to hold fast to our calling to  
stand up for the truth of the gospel to  
hold high the blood-stained banner of  
the cross and to walk in the light of

Christ because we know that whatever the  
devil says is a lie and we have to hold  
on to the truth we're to be on alert for  
our enemy warning others not to fall  
prey to his deceptions I'll close with  
this I heard a story about a donkey one  
day he was walking through the woods and  
he found the skin of a lion hunters had  
killed the lion and had left the skin to  
dry in the Sun the donkey puts on the  
skin and he was greatly delighted to  
discover that all the other animals were  
now afraid of you know because of his  
and his new appearance this is a true  
story about life it worked until he was  
overheard by a pride of hunter lions  
they saw that the donkey was a fake  
because his Bray gave him away beloved  
the enemy is not one of us and we need  
to recognize his voice his influence

while we still have time folks nothing  
shines brighter nothing compares to the  
life-changing message of the gospel it  
is our defense against the enemy the  
gospel is our emblem our seal our  
victory our eternal promise and Satan  
cannot and will not ever be able to over  
come the victory and the validity of the  
message but we read in revelation 13  
that he sure will try I didn't even get  
to talk to you about the partner that  
rises up listen six thing the partner of  
course is the false prophet he's gonna  
aid the enemy he's going to be a  
deceiver he's going to speak words of  
Satan he's gonna promote false worship  
he's going to perform miracles he's  
going to persecute believers he's going  
to lead the world to worship the  
Antichrist and then the last thing I was

going to talk to you about was the proof  
how do we know in the end times thing  
how do we know in the end times who's  
following the devil there's going to be  
a mark the proof is going to be in the  
mark of the beast listen folks this is a  
frightening text and I for one as a  
Christian I for one am glad that I will  
not be here to go through this I'm glad  
to be a child of God today if I ever  
have been I'm glad today to be a child  
of God a believer in Christ and I'm  
thankful to know that whatever I read  
about Satan I know that Jesus wins in  
the end

notice here at the very last part of  
chapter 13 the last verse verse 18 it  
says here's wisdom let him as  
understanding calculate the number of  
the beast for the number is the number



of the man his number is six six six  
that's the number of a man he man was  
created on the sixth day man Labor's for  
six days six is one short of seven which  
is the number of perfection and that is  
a good word to end on today remember  
this about the Beast the Antichrist he  
is but a man a trinity of imperfection  
and he comes up short he may be good  
enough to deceive many but nowhere close  
to being God enough to displace the Lord  
Jesus Christ now I won't ask you this  
today as we close out who you follow  
who you follow who better get who are  
you following  
something that comforts my heart in some  
way today is that Christ has yet to  
return now I said I know that we all we  
all alone for the day if we're in Christ

we all alone for the day that Jesus  
returns and brings his kingdom to  
fruition and and and and ends all this  
hostility and ends all this violence and  
brings and brings peace to the world  
about relationship with Jesus Christ but  
today the reality is this at this moment  
in 2018 Christ has yet to return and  
what he has done is he has decided to  
give us time right now to decide who  
we're gonna follow we're gonna be a  
child of God we're gonna be a child of  
the enemy and I'll tell you I would much  
rather be ready for Christ's return and  
reign by trusting him now than given my  
soul to a loser like the devil my trust  
is in Christ the way the truth and the  
life how about yours  
how about yours would you pray with me  
for a moment everyone just bow your

heads and close your eyes when I ask you  
this today where do you put your faith  
who do you put your trust we know that I  
read in the thirteenth chapter of  
Revelation it cannot be the government  
it cannot be in politics it cannot be in  
religion it cannot be in money who are  
we going to trust none of these think  
ant be in man none of these things will  
ever meet your expectations  
spiritually none of these are the answer  
our answer today has always been Christ  
knowing Christ our faith and our  
confidence must be in Jesus Christ and  
I'm asking you today have you put your  
faith your trust in the Lord Jesus  
Christ if not well you invite him into  
your heart in your life today will you  
calling him to be your Savior were you  
calling him to be your Lord give your

heart to Jesus

don't wait don't wait that's that's the

big lie the devil test - he says you got

time you don't have time you don't have

time we have now you give your heart to

Jesus Christians this is a challenging

text because I know I know we're we're

easy to just skip over the temptation is

to say okay I'm not here I don't need to

worry about this this end times event no

we need to be concerned about it we need

to be concerned about it because there

are still people in this world who don't

know Christ and I'm urging you today to

please pray please pray for lost people

pray for people that don't know Jesus

pray that God will give you this higher

and-and-and-and zeal and a heart for the

lost like you've never had before please

tell them they don't hear from you who's

gonna tell them please tell them about  
Jesus God we've seen your word today  
we've heard your word today now I pray  
that we would immediately respond to  
your word today thank you Lord that  
through it all Jesus reigns no matter  
how bad things get we still see at the  
end of the chapter that it's man versus  
God and we know that Christ has the  
ultimate victory the authority and  
salvation that the world needs  
father we turn our hearts to you we do  
pray Lord for the day that you would  
return we look towards it with  
expectancy with hope we long for you to  
return but while we have life and breath  
on this earth I pray that we would not  
waste it a second may we share the  
gospel may we share that the best is yet

to come

absolutely but the worst is also yet to

come first

maybe we share with conviction maybe we

share with boldness may we share with

love that Christ is Lord that Christ

wants to say the enemy wants to destroy

and deceive thank you Jesus for paying

the price for my sins for all of our

sins thank you Lord for

your son to die on the cross to be

raised to life to give us life eternal

and by faith we have ever lasting life

and I pray Lord that if there's someone

here today that's never put their faith

in Jesus now would be the moment that

they do it I pray Lord for our church

that would be zealous to share the good

news of Jesus Christ in Jesus name Amen

Robby's gonna play for a moment if you

need to respond to the message I just  
ask that you'd be obedient today  
whatever God's doing you come if you  
need to I'd be glad to help you out I'd  
be glad to minister to you but you come  
you come if you need it

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