启示录论教会 The Church in Revelation

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A. Spiritual War 属灵争战

Understanding the Church's War 对教会争战进行了解

- ◆ Christ is our head and our king 基督是我们的头,我们的王。
- ◆ We follow him 我们跟随祂
- ◆ We follow him in spiritual war 我们在属灵争战中跟随祂
- Against the attacks of Satan and his hosts

抵挡来自撒但和牠的差役的攻击

B. Counterfeiting 伪装

Satan's Assistant: Rev. 13:1 撒但的差役: 启 13:1

Satan 撒但 (12:3)

- ◆ Dragon 龙
- ◆7 heads 七头
- ◆ 10 horns 十角
- ◆ Crowns on heads 头戴冠冕
- ◆ Pattern 模式



Assistant 差役 (13:1)

- ◆ Beast 兽
- ◆ 7 heads 七头
- ◆ 10 horns 十角
- ◆ Crowns on horns 角戴冠 冕

◆ Reflected image 映像



Imaging 成像

- God 神Christ 基督the Father 圣父the Son 圣子 (Col 西 . 1:15)

◆ God 神

Adam 亚当



◆ Dragon 龙

伪装

Beast 兽 (Rev 启. 13:1)

Pattern 模式

Reflected Image 映像

Counterfeit Trinity 伪装的三位一体

- ◆ The Father 圣父 originates 起
- ◆ Christ 基督 施
- ◆ the Son 圣子

executes 实

witnesses

Original 原型 Function 作用 Counterfeit 伪装

- ◆ Dragon 龙
- ◆ Beast 兽

假先知

The Beast Counterfeits Christ

Christ 基督	Feature 要点	Beast 兽
19:12	Diadems 冠冕	13:1
19:11,12,16	Name 名号	13:1
12:5,10	Power 能力	13:2
1:18	Resurrection 复	活 13:3,12
1:6	Worship 崇拜	13:4
Exo. 15:3,11-12	Praise 赞美	13:4
14:1; 7:3	Seal 即记	13:16
5:9 Nations'	allegiance 各国效	忠 13:7-8

Eschatological War 末世的争战



Divine Holy Warrior (19:11-16) 神圣圣洁的武士 (19:11-16) Abyssal Unholy Warrior (13:1-8) 来自深渊污秽的武士 (13:1-8)

Failure of the Beast 兽的失败

- ◆ Symbolically speaking, he is a beast. 象征意义上讲,牠是只兽。
- ◆ Destined to be subdued by man. 命定要被人制伏。

In Genesis 1 创 1 In Revelation 19 启 19

Adam 亚当

__rules 管辖__ animals 动物 Christ 基督

rules 管辖

Beast 兽

Who Counterfeits the Bride? 谁伪装成新妇?

Original 原型

Function 作用

Counterfeit 伪装

- ◆ The Father 圣父 originates 起 始
- ◆ Christ 基督 施 the Son 圣子
- ◆ Spirit 圣灵
- **◆ Bride** 新妇

实 executes

- ◆ Dragon 龙
- ◆ Beast 兽
- False Prophet 假先知

witnesses 见证

gather 聚集, worship 崇拜

◆ Prostitute 淫 妇

The Role of the Characters 争战进程中 in the Course of the Battle 参战者的角色

- A. The woman-church in creation 12:1 女人-教会正在诞生之中 12:1 B. The dragon (Satan) 龙(撒但) 12:3 C. The beasts 兽 13:1-18 D. The virgin church 童女教会 14:1-5 E. Babylon 巴比伦 17:1-18 E. Judgment of Babylon 审判巴比伦 D. Reward of the virgin 贞洁得奖赏 19:1-10 C. Judgment of beasts 审判众兽 19:11-21 B. Judgment of the dragon 审判龙 20:1-10 . Reward of the creation church 21:1-2
- A. Reward of the creation church 21:1-2 新造的教会得奖赏 21:1-2

Lessons from Counterfeiting 从伪装中学到的功课

You are either for God or against him.

你要么在跟从神,要么在抵挡神。

- ◆ Satan as a creature <u>must</u> imitate God (2 Cor. 11:14). 撒但身为被造物,必然仿效神(林后 11:14)。
 - _ Danger in passing off the counterfeit
 - 充当伪装者的危险
 - Satan is not the Creator/Originator
 - 撒但不是创造者 / 起始者
- ◆ Repulsiveness of the counterfeit. 伪装的令人生厌之处。
- Fit punishment for followers is to be under the Beast.
 - 追随者当受的惩罚是被兽辖制。
- ◆ God controls Satan and all history, 神掌管撒但和全部历史

Job 1-2; Ps. 76:10; Rom. 8:28. 伯 1-2; 诗 76:10; 罗 8:28。

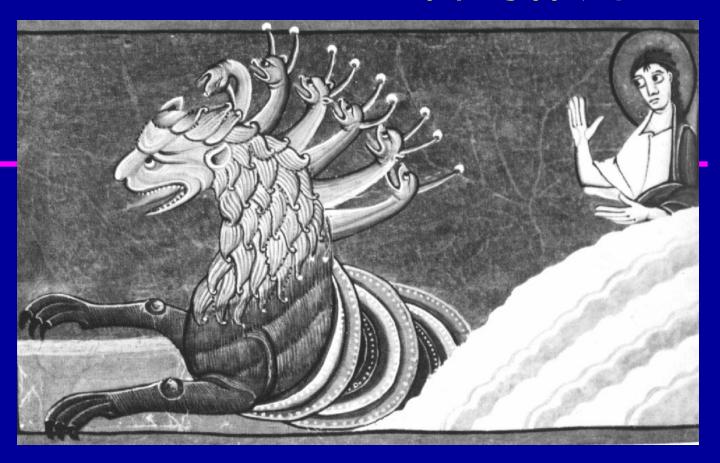
Summary of Defeats 关于战败的总结

- ◆ Spiritual war throughout history 属灵争战贯穿历史
- ◆ The dragon is repeatedly defeated 龙反复战败
- ◆ The pattern of defeat leads up to his final destruction. 战败的模式引向其最终的毁灭。

Repeated 反复 defeats 战败

Final 最终 destruction 毁灭

C. Role of the Beast 兽的作用



Bamberg Apocalypse

Background for Rev. 13:1-10 背景信息(启13:1-10)

Beast of Rev. 13:1-10 启示录中的兽 13:1-10



OT text 旧约经文



Daniel 7 and Rev. 13:1-10 但以理书7和启13:1-10

Daniel 7 但以理书 7



- ① lion 狮子
- 2 bear 熊
- 3 leopard 豹
- 4 iron teeth & ten horns 铁牙和十角

Revelation 13 启示录

- → lion's mouth 狮子的口
- ◆ bear's feet 熊的脚
- ◆ leopard 豹
- ◆ 10 horns 士角



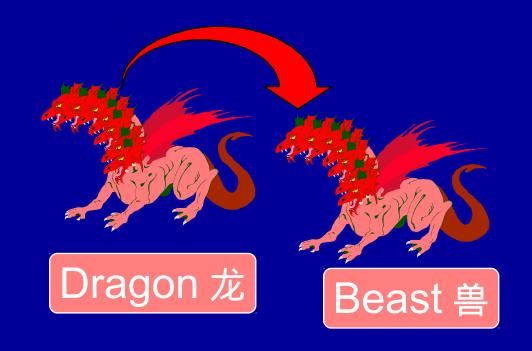
Satan's Counterfeit "Son" 撒但的"伪子"

- ◆ Rev. 启 12:13-17:
 Satan cannot
 defeat the church
 by deceit alone.
 撒但单靠谎言并不能挫
 败教会。
- Rev. 启 13:1,2,4:
 he creates a
 monster in his
 image.
 牠照着自己的形像造了
 一个大兽。

Satan's Deceit 撒但的谎言



Church Witness 教会的见证



Repeated Manifestations 重复出现

Satan has repeated defeats (pattern or war)

撒但重复战败(无论在模式上还是在争战中)

- ◆ The Beast can have 兽
 - repeated manifestations 重复出现

— and repeated defeats. 重复战败

Like father, 像父 like son. 像子

Beast 兽

Forces 力量

Satan 撒但

Fourfold Work of Beast 兽的四重作工

- 罗马帝国的逼迫
- 最终的逼迫
- Persecution NOW, 现今的逼迫 **2 Tim** 提后 3:1,12
- Repeated persecution 反复的逼迫

- Roman persecution Suetonius, Domitian 12.2. 苏埃托尼乌斯,图密善 12.2
- ◆ Final persecution ◆ 2 Thess 帖后. 2:6-8
 - Totalitarian aspirations 极权主义抱负
 - Dan. 7 spans this age; 2 Tim. 3:1, 12 但7中持续至今;提后3:1,12

D. The False Prophet 假先知

Two Monsters 两只大兽

Rev. <u>启</u> 13:1-10

Rev. <u>启</u> 13:11-18

A beast 海中上来的 from the sea 兽 A beast 地中上来的 from the earth 兽

Called 被称为 "The Beast""兽" Called 被称为 "The False Prophet"" 假先知"

Note Rev. 启 16:13; 19:20; 20:10.

The False Prophet 假先知

- ◆ False Prophet assists the Beast. 假先知协助兽。
- ◆ He promotes worship of the Beast, 13:12-15.
 地发起对兽的敬拜, 13:12-15。
- ◆ He counterfeits the Holy Spirit. 牠伪装成圣灵。

False Prophet as Counterfeit 假先知的伪装

Holy Spirit 圣灵

- ◆ Promotes worship of Christ 发起对基督的敬拜
- ◆ Leads into truth 带人进入真理
- ◆ Works miracles 行神迹
- ◆ Exercises authority of Christ 操练基督的主 权

False Prophet 假先知

- ◆ Promotes worship of the Beast 发起对兽的敬拜
- ◆ Deceives 欺骗
- ◆ Counterfeit miracles 伪神迹
- ◆ Exercises authority of the Beast 操练兽的 主权

E. The Prostitute 淫妇



West Flemish Apocalypse

Two Opponents 两个敌人

Who will defeat God's people for me?

谁来为我打败神的子民?

I will 我来



I will 我来



Strategy of Opposition 敌人的战略

How? 你们打算怎么做?

Persecution. 逼迫对方!



Seduction with money and sex!

用金钱和性引诱对方!



Response to Opposition 应对敌人

<u>Calling of the church:</u> 教会的呼召:

Light-bearing Witness 光明的见证

> Endurance 忍耐 (13:10)

Virgin 童女 Purity 洁净

Separation 分别 (18:4)

Opposition: 敌人:

Persecuting power 兽 of the Beast 逼迫的能力

Seductive luxury 淫妇 of the Prostitute 奢逸的引诱

F. Levels of Application 应用的层次

Forms of Idolatry 偶像崇拜的形式

- ◆ Literal: Worship of Caesar or Artemis 照搬字义:崇拜凯撒或亚底米
- ◆ Blatant: Devotion to power or money 明目张胆: 投身于权利或金钱
- ◆ Subtle: "Christian" compromises 隐形含蓄: "基督徒"的妥协
- ◆ Universal: Root motivations 普遍倾向: 动机根源

Idols in USA 美国的偶像

Beast 兽

◆ Power 权力

- State 国家



Prostitute 淫妇

◆ Pleasure 快 乐



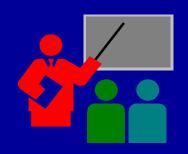
◆ Bropaganda 宣

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False Prophet 假先知

- Education 教育
- Media 传媒





Blatant and Subtle Idolatry 显性和隐性的偶像崇拜

Beast 兽

Prostitute 淫妇

- ◆ Statism 国家主义
- ◆ Manipulation 操纵
 - Pressuring 施加压力
 - -Pleasing man 讨好人

- ◆ Money, sex 金钱, 性
- ◆ Fantasizing 引发幻想
 - -Being rich 变得富有
 - -Sexual flirtation 性挑

逗

It's tempting. 不断引诱



Money as Subtle Idol 金钱作为隐性偶像



- ◆ After a tithe, greed. It's MINE. 十一奉献后的贪心。是我自己的了。
- ◆ Or monk's poverty. 修士的清贫。
- ◆ Or self-righteous simple life-style. 自以为义的简朴生活。
- ◆ Or Marxism (let experts do it for me). 马克思主义(请专业人士为我做)。

Sex as Subtle Idol 性作为隐性偶像



- ◆ Promiscuity: "if it feels good, do it." 放浪: "感觉好就做。"
- ◆ Selfishness within legal boundaries 在法律范围内的自私
- ◆ Monk's celibacy 修士的独身
- ◆ Prudery: despising the body 谨小慎微: 蔑视身体
- ◆ Feminism (let experts do it for me). 女权主义(请专业人士为我做)。

Universal Idolatry 普适的偶像崇拜

Beast 兽

- ◆ Fear 恐惧
- ◆ Passive, 被动的 retreating 后退的
- ◆ Avoid pain 躲避疼痛 乐
- ◆ At any cost 不计代价
- ◆ For ME 为自己

Prostitute 淫妇

Lustful desire 色欲 Active, 主动的 advancing 冒进的 Get pleasure 获取享

At any cost 不计代价 For ME 为自己

Solution for Idolatry 偶像崇拜的对策

- ◆ Worship Satan 拜撒但
- ◆ Deceptive redemptions 虚假的救赎
- ◆ Fear false power 惧怕假能力
- ◆ Lust for money 贪图财富
- ◆ Lust for sex 贪图美色

- ▶ Worship God 敬拜神(4)
- True redemption in the Lamb

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在羔羊里的真救赎(5)
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- ◆ God's Throne (22:1; 4:2) 神的宝座 (22:1; 4:2)
- ◆ God's Wealth (21:21; 4:3) 神的财富 (21:21; 4:3)
- ◆ God's Marriage (19:7; 21:9) 神的婚礼 (19:7; 21:9)

False 假

replaced by 被替换成

True 真

Destruction of Idols 偶像的毁灭

God judges idols, 15:1. 神审判偶像, 15:1

God 神





Beast 兽

◆ Idols destroy Beast 兽 □ > > idolaters, 17:16-17.

偶像毁坏拜偶像 者, 17:16-17。



Hallelujah! 哈利路亚!



Examples of Self-Destruction 自我毁灭的例子

- ◆ Statism consumes wealth (communism).

 国家主义消耗财富(共产主义)。
- ◆ Self-pity needs suffering. 自怜离不开受苦。
- ◆ Self-righteousness is self-willed. 自以为义实为顽固任性。
- ◆ Self-love repels would-be lovers. 自爱排斥了潜在的爱人。
- ◆ God will purify you to the utmost. 神会将你全然洁净。

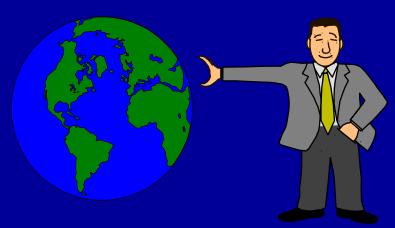
G. Truth and Error 真理和错误

Counterfeit Ideas 伪装的概念

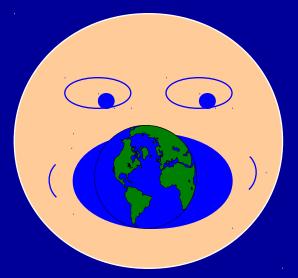
- ◆ False ideas are counterfeits 虚假的概念就是伪装
- ◆ Institutionalized 习惯性地接受
- ◆ Containing enough truth to be plausible 包含了足够多的真理以致于让人觉得可以接受
- ◆ Containing spiritual poison 包含了属灵的毒药
- **◆ Originating in Satanic deceit** 源于魔鬼的欺骗
- ◆ Useful for Christians? 是否对基督徒有效?

Bad Reactions to Counterfeits 对待伪装的不良反应

◆ Pure rejection 完全拒绝



◆ Pure acceptance 完全接受



Using Counterfeit Ideas 利用伪装的概念

- ◆ Extract the truth 提取真理
- ◆ Set in a Christian context 放在基督徒的景况里
- ◆ But will we fall prey to deceit? 但我们是否会成为欺骗的受害者?
- ◆ The importance of spiritual discernment in scholarship and cultural analysis 学术和文化分析中属灵辨别力的重要性
- ◆ Revelation as promoting discernment 启示提高了辨别力
- ◆ Ultimate failure of the deceit 欺骗的终极失败