"The False Prophet" Revelation 13: 11-18



Verse 11 The False Prophet is the Beast from the Earth

Antichrist and the false prophet are cut out of the same cloth - **BOTH BEASTS!**

The second beast has two horns like a lamb - what does this mean?

He appears gentle, meek, attractive, but his true character is that of the dragon - Satan like!

Someone or something may appear righteous, spiritual, and good - be discerning!!

Have your Holy Spirit led eyes and ears open to what is really being said!

Compare what is said with your source of truth - the Word of God!

KNOW THAT DECEPTION IS ALL AROUND - Matthew 24: 4

2 Corinthians 11: 13

Verse 12 The False Prophet is the counterfeit Holy Spirit

What will the false prophet do?

Cause the earth to worship the first beast

The Holy Spirit directs <u>all</u> worship to the Son and will glorify the Son <u>John 16: 14</u>

The false prophet directs worship to the antichrist (COPYCAT!)

Verse 13 The False Prophet will do great signs

The false prophet makes fire come down from heaven like the two witnesses and Elijah

SATAN IS A COPYCAT!

WARNING:

Deception can take the form of reality - be discerning!

There are lying signs and wonders Deuteronomy 13: 1-5

A lying sign or wonder is designed to take someone *away* from the True God!

Your job, always, is to test all things!

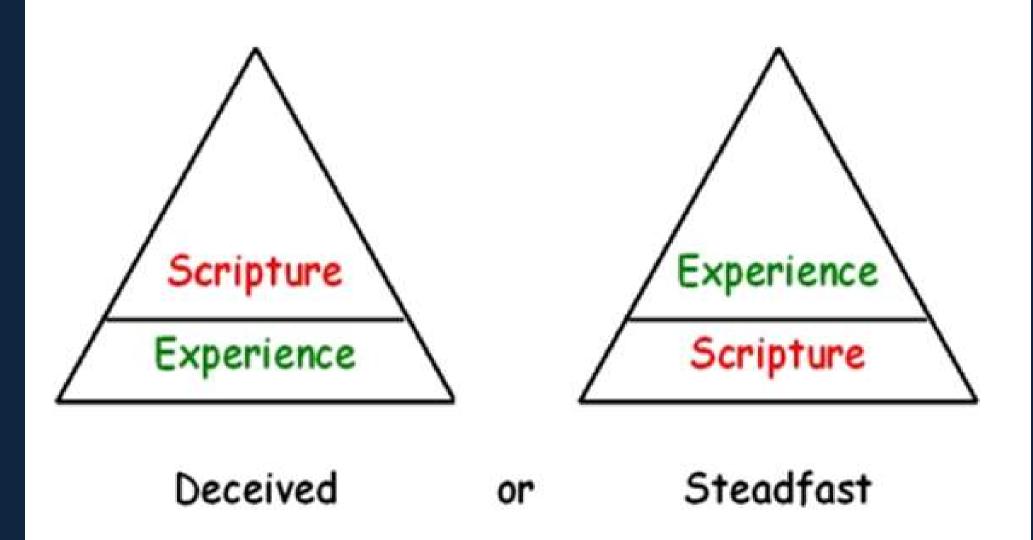
1 John 4: 1

1 Thessalonians 5: 21

What is being said: *Is it in line with the Word of God?*?

Be sure your faith is built on the right foundation!

Two Foundations of Faith



Experience seekers are easily deceived by lying signs and wonders!!

Verse 14 - 15 The False Prophet will make an image to the beast

An image will be made of the beast - their messiah!

The image will actually breathe and speak - a mind blowing miracle!

Those who refuse to worship the image will be killed!

All world religions (except True Christianity) are under the control of Satan

Think of the number of people trapped in false religions or atheism:

Regional Distribution of Hindus

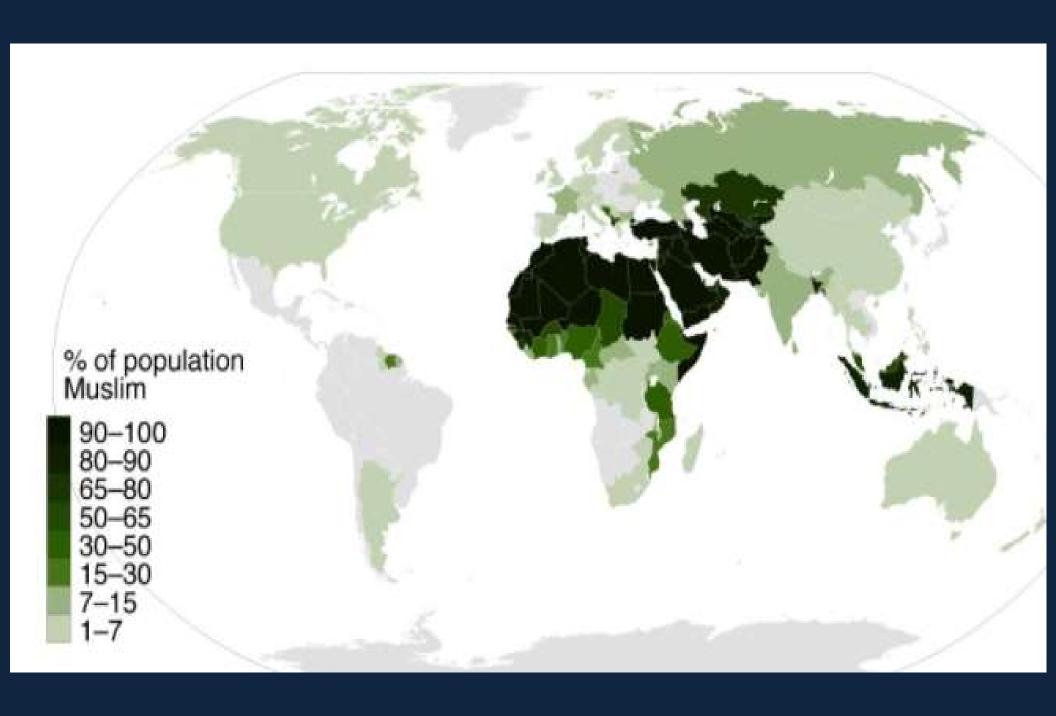
Population by region as of 2010



Percentage of world Hindu population in each region as of 2010



Population estimates are rounded to the ten thousands. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life • Global Religious Landscape, December 2012





If one does not worship the *True God*, they are, by default, worshipping Satan!

Verse 16 - 17 The False Prophet will force the mark of the beast

Everyone is forced to take the mark!

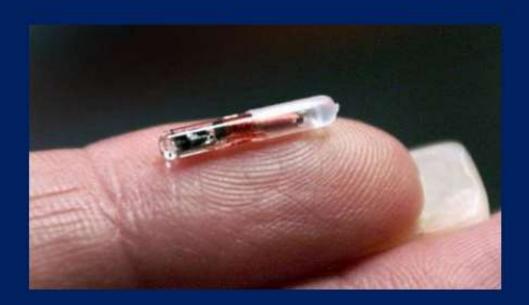
The majority willingly submit to the mark!

Benefit of taking the mark:

Can buy and sell and function in society

The technology is here today for this to occur!







True believers, experiencing tremendous pressure, will <u>not</u> take the mark!

What will they need? What will God give them?

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S
POWER TO STAND!!
Acts 1: 8

Society marks the troublemakers - they are viewed as a danger to society!

The Jews were marked in Nazi Germany in World War II



Verse 18 The number of the beast is 666

What we know about 666:

- 1) It is the number of man
- 2) Antichrist's name, in Hebrew letters, is the numerical value of 666
- 3) Antichrist will be engraving his name on people who take the mark

Again, Satan is a copycat! God writes His name on believers!

Revelation 3: 12, 14: 1, 22: 4

CLOSING: The False Prophet

Chapter 13 gives us much insight into the beast and his protégé, the false prophet

Both are under control of the dragon, carrying out the dragon's edicts!

All that Scripture says about these beasts is sure - they are coming!

For those in the *True Church*, we have a mandate:

- 1) To study prophecy and know what is coming
- 2) To warn people about the coming one world government (GLOBALISM)
- 3) To not fear or tremble GOD IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL!
- 4) To not be preoccupied with the antichrist, the false prophet or Satan!

WE ARE TO MAINTAIN A WATCH FOR CHRIST - not antichrist!

WE ARE COMMANDED TO LOOK FOR OUR BRIDEGROOM - not a coming global tyrant!

Philippians 3: 20

Daniel longed to see this day Daniel 12: 9 What an opportunity, a wonder, a privilege, to be living in this period of time!

What an opportunity to tell people the truth about what is coming!

What an opportunity to stand like a bull in a blizzard for our Savior!

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches"

YOU CAN ALMOST HEAR THE FOOTSTEPS OF MESSIAH!!