

Lifting Up Jesus

Lesson 23

“God’s Warning – The Mark of the Beast”

QUESTION #1

How much time was granted to the beast (Papal Rome) to remain in abusive power?

Revelation 13:1-10

Revelation 13:1-10 NKJV

^{13:1} Then ^[a] stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having ^[b] seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ³ 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. ⁴ So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to ^[c] continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every ^[d] tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ 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.

⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the ^[e] patience and the faith of the saints.

QUESTION #2

How are we to interpret “dates and times” in the Bible? Ezekiel 4:6

Ezekiel 4:6 NKJV

⁶ And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.

QUESTION #3

What happened to Rome at the end of the 42 months from 538 AD when the Pope was made king and began the most heinous of persecutions to all who opposed the Roman church? Revelation 13:10 (NKJV)

Revelation 13:10 NKJV

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QUESTION #4

What does the King of the North do that tells us that he is the anti-Christ? Daniel 11:36

Daniel 11:36 NKJV

³⁶ “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

QUESTION #5

What is the anti-Christ’s (Papal Rome) attitude towards God’s Holy Covenant (Sabbath)? Daniel 11:28

Daniel 11:28 NKJV

²⁸ While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be *moved* against the holy covenant; so he shall do *damage* and return to his own land.

QUESTION #6

How does this beast power relate to those who forsake and violate God’s Holy Covenant? Daniel 11:30-32

Daniel 11:30-32 NKJV

³⁰ For ships from ^[a]Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do *damage*.

“So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. ³¹ And ^[b]forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily *sacrifices*, and place *there* the abomination of desolation. ³² Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall ^[c]corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out *great exploits*.

QUESTION #7

Describe the beast nation that John saw coming up out of the earth. Revelation 13:11

Revelation 13:11 NKJV

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

QUESTION #8

What does this beast force people to do? Revelation 13:12

Revelation 13:12 NKJV

¹²And 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.

QUESTION #9

What will those who worship the beast or its image receive? Revelation 13:15-17

Revelation 13:15-17 NKJV

¹⁵He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, 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. ¹⁶He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷and that no one may buy or sell except one who has ^[a]the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

QUESTION #10

What about those who don't comply? Revelation 13:15

Revelation 13:15 NKJV

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QUESTION #11

What is the number of the beast, the man's number? Revelation 13:18

Revelation 13:18 NKJV

¹⁸Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666.

QUESTION #12

What is the special message that God gives to the people in these last days?

Revelation 14:6-12

Revelation 14:6-12 NKJV

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

⁸And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon^[a] is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

⁹Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

¹²Here is the ^[b]patience of the saints; here^[c] are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

QUESTION #13

What type of gospel is this first angel proclaiming? Revelation 14:6

Revelation 14:6 NKJV

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QUESTION #14

Why should we worship God according to this first angel? Revelation 14:7

Revelation 14:7 NKJV

⁷saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

QUESTION #15

What commandment specifically points to God as Creator? Exodus 20:8-11

Exodus 20:8-11 NKJV

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor

your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

QUESTION #16

Who is Babylon? Revelation 18:1-5, 23-24

Revelation 18:1-5, 23-24 NKJV

^{18:1} After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. ² And he cried ^[a] mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! ³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the ^[b] abundance of her luxury.”

⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins ^[c] have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

²³ The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”

QUESTION #17

What is the message of the second angel? Revelation 14:8

Revelation 14:8 NKJV

⁸ And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon ^[a] is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

QUESTION #18

What does God tell His people in Babylon (false churches) to do? Revelation 18:4- 5

Revelation 18:4- 5 NKJV

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QUESTION #19

What does God warn against in the third angel's message? Revelation 14:9-11

Revelation 14:9-11 NKJV

⁹Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

QUESTION #20

In contrast, how are those saints described in the next verse? Revelation 14:12

Revelation 14:12 NKJV

¹²Here is the ^[a]patience of the saints; here ^[b]are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.