

# What the Future Holds- Biblical Prophecy

## Lesson 6—The False Prophet

- I. **How is the false prophet described?** The Bible identifies the one we call the false prophet with several terms.
  - A. He is referred to as another beast which focuses on his sharing the same character as the first beast whom we understand to be the antichrist—*Revelation 13:11–18*.
  - B. He is also referred to as the false prophet which sees him at the source of error and his ministry is fueled by deception—*Revelation 16:13; 19:20; 20:10*.
- II. **What will be the false prophet's character?** The false prophet will look godly but will be empowered by Satan and will be a wolf in sheep's clothing
  - A. He will have great authority (two horns) and will appear to be righteous (like a lamb) and will work to persuade people into thinking he is a godly person—*Revelation 13:11a*.
  - B. He will actually be empowered by Satan and his teaching and world view will be satanic to the core—*Revelation 13:11b*.
  - C. He will perform satanic miracles, much like the magicians in Pharaoh's day that will deceive many during the tribulation period—*Revelation 13:16–18*.
- III. **What will the false prophet do?** The activity of the false prophet will center on directing people to worship the antichrist and establishing a global economy.
  - A. His miracles will appear to duplicate the miracles of the 2 witnesses in Revelation 11 and he will use his power to deceive people during the tribulation to worship the antichrist—*Revelation 11; 13:12–14*.
  - B. He will create an image of the beast that he will appear to bring to life and persecute those who will not worship the image to be put to death—*Revelation 13:15; 14:9–13*.
  - C. He will develop an economy that will require people to take upon themselves the mark of the beast in order to buy and sell—*Revelation 13:16–18*.
  - D. He will, in conjunction with Satan and the antichrist, send forth demonic forces to gather the armies of the world for battle—*Revelation 16:12–14*.
- IV. **What is the destiny of the false prophet?** The false prophet will be defeated at the return of Christ and will be thrown into the lake of fire along with the antichrist—*Revelation 19:20; 20:10*.