I. FIRST, NOTICE HIS APPEARANCE-V.11.

A. Where does he come from?

1. The antichrist will come from the “sea”. Some say this refers to the nations of the Gentiles.

2. The false prophet will come from the “earth”. Perhaps this refers to native territory, meaning Israel.


B. What will he be like?

1. He will be powerful—“two horns”.

2. He will be gentle and meek—“like a lamb”.

3. He will be deceptive—“spoke like a dragon”—Matthew 12:34 & I Timothy 4:1.

II. SECOND, NOTICE HIS AUTHORITY.

A. Who is the source of his authority?-the Antichrist and thus Satan-v.12a & 13:2b.

B. What is the scope of his authority?-12b & 2 Thess. 2:4.

III. THIRD, NOTICE HIS ACTIVITIES.

A. First, notice his miracles-v.13.

1. He will duplicate the miracle of resurrection as with Jesus and the Two Witnesses did-13:3a & 11:7 & 11.

2. He will also duplicate the miracle of fire from heaven as Elijah did-v.13 & I Kings 18.

B. Second, notice his motive-vv.

1. His motive is to direct worship to the antichrist—13:14.

2. His motive is also to direct worship to the image of the antichrist—13:15.