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THE PERSONALITIES AND WORK OF THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS HENCHMAN, THE FALSE PROPHET

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Since we have been apart for several weeks, here is a brief review of the prophetic time table:

The end-time scenario:

- The next event will be the Rapture of the Church
- The Raptured Saints (living and those who died earlier) will be instantly with the Lord. They will stand before the Lord at the Judgment Seat of Christ to determine their eternal rewards and then taken to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
- On earth, the next seven years following the Rapture will be the Tribulation which will last for seven years.
- The Tribulation will be opened by the advent of the Antichrist.
- There will be three sets of divine judgement on the earth: The Seal Judgments, the Trumpet Judgments, and the Bowl (or Vial) Judgments. All of these will be supernatural in scope and content and NOT man's inhumanity to man.
- When the sixth Bowl Judgment is broken (see scripture at top of page 1, line 6) the armies of the world will meet for the Battle of Armageddon. While the battle ground will encompass far more than the Valley of Esdraelon (or Armageddon), that 25 mile long valley in the north of Israel will be the centerpiece.
- Jesus and all the previously raptured saints will return to earth (see Acts 1) and our Lord will begin the 1,000 year (Millennial Reign). During this time Satan will be bound, but will be released for a short time as residents of the Millennium will make their choice "for" or "against" Christ Jesus.

1 A large number will opt for Satan and they will move militarily against
2 Jerusalem. God will quickly destroy this coalition and Satan will then be
3 bound in Hell forever.

4 ● God will destroy the earth and atmosphere as we know it and will create a
5 new heaven and a new earth. At this point eternity will begin.

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7 Scripture gives us a great deal of information about an individual who will emerge in the
8 end time as the head of the Gentile world powers (those powers are represented by the
9 toes in Nebuchadnezzar's statue).

MISGUIDED EFFORTS TO NAME THE ANTICHRIST

Listed here are the names of some famous people. They have one thing in common: they have all been labeled as the Antichrist - erroneously so.

1. Antiochus Epiphanes - It was a good guess, even though it was wrong, for Antiochus (a Greek madman who lived several centuries before Christ) fulfilled a number of the prophecies that the real Antichrist will repeat.

2. Roman Emperor Nero

3. Just about every Pope has been named by Protestant opponents.

4. Napoleon

5. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

6. Benito Mussolini (His arrogance fit the role of Antichrist but his military abilities were a joke.)

7. Adolf Hitler (Though this effort to name him the Antichrist was wrong, Hitler's life was certainly a demonic forwarning of that which is to come.)

8. And there have been many others: Stalin, J. F. Kennedy, Ayatollah Khomeini, Sun Myung Moon (later jailed for tax problems - hardly a candidate), Louis Farrakhan, President Clinton and others.

NOTE: ALL OF THESE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ANTICHRIST WERE WRONG. It is not a good idea to attempt to identify him since he won't be revealed until after the Rapture of the church.

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13 I saw a recent television program in which a man has called himself Antichrist. He
14 apparently has about 100,000 followers around the world who have lavished him with
15 wealth. Many of those followers have tattooed "666" on their arms or faces.

DANIEL'S WRITINGS ABOUT ANTICHRIST:

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19 Daniel 7:7-8

20 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible,

1 and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and
2 stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were
3 before it; and it had ten horns. [8] I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up
4 among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked
5 up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth
6 speaking great things.

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8 *(Daniel here says simply that out of the beasts (world governments) will come a “beast”*
9 *who subdues them all, an apt description of the political and military power of the*
10 *coming Antichrist.)*

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12 Daniel 7:20-26

13 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before
14 whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great
15 things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. [21] I beheld, and the same horn
16 made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; [22] Until the Ancient of days
17 came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the
18 saints possessed the kingdom. [23] Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth
19 kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the
20 whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. [24] And the ten horns out of
21 this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall
22 be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. [25] And he shall speak great
23 words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to
24 change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and
25 the dividing of time. [26] But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his
26 dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

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28 *(Here Daniel makes it clear that even though Antichrist has the upper hand and causes*
29 *great suffering to the Tribulation saints (verse 25), Christ will utterly subdue him and*
30 *destroy him permanently (verse 26).*

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32 Daniel 8:23-25

33 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a
34 king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. [24] And
35 his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully,
36 and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. [25]
37 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall
38 magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up
39 against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

1 *(Note in verse 24 that Antichrist is empowered by another entity, and that one is Satan*
2 *himself.)*

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4 Daniel 9:26-27

5 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and
6 the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the
7 end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.
8 [27] And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the
9 week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of
10 abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined
11 shall be poured upon the desolate.

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13 *(In prophetic scripture, a “week” is not seven days but seven years. Daniel prophesies*
14 *that Antichrist will win over the hearts of Israel at the beginning but halfway through the*
15 *prophetic “week,” (in the midst of the week - verse 27) he will reveal his real nature and*
16 *purpose and utterly betray Israel.*

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18 (Other passages for you to study include: Ezekiel 28:1-10, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10,
19 Revelation 13:1-10 and 17:8-14.)

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21 Rev. 13:1-10

22 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having
23 seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name
24 of blasphemy. [2] And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as
25 the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his
26 power, and his seat, and great authority. [3] And I saw one of his heads as it were
27 wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after
28 the beast. [4] And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they
29 worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with
30 him? [5] And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies;
31 and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. [6] And he opened his
32 mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them
33 that dwell in heaven. [7] And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to
34 overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
35 [8] And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in
36 the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. [9] If any man have
37 an ear, let him hear. [10] He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that
38 killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of
39 the saints.

THIRTEEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ANTICHRIST

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3 **1. What keeps Antichrist from appearing now?** He is being hindered by “the
4 Restrainer” - the Holy Spirit.

5 2 Thes. 2:6-7 KJV

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. [7] For the
7 mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken
8 out of the way.

9 An easier translation (the Message) puts it like this: 2 Thes. 2:6-7

10 You'll also remember that I told you the Anarchist is being held back until just the
11 right time. [7] That doesn't mean that the spirit of anarchy is not now at work. It is,
12 secretly and underground. But the time will come when the Anarchist will no longer be
13 held back, but will be let loose. But don't worry. The Master Jesus will be right on his
14 heels and blow him away. The Master appears and—puff!—the Anarchist is out of there.

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16 During the Tribulation period, the restraining hand of the Holy Spirit will be lifted off
17 this earth, not His *convicting* presence (for lost humanity will cry out for rocks to fall on
18 them and put them out of their misery) but His *restraining* presence.

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20 **2. Antichrist's “arrival” will be preceded by “a departure.”** 2 Thes. 2:3

21 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come
22 a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

- 23 • I believe it's a two-fold departure: first a departure from “the faith” (and all its
24 attendant viruses - rising tide of immorality, for example) and the second
25 departure is the Rapture of the Church. *We are already seeing the departure*
26 *from the faith.*

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28 **3. Most Bible commentators observe that Antichrist will be a Gentile.** Rev. 13:1

29 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having
30 seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name
31 of blasphemy.

32 Rev. 17:15

33 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are
34 peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

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36 **4. Antichrist will be a political figure.** The seven heads and ten horns of
37 Revelation 13:1 and 17:12 are governments federated under his authority.

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39 **5. His influence blankets the globe for he rules over all nations.** Rev. 13:8

40 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in
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1 the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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3 **6. One of the most fascinating aspects of Antichrist to this teacher is the fact that**
4 **his rise is predicated on “a peace platform.”**

5 Daniel 8:25

6 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall
7 magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up
8 against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

9 Rev. 6:1-2

10 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of
11 thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. [2] And I saw, and behold a white
12 horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went
13 forth conquering, and to conquer.

14 *Note: in verse 2 Antichrist arrives with a bow but no arrows.*

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16 **7. Antichrist will be brilliant and persuasive - a great speaker.**

17 Daniel 7:8

18 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn,
19 before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in
20 this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

21 Many world dictators have had this trait, most recently, Adolf Hitler who could sway
22 huge crowds with his oratory.

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24 **8. He rules his world-wide empire with absolute authority.**

25 Daniel 11:36

26 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify
27 himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and
28 shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be
29 done.

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31 **9. Antichrist will make a treaty for Israel - a seven-year commitment which he**
32 **violates halfway through the time period.**

33 Daniel 9:27

34 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the
35 week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of
36 abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined
37 shall be poured upon the desolate.

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39 **10. Antichrist will demand to be worshiped as god.**

40 Daniel 11:36-37

1 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify
2 himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and
3 shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be
4 done. [37] Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor
5 regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.
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7 **11. Toward the end of the seven-year tribulation period, there will form an**
8 **alliance against him.**

9 Ezekiel 28:7

10 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they
11 shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy
12 brightness.

13 Daniel 11:40

14 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the
15 north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and
16 with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

17 Daniel 11:42

18 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not
19 escape.
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21 **12. Antichrist's rule will be abruptly terminated by God Himself.**

22 Ezekiel 28:6-7

23 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of
24 God; [7] Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and
25 they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy
26 brightness.

27 Daniel 11:45

28 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy
29 mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

30 *(This is a fascinating prophecy indicating that Antichrist will have set up his*
31 *headquarters in Jerusalem between the seas (the Mediterranean and Dead Seas) in the*
32 *glorious holy mountain (which is Mount Zion).*
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34 **13. God will cast Antichrist into the lake of fire forever.**

35 Rev. 19:20

36 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before
37 him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that
38 worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with
39 brimstone.
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1 *This will take place at the Second Coming of Christ, after which Jesus will institute His*
2 *Millennial Reign of 1,000 years on this earth.*

4 **THE FALSE PROPHET**

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6 Dr. Dwight Pentecost (Prophecy for Today / pg. 92) *A trinity from hell will dominate*
7 *the world scene in the last days before the Lord Jesus Christ comes back to this earth to*
8 *reign. Scripture reveals the work of an unholy trinity operating in imitation of the*
9 *holy Trinity. SATAN imitates the work of God the Father; THE BEAST*
10 *(ANTICHRIST) imitates the work of the Son in subjecting the world to himself; THE*
11 *FALSE PROPHET imitates the work of the Holy Spirit in magnifying the false king*
12 *who will reign on this world's throne.*

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14 Rev. 13:11-18

15 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth *; and he had two horns like a
16 lamb **, and he spake as a dragon. [12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast
17 before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast,
18 whose deadly wound was healed. [13] And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire
19 come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, [14] And deceiveth them that
20 dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight
21 of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the
22 beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. [15] And he had power to give life
23 unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that
24 as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. [16] And he
25 causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their
26 right hand, or in their foreheads: [17] And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had
27 the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. [18] Here is wisdom. Let
28 him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man;
29 and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

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31 * The earth symbolizes Israel. The False Prophet could well be Semitic.

32 ** John, the Revelator, reports that this False Prophet had two horns like a lamb. What
33 an imitator Satan is! When Jesus began His earthly ministry, John the Baptist
34 introduced him as “the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.” But
35 Satan’s “lamb” is a liar who has come to blind mankind to the evils of the Satanic trinity
36 from hell.

37 38 **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FALSE PROPHET**

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40 1. **The primary work of the False Prophet is to “cause the earth and them that**

1 **dwell therein to worship the first beast (Antichrist). Rev. 13:12**
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3 He will not speak of himself but rather Antichrist. Again - an imitation for the Holy
4 Spirit never speaks of Himself, but always speaks of Christ. **John 16:13-14**

5 **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for**
6 **he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and**
7 **he will shew you things to come. [14] He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of**
8 **mine, and shall shew it unto you.**
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10 The False Prophet will direct mankind to Satan's ruler of the world, Antichrist.

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12 **2. The False Prophet will be capable of performing miracles!** Rev. 13:13

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the
14 earth in the sight of men,
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16 Notice the imitation of Elijah on Mount Carmel as described in II Kings 1:10. Now
17 counter that Old Testament history with Malachi's stunning prophecy: **Malachi 4:5-6**

18 **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and**
19 **dreadful day of the Lord: [6] And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the**
20 **children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the**
21 **earth with a curse.**
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23 Dr. Pentecost (Prophecy for Today / p. 96): *...the last spoken word from God before the*
24 *400 silent years (between the Old and New Testament) was the promise that Elijah would*
25 *come before the Lord comes.*
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27 Satan knows the scriptures so he attempts to convince Israel especially that Antichrist is
28 the Messiah as revealed by "his Elijah."
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30 **3. The False Prophet will give the world "an image" of Antichrist that is**
31 **compelling.** Rev. 13:14

32 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he
33 had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they
34 should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
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36 Here I personally differ from some commentators in that I don't think the "image" is a
37 statue of some sort; rather, I think it is an "idea" or "concept" of Antichrist that is
38 wholesome and desirable, one that the world will accept. What Antichrist really is will
39 be on thing, but the False Prophet's promoted "image" of him will be quite something
40 else entirely. IN FACT, ANTICHRIST'S TRUE CHARACTER WILL NOT BE
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1 REVEALED UNTIL THE SECOND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD.

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3 **4. The False Prophet will have the power of capital punishment.** Rev. 13:15

4 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast
5 should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast
6 should be killed.

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8 Here the mark of the beast comes into play:

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10 Rev. 13:16-18

11 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a
12 mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: [17] And that no man might buy or sell,
13 save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. [18] Here
14 is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the
15 number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

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17 Failure to accept the “mark” will result in either the person’s death by starvation or by
18 arrest and capital punishment. (Pentecost - page 98) *You have a world-wide system, so*
19 *intricately planned and so devilishly manipulated that it can control every item of*
20 *commerce that is offered for sale and will dictate who can buy and what they can buy and*
21 *where they can buy.*

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23 As a result, untold millions of tribulation saints (those who are saved after the rapture
24 of the church) will die terrible and dramatic deaths. So John reminds us in **Revelation 7**
25 that there will be multitudes from every kindred and tongue and tribe and nation who
26 have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb who have been
27 martyred for their faith.

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29 **5. What does the “666” stand for?**

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31 I honestly don’t know and neither does anyone else. Apparently there will be a
32 numbering system in the tribulation (not unlike your social security # and PLEASE don’t
33 confuse that # with the mark of the beast for it is NOT). Antichrist’s personal # will be
34 666.

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36 **6. What is the False Prophet’s future?** BLEAK!

37 Rev. 19:20-21

38 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before
39 him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that
40 worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with

1 brimstone. [21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the
2 horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their
3 flesh.

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5 TODAY WE HAVE THE PRECIOUS HOLY SPIRIT TO EMPOWER US AND
6 DRAW US CLOSER TO GOD. Be sure you are filled with the HOLY SPIRIT and
7 not influenced by the unholy one. That means constant study of God's Word and
8 prayerful daily consideration of your own personal life.

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**NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14: "TO WHOM DOES THE LAND OF ISRAEL
REALLY BELONG - AND WHY? AND WHAT WILL ISRAEL BE LIKE DURING
THE TRIBULATION AND MILLENNIUM?"**

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