

Hello! This is Dorothy -

In **Daniel chapter 2** and **Revelation 13**, it is very noteworthy that the Gentile world dominion begins and ends with a great image. You remember the great image to do with Nebuchadnezzar in **Daniel chapter 2**, and also the great image that is going to be erected by one who wants to be worshiped, who is none other than Satan himself here on planet earth.

In **Daniel 2:42**, the ten toes are mentioned — the ten toes, representing ten kings of a kingdom that really is a revived Roman empire. It never really died, and it will exist concurrently at the time God sets up His kingdom at the Second Coming of Christ. In **verse 43**, we read - **And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.** In other words, a deterioration by admixture: the iron of the Roman imperial rule mixed with the clay of the popular will — fickle and easily molded, which is exactly what has come to pass in lands where the sphere on ancient Rome still exists.

Speaking of the false prophet in **Revelation chapter 13, verses 13 to**

17, we read -

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of man.

14 And. . . -notice this word - . . . deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast. . . -that is the antichrist - . . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

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

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 That no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Interesting, isn't it? Already, such a thing is possible and is taking place not only in some of the animals so that people find where they are, but also it is being worked out on humans. We are in a very critical hour, an hour when Jesus is calling us to be sure we know and love Him, for He wants to take us out before this terrible day of wrath will be poured out upon Antichrist-rejecters.

Then we go on and we read in **2 Thessalonians chapter 2 —**

3 . . .and that man of sin - that is the Antichrist - will be revealed,

the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. The *man of sin* literally means *a man of lawlessness*. **The mystery of lawlessness** is noted in **verse 7**. In **verse 8 . . . that Wicked (lawless one)** is an individual of the future, who is going to come to power during the tribulation days.

I am not looking to find out who the Antichrist is; I am looking to see Jesus come again! I will not be around when the Antichrist comes, because I put my trust in Jesus Christ; I personally received Him into my life. He is going to take out those who know and love Him, because the wrath that would have been poured on me was poured on Him on the Cross, when He became sin for me. I am going to be taken out with others who know and love the Lord Jesus. But such a day is then coming when this Antichrist will pretend to be God and want to be worshiped. In the middle of the tribulation period, this Antichrist is actually going to go into what will be a rebuilt Jewish temple — and there is much there ready for that right now — and he is going to desecrate that very temple in Jerusalem, by placing himself there to be worshiped.

Our Lord said, in **Matthew 24:15 - When ye therefore see the**

abomination of desolation . . . - that is what it is about - . . . spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place . . . This will be the climax of man's great sin of self-deification in open defiance of God. Oh, this terrible, terrible end of this seven years of the seventieth week of years! Praise God, King Jesus will deliver His besieged city of Jerusalem at His Second Coming! He will destroy all His enemies. Just by the word of His power — that's it! and they are gone! Then we read how, in an amazing way, in a day Israel will see Him who they pierced and they will repent and those who are left will come to love and to know Him.

Oh, turn to Jesus today! Turn to Him while you have today. Realize it is not about what you want from life; it is what Christ has done that He should be everything through you. In the Name of Jesus, may you be delivered from such a terrible hour.

Amen.