

**Christian Myth Busters**  
**Prophecy Corrections Part 3**  
Sunday Morning 1/13/24, 11 AM Service

**Ten Prophecy Corrections**

**At the first service we looked at 4-6, last night we looked at 1-3  
We will Examine 7-10 at this service**

**The ten are:**

- #1 We were taught that the Rapture of the Church Begins the Great Tribulation**
- #2 We were taught that carnal Christians may not be raptured**
- #3 We were taught that the Holy Spirit is removed from the earth during the Tribulation**
- #4 We were taught that the two witnesses of Revelation 11:2-12 were probably Elijah and Moses or Elijah and Enoch**
- #5 We were taught that the final battle in the tribulation is called the Battle of Armageddon**
- #6 We were taught that the new heavens and earth of Isaiah 65:17 are the new eternal order of Revelation 21 and 22**
- #7 We were taught that the mark of the beast would be tied to a new universal currency**
- #8 We were taught to not allow any identification chip or tattoo to be put on our hand for that could be the Mark of the Beast**
- #9 We were taught that the army of 200 million in Revelation 9:16 are the Chinese Army**
- #10 We are often taught that the worldwide events of today, especially about Israel are leading to the Rapture**

**Prophecy correction.....**

- #7 We were taught that the mark of the beast would be tied to a new universal currency**
- We believe that is wrong**

We start our examination of the Mark of the Beast with the **False Prophet...**

**-He is revealed to us in Revelation 13:11-15**

**11 Then I saw another beast [similar, but different than the A.C.] coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon [who is Satan].**

**12 And he [the False Prophet] 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 [the Antichrist], whose deadly wound was healed.**

**13 He [the False Prophet] performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men [imitating Elijah].**

**14 And he [the False Prophet] deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was [mortally] wounded by the sword and lived.**

**15 He [the False Prophet] 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.**

**-Following the rise of the first beast, the Antichrist, John saw a second beast come out of the earth,**

- thus emphasizing his total humanity, for no part of him is heavenly.
- He will appear like a lamb, giving the appearance of a true spiritual man, and thus deceiving many.
- But he will speak like a dragon and so will betray his true nature, for he will be an agent of Satan, ...
- ... who throughout Revelation is portrayed as a dragon, **see Revelation 12:9.**
- This second beast is elsewhere called, **The False Prophet in Revelation 16:13; 19:20; 20:10.**

**His activities as the counterfeit prophet/pseudo holy spirit** were spelled out in Rev. 12:12–15.

- As the Holy Spirit exercises equal authority with the True Son,
- the False Prophet will exercise equal authority with the counterfeit son, ....
- ..... called 'the beast' from God's perspective; 'the antichrist' from earth's perspective.
- Just as the Holy Spirit calls all men to worship the resurrected Son,
- the False Prophet will call all men to worship the resurrected counterfeit son,
- ... whose death-stroke was healed in v.12.
- In order to fully carry out the deception, the False Prophet will have the power of a counterfeit worker....
- ... of spiritual gifts of miracles and will perform signs for the purpose of deceiving many in vs. 13–14.
- After convincing the world of the supremacy of the Antichrist,...

**.... The False Prophet** then will command men to make an image of the Beast.

- After the image is made, the image itself will be given life by the False Prophet.
- This power of giving life will be another factor why men will worship the Antichrist and the image,
- Those who refuse to do so are put to death according vs. 14–15.
- In this manner, the counterfeit trinity will be complete.

**We then come to his identification mark....**

**666: The Mark of the Beast— Revelation 13:16–18**

**16 He [the false prophet] causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,**

**17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of [or that adds up to] his name.**

**18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate [from the numeric values assigned to letters in the Hebrew Alphabet] the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.**

- To counter the seal of God on the foreheads of some of the saints, ....
- ..... the False Prophet will introduce his own counterfeit mark or seal.
- The counterfeit seal is the infamous, '**Mark of the Beast**'.
- The placement of the mark will be visible for all to see on the forehead or on the right hand in v. 16.
- It will be given to all who will subject themselves to the authority and divinity of the Antichrist ....
- ..... and accept him as god.
- The mark will serve as a passport for doing business, whether buying or selling according to v. 17.
- They will not be able to buy or sell anything unless they have the mark that identifies them with the AC.

**Credit or Currency?**

- It should be pointed out that this mark has nothing to do with credit or currency, as we were taught.
- In a credit or credit card system, everyone must have a different number.
- In this case, everyone has the same number.
- The purpose of the mark will be to serve as a sign of identification of those,
- ..... who will own the Antichrist as their god.
- Only those who have this number will be permitted to work, to buy, to sell, or simply to make a living.
- The verse does not speak of credit cards, banking systems, a cashless society, a one-world money system, or computers, etc.

**So what does the mark mean or signify?**

**The interpretation of the mark is given by five clues in verses 17b–18**

**The name of the Beast**

**The number of his name**

**The number of the Beast**

**The number of a particular man**

**The number is 666**

-Following thru this logical progression, the number of the Beast is also the number of a specific man,...

-.... Furthermore, this number is the number of his very own name, ....

-.... and the numerical value of his name is 666.

-The point is essentially this: whatever the name of the Antichrist will be in Hebrew, ....

-..... the numerical value of that name will be 666.

-Why Hebrew?

-Because the 7-year tribulation is about the last 7 years of Daniel, determined on his Hebrew people,

-And the AC is presenting himself as god & the Jewish Messiah, in place of Jesus, the one they rejected.

-He will come in his own name and they will receive him, according to Jesus in **John 5:43**

**I have come in My Father's name, and you [Jews] do not receive Me; if another [who has similarities to me] comes in his own name, him you will receive.**

**How does 666 signify a particular man?**

-Each letter of the Hebrew alphabet has a numerical value.

-There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet and in the order of numerical value they are as follows:

**1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 200, 300, and 400.**

-So everyone's name in Hebrew has a numerical sum value.

-The name of Jesus the Messiah in Hebrew has the numerical value of 749.

-In this passage whatever the personal name of the Antichrist will be, ....

-.... if his name is spelled out in Hebrew characters, the numerical value of his name will be 666.

-So this is the number that will be put on the worshipers of the Antichrist, identifying them with him.

-Since a number of different calculations can equal 666, it is impossible to figure out the name in advance.

-But when he does appear, whatever his personal name will be, its numerical value will equal 666.

-Those who are wise at that time will be able to point him out, knowing this Scripture.

**In Summary**

-Those who buy and sell in the Antichrist's kingdom will have to have his identification mark,

-on their forehead or right hand and worship him and declare that he is god.

-the mark of the beast is not about currency but allegiance to the Beast,

-and thus having this mark the bearer is free to buy or sell.

**Prophecy correction.....**

**#8 We were taught to not allow any identification chip or tattoo to be put on our hand for that could be the Mark of the Beast**

-We believe that is wrong

-Other things must be in existence for that to be true.

-The nation of Israel must exist in order for the AC to make a seven-year covenant with them.

-Check that box they exist today as a nation and will continue to do so.

-The Mark of the Beast follows the abomination that makes the Temple desolate.

-We cannot check that box, because there is no temple to make desolate.

-The AC, the Beast will set up His idolatrous image in or on the Temple, ....

-.... and demand that it and he be worshipped.

-We cannot check that box, there is no temple to set his image up in or on,

- The antichrist cannot be worshipped because we are here and the Holy Spirit has not stopped,...
- ....restraining evil.
- Taking the Mark of the Beast and worshipping him are mid-tribulational events,
- you can read of them on your own in **Revelation 13:1-18**

#### **Prophecy correction.....**

#### **#9 We were taught that the army of 200 million in Revelation 9:16 are the Chinese Army**

- .... Because they are probably the only country that could field a 200-million-man army
- We believe that is wrong
- The verses in question are in **Revelation 9:13-21**
  - 13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar [of incense] which is before God,**
  - 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”**
  - 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a [specific] third of mankind.**
  - 16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.**
  - 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them [the horses] had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.**
  - 18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths [not their horses].**
  - 19 For [just so we are clear] their power is in their mouth and in their tails [not horses tails]; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm [or punishment].**
- What we see is demonic, not human. We have no reason not take these demonic descriptions literally.

#### **So How did living mankind respond?**

- 20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk [referencing Ps. 115:4-7].**
- 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries [pharmakon, drugs] or their sexual immorality or their thefts.**
- No humans, no matter how you imagined them look or act, ...
- .... or have the powers of these 200 Million demonic beings.
- We often anthropomorphize many of the judgments that occur in the book of Revelation.
- We have a tendency to try and understand Revelation in our terms instead of just taking it literally.

The two hundred million are demonic, not the Chinese army and they will kill a third of the world's population.

#### **Prophecy correction.....**

#### **#10 We are often taught that the worldwide events of today, especially about Israel are leading to the Rapture**

- We believe that is a wrong emphasis.
- God's Biblical, prophetic timetable does not revolve around the church.
- We the church live in a gap of time in God's Jewish calendar.
- We are a space between two words or two verses.

- The church age is gentile dominant, including Jews who believe in their Messiah in this age.
- Today Jews who believe in their Messiah become part of the church.
- In this 'gap time frame', this 'Age of Grace', this age of divine judicial restraint, ....
- .... the gaps in passages connect two thoughts that have to do with Jewish issues and not the church.
- We must rid ourselves of a Pseudo-Biblical 'Church Arrogance' and superior self-importance, and ....
- .remember that we gentiles are the unnatural, wild branch that is grafted into the believers of the past, ...
- ..... like Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah and John the Baptist, and of course St. Patrick.

**We must humbly remember** that we the church are a mystery not revealed in the OT.

- However, saving Gentiles was and is truly in God's plans in the OT and now, but....
- .... the combining of Jews and Gentiles into a singular living body, the Church, was not revealed in the OT.
- For the first time Jesus in **Matthew 16:18** reveals and uses the word 'church' that He will build.
- In Matthew 13 Jesus described the church He would build as the Mystery Kingdom....
- Then we saw the forming of the singular one church thru Peter in Acts 2, 8, and 10....
- .... But it was Paul who was given the words, the labels to describe the Mystery of the Church,
- ... the One Body of Christ in **Ephesians 3:1-12**-read these verses on your own

**So how has the Church, Christendom more precisely, dealt with the fact it is only a gap in time?**

- Gentile dominant Christendom overall chose to REPLACE Israel in God's program,
- Because Israel instigated and pushed hard for the gentiles in authority over them to crucify Christ.
- If my Bible is correct I believe that it was YHWH, our LORD Father, who gave Jesus up to be crucified, ...
- ..... For our sins! ..... and to that we all say, Amen and thank you!
- Were there human instruments involved with His crucifixion?
- Absolutely! Both Jewish and Gentile.
- Not only did Christendom decide to replace Israel in God's program for the Ages,....
- .... Christendom decided to rid the world of Jews, the Christ killers,
- starting today's antisemitism and genocide beginning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Centuries....
- .... that led to many acts of genocide against millions of Jews throughout the Church Age, ....
- Be Christendom and the world.

**BUT within Christendom is true Christianity, true Biblical Christianity, the true Gap Fillers**

- And here are a few of the gaps in Scripture, with the most famous one coming from Jesus in....

**.... Luke 4:17-19**

- Luke quotes directly from Jesus and gives a model for clear interpretation to the other gaps in Scripture.
- Jesus reads from Isaiah 61 while in the Synagogue at Nazareth....

**17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah.**

**And when He had opened the book,**

**He found the place where it was written:**

**18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,**

**Because He has anointed Me**

**To preach the gospel to the poor;**

**He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,**

**To proclaim liberty to the captives**

**And recovery of sight to the blind,**

**To set at liberty those who are oppressed;**

**19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."**

**20 Then He closed the book [in the middle of 61:2] and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.**

**21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."**

- The middle of Isaiah 61:2 is the gap between 'the acceptable day of the LORD' and 'the day of vengeance'
- Jesus left off at the part of the Isaiah passage that has to do with His program for Israel: ....
- .... Verse 2b of Isaiah 61 continues after the gap 61a

**2b And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,  
3 To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."  
4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins,**

- We see this same gap in the middle of **Isaiah 9:6** which says,

**6a For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;**

**Here is the gap >>>>>> the church age**

**6b And the government will be upon His shoulder [in the Millennium].  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the increase of His government and peace  
There will be no end,  
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,  
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice  
From that time forward, even forever.**

**Another example** of the gap that is the church age is in...

**Luke 1:31-33** the gap is in the middle of verse 32....

**31 And behold, you [Mary] will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call  
His name JESUS.  
32a He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest;**

**Here is the gap >>>>>>>>> the church age**

**32b and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.  
33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no  
end."**

**And another gap example is in ....**

**Hosea 3:4-5**

**4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days [in the church age] without king or  
prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.**

**Here is the gap >>>>>>>>> the church age**

**5 Afterward [after God is finished with the church] the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.**

**The horrid events happening in this world are allowed by God**

- He allows us all to make our own decisions, He will not violate our free will.
- He will not stop you, but He will try to restrain you...
- ... either thru your conscience, the word of God, thru the police, governmental laws, thru the teachings...
- ... of the church, or its salt and light and witness.
- All of these restraints are dimming in this world and God is allowing it to happen. Why?
- He is using the free will decisions of the world to prepare the world,
- ... for the Tribulation and the Second coming of Christ.

**The world is shaping itself to be a vessel of wrath and destruction.**

- The world is becoming desperate for a man to save them-unfortunately that man will be the AC.
- The worldwide events of today are not about the rapture of the gappers, the true church, ...
- .... but about the world preparing itself for judgment for rejecting Christ,....
- ..... Preparing it for great tribulation and the second coming of Christ.
- Where do we see this in Scripture?

**The Holy Spirit is the restrainer of evil per 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7**

- ....until He steps back completely and allows evil to be unrestrained.
- In light of this ever-increasing evil preparation that we see and do not like, ...
- .... we ask why does He not do more restraining?
- What He allows and does not restrain is preparatory to the world believing the lie,
- Which is to believe in Christ's satanic replacement, the Antichrist.

**How does one get the world to believe The Lie?**

- ..... by getting the world to believe many lies before the big one is presented to them.....
- .... Even when truths establish that those lies are truly LIES.
- The verses we are referring to about believing 'the lie' are in **2 Thessalonians 2:6-11**

**6 And now you know what [the Spirit] is restraining [the verb is neuter, so we know it is the Spirit], that he [the AC] may be revealed in his own time.**

**7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work [in the church age]; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way [from restraining evil].**

**8 And then the lawless one [the AC] will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume [or capture] with the breath of His mouth and destroy [render inoperative] with the brightness of His coming.**

**9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,**

**10a and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish**

**Why do they perish?**

**10b BECAUSE THEY DID NOT RECEIVE THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.**

**11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion [He'll strengthen their resolve], that they should believe the lie,**

**Let me give you.....**

**Ten Lies the Culture Teaches You and Our Children to Believe as Truth**

-I had the privilege to teach our High Schoolers recently that did not go on the high school retreat..  
-...We taught about lies that our culture teaches as truths.

Here are some without much commentary

**1-Sex is love**

**2-We are born innocent, not with a sin nature**

**3-Popularity equals value or acceptance**

**4-You must actively love yourself; you are to forgive yourself**

**5-Government and more government is the answer and I'm ok with losing my freedoms**

**6-Man made climate change is our greatest threat**

**7-Your gender is not biological, true science is inconvenient here**

**8-Anything but a creator, therefore evolution and the big bang is a fact, even if it is not true**

**9-Men and Women are the same, not just equal**

**10-We don't need the police to restrain evil, for all people are inherently good-we just need to discover that good**

-When the world is used to believing lies as truths, believing 'the lie' will be easy!

**Paul says this to us 'arrogant church age gappers' in Romans 11:17-21**

**17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,**

**18 do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.**

**19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."**

**20 Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.**

**21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.**

-What is going on in the world is not about preparation for the rapture,....

-..... But letting the world prepare itself for the coming of the lawless one, ....

-.... For the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming of Christ.

**The Rapture comes with the fullness of the gentiles**

-When that fullness number is reached, those of us alive on earth will be taken to heaven,....

-.... And God will once again focus His attention on Israel and work and wait for their repentance!

**As the Holy Spirit eases up on restraint, the world gets worse**

-And we live in the midst of it.

-And it is not easy, in fact it is scary at times.

-The Spirit through Paul predicted where we are today,

-with some of his last words,.....

-in **2 Timothy 3:1-15**

**1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:**

**2 For men [in general] will be [passionate] lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers [toward God], disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**

**3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,**

**4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,**

**5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!**

**6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,  
7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.  
8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;  
9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.  
10 But you [CCR?] have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,  
11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me [and He will deliver us].  
12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.  
13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.  
14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,  
15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures**

-let these verses marinate with you as you watch the world prepare for the Great Tribulation!

-This concludes the three services and Ten Prophecy Corrections.

Let us Pray!!!!

And let us Pray and Praise tonight starting at 5-6:30