

## Prophecy devo 26 – The judgments of the Tribulation

THE PERSECUTION OF ISRAEL ( Revelation 12:1-17). The first sign is Israel who gave Christ to the world (5). Israel will be fiercely persecuted during the Tribulation. The great red dragon is Satan (9). There will be a war in Heaven between Michael and the Lord's angels against the Devil and his angels. Satan and his angels will be cast out of Heaven (8-9). This will cause war on earth. The Devil will persecute Israel (13). Israel will be protected from the Devil for 3 ½ years (14). An all-out war will be waged by Antichrist against Israel (15), There will be persecution for the remnant who follow Christ (17).

THE ANTICHRIST (Revelation 13:1-10). Antichrist is the Beast out of the sea. He will bring about the persecution of Israel. Antichrist will be the leader of the revived Roman Empire (1-2) (Compare Daniel 7:7-8; 17-26). He will rule over the territory occupied by the kingdoms represented by the seven heads. The revived Roman Empire will be a confederation of 10 kings who will receive power from Antichrist (the best). Antichrist will appear to die, but he will resuscitate. It will appear to have a "miraculous" resurrection (3). He will be worshipped as God (4, 8, 12, 15). He will speak with absolute authority (5-6). He will massacre those who are God's children (7). His power will be worldwide (8). He will be captured and be killed (9-10).

THE FALSE PROPHET (Revelation 13:11-18). The beast out of the earth is the False Prophet. He will be a religious leader (11). He will exercise the same power as Antichrist (12). He will cause the world to worship the Antichrist (13-14). He causes those who won't worship the Antichrist to be killed (15). He will cause Antichrist's followers to receive a mark (16-18). People will have to wear the mark or the number of the Beast (666). This will be required to buy and sell. Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet form an evil trinity to imitate the Holy Trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.