

The Diabolical Leaders of the Apocalypse

The Three Leaders:

During the Apocalypse, humanity will have its 3 most wicked leaders in history (see *Revelation, Daniel 2. and 7., 2 Thess. 2., Matthew 24. and 25., Mark 13., Luke 21.*):

1. "The great dragon..., that old serpent, called the Devil, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world..." (*Rev. 12:9*). He is a spiritual entity, the originator and the leader of all that is evil. He is the head of the fallen angels, known as devils or demons. One third of the angels of heaven have fallen (*Rev. 12:4*) and became Satan's followers, therefore God "cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness." (*2 Pet. 2:4*) The devils are fighting against Michael and the other angels in heaven, but during the Apocalypse they will be cast down to earth. (*Rev 12.*). We do not know what this means. They will either appear in some physical form, (e.g. as aliens) or they will inhabit the bodies of humans, which means that some people will be possessed by demons. As a result, wickedness and the hate of Jesus Christ and Christians will reach its peak.

2. The **Beast** "out of the sea", that is the **Antichrist** possessed by Satan, will be the leader of the world at that time, a world dictator (*Rev. 13:1—2*). He will arise after a world kingdom is set up with 10 kings (*Daniel 7*). The Antichrist will be "wounded to death" (killed?) and yet live, and thus admired and worshipped by the people (*Rev. 13:3—4*). This "man of sin" (*2 Thess. 2:3—9*) will speak blasphemies against God, will make war against the Christian saints (*Rev. 13:5—7*), and at the same time he will claim to be God. Empowered by the Devil and coming with signs and wonders, this charismatic, cruel deceiver will be worshipped by all those "whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (*Rev. 13:4,8*)

The Antichrist will appear, and possibly reign in Jerusalem (*Rev. 11:7, Mark 13:14*). He will claim to be the Jewish Messiah, and many Jews will accept him as such (*John 5:43*).

The number of the Antichrist's name is **666** (*Rev. 13:18*). He will reign for 42 months, that is 3.5 years (*Rev. 13:5 and Daniel 7:25*).

3. The beast "out of the earth" (*Rev. 13:11*) will be the religious leader of that time. This "**false prophet**" (*Rev. 19:20*) will look like a lamb (Jesus Christ) but speak as a dragon (Satan) (*Rev. 13:11*). By his power and miracles, he will deceive the people and cause them to worship the Antichrist, make his image, which will have strange powers, and worship this image (*Rev. 13:12—15*). He will be responsible for implementing the **mark of the beast**:

"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: And 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. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." (*Rev. 13:16—18*)

Those who take the mark of the Beast and worship him, will later be condemned by God to eternal punishment (*Rev. 14:9—12*).

The Fate of the Three Leaders:

After Antichrist's 3.5 years reign, his army will be destroyed by the returning Jesus Christ and His heavenly army at the place called Armageddon in Hebrew, today's Megiddo in Israel (*Rev. 16:16*). Then the Antichrist and the false prophet "were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone" (*Rev. 19:20*).

Satan will be bound for 1,000 years (*Rev. 20:1—3*), which means he will be powerless. During this time, Jesus Christ and his resurrected saints will reign on earth (*Rev. 20:4—6*). After 1,000 years Satan will be loosed to tempt and deceive the nations once again, gathering them for a war against the saints. This time his army will be consumed by fire coming down from God (*Rev. 20:7—9*). "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." (*Rev. 20:10*).

Then the final judgment and the creation of a new heaven and a new earth will take place (*Rev. 20:1—15, 21., 22.*).