

Idols And The Antichrist

It is interesting that the antichrist will impersonate the Lord Jesus in so many ways, yet this one thing defies the very Being of God the Father during the antichrist's reign:

The Lord God spoke these words to Israel, by Moses, in the Torah (the first 5 books of the Old Testament):

Exodus 20:4-5

- (4) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing that is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:
- (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

Leviticus 26:1

- (1) Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 4:14-19

- (14) And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.
- (15) Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the LORD spoke unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:
- (16) Lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,
- (17) The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,
- (18) The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:
- (19) And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Deuteronomy 4:23-24

- (23) Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing*, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.
- (24) For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:25-26

- (25) When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt *yourselves*, and make a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing*, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:
- (26) I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

Deuteronomy 5:8-9

- (8) Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, *or any likeness of any thing that is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:
- (9) Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,

Deuteronomy 27:15

- (15) Cursed *be* the man that maketh *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth *it* in *a secret place*.
And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

You will note that there are seven – 7 – accounts whereof God has warned the Israelites not to make any graven image whatsoever, and further warns them that they will perish and be cursed if they do so!

Well, the antichrist defies that command, and he does precisely what God says NOT to do:

Revelation 13:4-15

- (4) And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?
- (5) And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.
- (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
- (7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
- (8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- (9) If any man have an ear, let him hear.
- (10) He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.
- (11) And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
- (12) And **he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him**, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
- (13) And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
- (14) And 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; 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 of the beast should be killed.**

Now, the first “beast” spoken of is the antichrist, and the second “beast” spoken of is the false prophet of the antichrist. But, you will notice, that verse 12 says, “he exerciseth all the power of the first beast...;” and verse 14 says that he did the miracles that he had power to do “in the sight of the beast,” referring to the first beast – the antichrist.

It is plain, therefore, that the false prophet is empowered by the devil, who is “the dragon” (Revelation 12:9) that the false prophet speaks like (Revelation 13:11), but he is also SANCTIONED by the antichrist to do miracles that deceive many of the people of the world AND to cause THEM to “MAKE AN IMAGE TO THE BEAST [the antichrist].”

So then, the antichrist has SANCTIONED THE CREATION OF AN IMAGE TO HIMSELF THAT IS TO BE WORSHIPED (verse 15)! HE DOES EXACTLY WHAT GOD SAYS NOT TO DO...OR HE WILL PERISH AND BE CURSED (Deuteronomy 4:26; 27:15)!!!

Let’s examine what is actually occurring in the creation of this “**image** to the beast”:

The word “eikon” (pronounced “I-kone”) is used three times in verses 14 and 15, and they all mean the same thing, which is this, according to Strong’s Concordance/Dictionary:

“a likeness, that is, (literally) *statue, profile*, or (figuratively) *representation, resemblance*”

Therefore, it is not merely an idol of anything but is, rather, actually a statue of the antichrist that looks just like him! And, according to verse 15, the statue itself is made so that it can speak – AND it will be able TO MAKE THE PEOPLE WORSHIP IT – BUT, IF NOT, TO RATHER CAUSE THAT PERSON TO BE KILLED FOR DISOBEYING THAT DICTATE!

So, you see, the antichrist himself violates God’s FIRST OF TEN Commandments, personally:

Exodus 20:1-3

- (1) And **God spoke all these words, saying,**
- (2) **I am the LORD thy God**, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- (3) **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**

and

Deuteronomy 5:4-7

- (4) **The LORD talked with you face to face** in the mount out of the midst of the fire,
- (5) (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) **saying,**
- (6) **I am the LORD thy God**, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
- (7) **Thou shalt have none other gods before me.**

But the antichrist then sanctions his prophet (i.e., the **false** prophet, even as the antichrist is the **false** christ) **to create “a graven image” of the antichrist, a statue of himself, that is to be worshiped and paid homage to, as to the antichrist himself!**

So, the antichrist is ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BREAKING OF THE SECOND OF GOD’S “TEN COMMANDMENTS” TOO!!!

So, the IMPOSTER of Jesus Christ, Who IS the Messiah (Hebrew “Mashiach”), DEFIES GOD THE FATHER, WHILE JESUS ONLY DOES THE WILL OF HIS FATHER!!! See here:

Matthew 12:50

- (50) **For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**

John 5:30

(30) I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Luke 22:41-42

(41) And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

(42) Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Mark 14:35-36

(35) And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

(36) And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Matthew 26:39-42

(39) And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

(40) And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

(41) Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

(42) He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

JESUS DOES, AND DID, THE WILL OF THE FATHER – EVEN WHEN IT MEANT THE LOSS OF HIS VERY LIFEBLOOD!!!

The antichrist will be known by the fact that HE DEFIES THE WILL OF THE FATHER, AND OF JESUS CHRIST!!!

DON'T BE DECEIVED!!!

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