

REFUTING PM – PT. 14a (THE EARTH BEAST & THE FALSE PROPHET)

I. Introductory Matters:

- A. This study will have as its background a “beast” that John described as “coming up out of the earth” (**Rev. 13:11**).
- B. The goal today is two-fold.
 - 1. We will first try to get our minds around what it is that the PM believe about this “beast.”
 - 2. We will then learn why the PM view cannot be correct.

II. Understanding the PM View:

- A. We’ve noted time and again, as we have studied various parts of PM, that the PM gets really fanciful in his/her teaching.
- B. When a PM begins speaking about Rev. 13:11-18, they get very creative.
- C. Let’s allow one of their trusted scholars (Michael G. Mickey) to give us the PM view (source: www.rapturealert.com).
 - 1. *“The False Prophet will come to the aid of the Antichrist in the tribulation period.”*
 - 2. *“The Bible teaches us there will be a Satanic trinity in place during the Tribulation Period after the Rapture of the Church occurs. The players in this counterfeit trinity are: Satan, The Antichrist, and The False Prophet.”*
 - 3. *“In Revelation 13:11 we see a description of the False Prophet who will come to aid the Antichrist during the Tribulation Period.”*
 - 4. *“The False Prophet will cause the earth and all those who dwell in it to worship the Antichrist.”*
 - 5. *“The False Prophet’s command that the world worship the Antichrist as God will be founded upon the Antichrist’s claim to deity as a result of his miraculous recovery from a deadly wound.*
 - 6. *“Having established the requirement that mankind worship the Antichrist as God, the False Prophet will require a mark of allegiance to the Antichrist to be received by all mankind. Those who do not receive it will be unable to buy or sell as this religious affiliation will be tied to the global economic system the Antichrist has instituted. Freedom of religion will be a thing of the past when this moment arrives for those alive during the Tribulation Period. There will be only two choices for mankind at that time: (1) To receive the mark of the beast. Those who accept this choice will be able to buy and sell, but the downside is they will have sworn their allegiance to Satan and will be eternally damned without any chance whatsoever of forgiveness! (2) To refuse the mark of the beast. Those who refuse the mark of the beast will be killed if located, but the Lord will reward them for their loyalty to Him once He establishes His millennial kingdom upon the earth in the aftermath of the battle of Armageddon. Although the Church of today will have been raptured to Heaven prior to the Tribulation Period, there will be many who will surrender their lives to Jesus Christ in the Tribulation Period who will be loyal to Jesus and be martyred as opposed to betraying Him.”*

III. Why The PM View Cannot Be Right:

- A. It cannot be right for the same reason the PM have been wrong each time we have examined one of their doctrinal points relative to PM.
- B. The reason? They take liberty with context. This always leads to ruin (cf. **2 Pet. 3:16; 2 Tim. 2:15**).
- C. Let’s see how adhering to context destroys their idea relative to the earth beast.
 - 1. They ignore context when it comes to the kingdom – mistaking it to be physical and thus get into the PM mess to begin with. Without a physical kingdom to set up, their whole theory falls apart. There is no contextual room nor any contextual need for a man called “The False Prophet” to appear in the future.

2. They ignore the context of what happens when the Lord does return. Thus, they mistakenly have a secret rapture and a period of global chaos to follow – a chaos that their Antichrist and False Prophet take advantage of and benefit from. When one properly considers the context of the second coming then one will clearly see that there is no contextual room for a secret rapture. Since this is true, there is no possible way they can be right on this business about “The False Prophet,” for he must exist within a rapture context for the PM to be right.
3. They ignore the extended context of the book of Revelation. Thus, they mistakenly make the entire book literal when it clearly is mostly figurative. They mistakenly place the book in a future setting when it clearly belongs in an ancient one.
4. The PM will tell you the Sea and Earth Beasts exist at the same time. Yet, they ignore the extended context of Scripture and thus they miss or ignore the fact that the Sea Beast is clearly the Roman Empire headed by Roman Emperors in the days of antiquity.
5. On and on we could run with this.
6. If one cares about context – as one must if he wishes to please God – then the PM view of the Earth Beast is in no way harmonious with what the Bible actually teaches.
7. Next time we will look at vs. 11-18 one by one and see what that part of Rev. 13 is teaching.