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The Lie

There are a whole string of eschatological truths in 2 Thessalonians 2, some of which are totally unique here and others that are rarely taught elsewhere and only hinted at in the Greek text. But we're digging them out. So this is a fascinating section of eschatological truths that Paul had taught the Thessalonians in his short visit of 21 days.

Remember the problem in chapter 2 is that Error had crept in. Verse 2 says the Error came by way of false prophets, false teachers and false epistles, to the effect that the day of the Lord had come, perfect tense, it had arrived and they were in it. This was an effective deception because the Thessalonians were facing intense persecution so they could easily mistake their persecutions for the persecutions that occur in the day of the Lord. But that would be contrary to what Paul had taught them. So to correct them Paul reminds them in verse 3 that the apostasy must come first. What is the apostasy? It's the departure or Rapture of the Church from earth to the sky where we are gathered together to Christ. Then the day of the Lord can come. But not until. Since that had not occurred they could not possibly be in the day of the Lord. To show exactly when the day of the Lord begins Paul reminds them that it begins when the man of lawlessness is revealed and that his revealing is being restrained by the Holy Spirit.

So Paul sets forth a very definite chain of events to prove that they could not be in the day of the Lord. To elaborate on this chain of events we can say that we are here in June of 2011 and that at some unknown time the Church will be Raptured away from earth into the air above earth where we will be gathered together to the Lord Jesus Christ in a private meeting with Him. When that happens there will be no believers at all anywhere on earth and the Holy Spirit will immediately stop His ministry of Restraining the identity

of the Antichrist. The day of the Lord's will begin on earth then. This will start the career of the Antichrist who will rise to sufficient power to enter into a covenant with the leadership of the nation Israel for 7 years, guaranteeing them peace and security. It is my opinion that it is the Antichrist himself who provides the peace and security necessary for Israel to rebuild the Jewish Temple on the present location of the Dome of the Rock, which is a very sensitive issue. Then the Jews, under Antichrist's protection will begin to sacrifice as they did in the OT in anticipation of the Messiah coming. After they do this for 3 ½ years the Antichrist will be killed by a sword in battle but will be resurrected from the dead. Then Satan will enter into him and will do great signs, miracles and wonders and the whole world will be amazed at him. He will enter the Temple in Jerusalem and go into the Holy of Holies and take his seat on the Ark of the Covenant and will display himself as being God, committing the abomination of desolation. When this occurs it is a signal for the believing Jews in Jerusalem to get out of town because the Antichrist is going to try to exterminate all Jews and take over the whole world and rule from Jerusalem. He will prosper for the latter 3 ½ years until the indignation is finished and then the believing remnant of Jews will call on the LORD to be saved and Jesus will return visibly in great power, capture the Antichrist and the False Prophet and cast them in the lake of fire. Then the kingdom of God will be restored to the Jewish people and Jesus Christ, rightful heir of the Davidic Throne will reign as King.

That's a summary of what's coming. Let's look at verse 8, but remember in verse 5, Paul had taught them all of this during the first 21 days of their Christian lives. So it is not too much to be teaching it to you now. Probably everyone here has been a believer far longer than 21 days. The problem is not me teaching you the details of eschatology, the problem is the pastors who aren't teaching the details of eschatology. They are wasting people's time and not being faithful to the Lord to teach eschatological truth.

In verse 8 we come to a time word, it's an adverb of time, *tote*, **then**, and he's referring back to verse 3. Where in verse 3 is he referring back to? Scan back and see if you can find it. We have a sequence of events here we've been over and over. "for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first," then what? Then verse 8, **Then that lawless one will be revealed**. That's the sequence. Rapture first, then Revealing of Antichrist. So everything from the word "first" in verse 3 to the word **Then** in verse 8 is sort of a parenthetical

discussion of the man of lawlessness. So verse 8 picks back up with the Rapture in verse 3. So first the Rapture, then verse 8, **the lawless one will be revealed.**

Now, what does Paul mean that **the lawless one will be revealed**? He means that the Antichrist's identity will be decipherable; it will be able to be figured out who the Antichrist is. But, and turn over to Rev 13, it will require wisdom to identify him. In Rev 13 there are two beasts, Gentile rulers are always portrayed as beasts because their rule is animal-like, they produce kingdoms that oppress people, they produce kingdoms that are less than man was meant to live in. So we have these two beasts and the first one in vv 1-10 is the beast out of the sea and the second one in vv 11-17 is the beast out of the earth. The beast out of the sea is the Antichrist, the counterfeit God the Son and the beast out of the earth is the False Prophet,ⁱ the counterfeit God the Spirit and the third member involved here is Satan, he's the counterfeit God the Father. So you have the counterfeit Trinity and they mimic the true Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If this is the case then Satan's role is one of architect, it's his plan that is being worked out. Antichrist is the central player, the main actor who carries out Satan's plan and the False Prophet is the behind the scenes person who points to the Antichrist. That's the counterfeit Trinity and I'll show you in our verses in 2 Thessalonians that all three counterfeit members are present. If you study and if you show yourself approved you will find all three members mentioned.

But right now we are interested in identifying the counterfeit Christ, Antichrist. And in verse 18 John says, "Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six." This is saying that the Antichrist can be deciphered by counting the number of his name which is 666. There is one early manuscript that reads 616 but it's not reliable, the proper reading is 666. Now "Here is wisdom." is a way of introducing a riddle. It's not easy to figure out, it takes wisdom to figure it out, and it takes a man who has "understanding," *nous*, someone with good reasoning processes. And I suspect this person will have to be an analytical type of person, a person who has a good grasp on world affairs and a person who is familiar with the Hebrew language. If a person has those skills then he is being encouraged to calculate the number of the beast, to do the math and to figure out, count up the number of the Antichrist's name and identify him. And John says he is a

man, so he's not an angel, you have to say that because during this time angels will be among men in a visible way, and so he says it is the number of a man, don't be looking at angels; and the number of the man is 666. How does a man have a number? What is this? It's not his phone number, It's the number of his name. In other words, some languages assign numbers to a letter or string of letters in their alphabet. They don't have separate symbols (1, 2, 3, 4, ...) like we have in English. So for example, Hebrew assigns numerical equivalents to strings of letters and that's how you do math, that's what is in the math book when you do math problems, it is all letters. And here he is saying if you take the letters of the beasts name and calculate them it will add up to 666. Now there are many people whose names add up to 666. We could go through the phone book and find many such names, but to find the name of the Antichrist would take careful search and inquiry. However, Paul's point in 2 Thess 2 is that even careful search and inquiry today could not result in discovering his identity. And the simple reason is because his identity is being restrained by the Holy Spirit. Now, we don't know exactly how He is doing this. How, if his name is in the phone book, is it impossible to identify? I don't know. I only know that His ways are not our ways and He has ways. But when He removes His restraint, then and only then can the Antichrist's name be calculated and be identified. So it is no help today to try and decipher this riddle. The whole NT teaches that our eyes are to be on Christ and not on Antichrist. So if he could be identified before Christ comes for us at the Rapture then that would contradict NT teaching.

Now there are some very fascinating things we are about to learn and I hope there are some new things here that you have never heard. In the Greek text of verse 8 Paul says, **And then the lawless one will be revealed, who the Lord Jesus will take away**, not slay, but **take away by the breath of his mouth**. Slay and take away are different. Slay means kill; it means the Lord Jesus would kill the Antichrist. But this word *anaireo*, in its first meaning does not mean to kill or destroy but "to take away," its second meaning is "to destroy, to execute," but I do not think this means to execute and here's why. Turn to Rev 19:20. This is the same context, same doctrine - what will happen to the Antichrist on the day of the Second Coming? What does the Lord Jesus do to him? What do you observe from this fuller explanation? This really throws expositors. Notice what John saw. Remember, this is a vision of future events and John was commanded to write what he saw. So this is

what he saw, “And the beast was seized,” that word means to take into custody, to arrest someone, “And the beast was arrested, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone,” so they were thrown alive into the lake of fire, and you say, well if they were thrown alive into the lake of fire in their mortal bodies then they would instantly burn up, but a thousand years later they are still there, so something is going on. Then look what Jesus does to the rest of the people in verse 21, “And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him,” so very clearly they are killed, that’s the Greek word *apokteino* for killed. But the beast and the false prophet in verse 20 are not killed; they are arrested and cast alive into the lake of fire. So you have this difference that has to be explained. How do we make sense of this?

Well, if we study carefully then when we come to Rev 13:2 we see something that happened before this. Talking here of the beast out of the sea who is Antichrist. “And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.” This all goes back to Dan 7, it’s saying the Antichrist is the culmination of all Gentile kingdoms; he’s sort of all of them put together into the worst kind of ruler you could ever imagine. “And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.” Who’s the dragon? Who’s dispensing power to a throne and authority to the Antichrist? In the previous chapter, verse 9, it tells us the dragon is Satan. So here we have the counterfeit Father, Satan giving to the counterfeit Son, Antichrist, power and a throne and great authority. It’s all counterfeiting what God the Father does for God the Son. The text is full of counterfeits. Then look at verse 3, “I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;” Something happens here that is amazing. And what it is is the Antichrist is slain, this actually is the word for a violent killing and if you come down to verse 14 you’ll see the instrument used, in the middle of the verse, “telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.” So he had a wound of the sword, or we’d say a blow, the word means a blow of fate, a death wound and verse 3 says he was healed, verse 14 says he came to life. The point is that the Antichrist will be killed by the sword but the fatal

wound is healed, passive voice, so there is some power from the outside working on the beast that brings him back to life.

Now, I take it that at this point the beast is resurrected from the dead and the question becomes, well, who raises him from the dead? This has long been a problem for expositors so some have denied that the Antichrist would be killed and resurrected. Their argument is Satan can't raise the dead, Satan can do some great things, Satan can do signs and wonders, but Satan can't raise the dead, only God can do that, and I agree. Satan can't raise the dead. All life is given by God and only the Son has charge over the dead. So Satan can't raise him. Some expositors interpret this to be the resurrection of the Roman Empire. But let's not resort so quickly to doing away with a death and resurrection of Antichrist, the leader of the final Roman Empire. Look at the end of verse 3, "And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;" why are they so amazed that the Roman Empire revived? They're not. They're amazed that the Antichrist received a death wound, that he died and rose from the dead. The world's interpretation of this is given in verse 4, "they worshipped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" It's clear they are worshipping two people and thereby attributing the resurrection of Antichrist to the power of Satan and the Antichrist. That's why they worship them. So now we have the earth dwellers worshipping Satan, the counterfeit Father and Antichrist, the counterfeit Son.

Now what I am going to argue is that the world is seriously deluded, that they are deceived heavily. It's not that they are wrong about Antichrist dying and being resurrected, yeah, he really will die and he really will be resurrected, but they are wrong about the source of the power that resurrects him. So who raises him from the dead? The only one who can raise people from the dead is God. But what God is doing is sending them strong delusion by their impression that it is Satan and the Antichrist that raise him. And this delusion is designed to set them for judgment. 2 Thessalonians is going to tell us that God is going to send great delusion upon those who take the mark of the beast and I think this answer solves a Bible difficulty. God is going to raise Antichrist from the dead at this point but the world is going to interpret it as verse 4 goes on to say, as a work of Satan and the beast who will be worshipped. Then verse 5, "There was given to him [Antichrist] a

mouth speaking arrogant words” what kind of words did the real Christ speak, humble words, this is a series of opposites, “and blasphemies,” what kind of words did the real Christ speak, glorifying words,” everything here is counterfeit, everything, “and authority to act for forty two months was given to him.” How long was the real Christ’s ministry? 42 months, 3 ½ years, you can go do the math in the gospels; this is a complete counterfeit of Christ’s ministry by Antichrist. And who is behind it all? The counterfeit Father, Satan himself. So Antichrist’s ministry will be 42 months, or 3 ½ years, during his ministry he will already be in his resurrection body, God gave it to him and Satan will indwell him and then Rev 19:20, then Christ will return and arrest Antichrist and the False Prophet and throw them alive into the lake of fire. Alive because they’re already resurrected and once you’re resurrected you can’t die again, other than the second death in the lake of fire, that is a kind of death too, but you can’t die physically again, that’s the point, they are already resurrected. The rest He will kill on that day with the sword that comes forth from His mouth.

Now we go back to 2 Thess 2:8 and we can see that Paul knew this. This verse teaches it in the original languages, **Then the lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will *anaireo*, take away**, not slay, **take away**, that is arrest, what do they do when they arrest you? They take you away. **whom the Lord will arrest with the breath of His mouth and render inoperative by the appearance of His coming**, not “bring to an end” **but render inoperative**. Another change from the Greek text, his work will be rendered inoperative because he’ll be where? In the lake of fire for 1,000 years. And by the way, the false prophet will be there too. So somewhere along the way the False Prophet is also killed and resurrected, probably at the same time as Antichrist or in the same battle. And so for 1,000 years there will be only two people in the lake of fire. Nobody else joins them, not even Satan, until the end of the 1,000 year kingdom.

Now verse 9, and here we learn more about the Antichrist, **that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan**, not activity but “operating power” of Satan, that’s my translation, the one coming according to the operating power of Satan. What does this mean? This means that after he is resurrected, here we have the first unbeliever in history resurrected because he’s mimicking Christ, so just as Christ is the first raised from the dead on the side of believers who is the first raised from the dead on the side

of unbelievers? Antichrist. And Antichrist is given a resurrection body that is fit for the lake of fire, eternal punishment, but before that Satan enters into his resurrection body kind of like he entered into Judas, there are many parallels there as well, and he will enter into Antichrist and through Antichrist work signs, miracles and wonders.

Well, I thought only Christ could do signs and miracles and wonders. Well, you'd be wrong. Satan can do them too, they're false signs and miracles and wonders but they are signs, miracles and wonders nonetheless. They are amazing things. How else do you explain Pharaoh's sorcerers in the book of Exodus? God would do some great miracle through Moses and then Satan would do some lesser miracle through Pharaoh's sorcerers, lesser yes, but a miracle nonetheless. What about the red hooded Tibetan monks, those guys could levitate, they could move furniture across the room by telepathy. They were deeply demonic and they did amazing things. We don't deny those things. We just say that Satan is doing them. Satan can do things that appear to be the genuine article. But finally the great things are not the final issue; the final issue is who has the word of God and who does not. It always gets back to the word of God. So turn to Matt 24 to see just how great these signs, miracles and wonders are that Satan will work through Antichrist. In Matt 24:15 you have the abomination of desolation in the Holy of Holies, that's the sign for those in verse 16 to flee, and it's all Jewish. Those in Judea, verse 20, pray your flight is not in the winter, that's because of the rains, rains in Israel come in the winter, "or on a Sabbath," clearly the Sabbath is Jewish, verse 21 tells us this is the great tribulation, the last 3 ½ years, a period of unparalleled judgment and notice verse 23, "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Messiah,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. 24 For false Messiahs and false prophets will arise and will show *great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.*" Great things, amazing miracles, so great they border on deceiving the elect. Yet v 25, "I have told you in advance." So which is more important, great miracles or the word of God? Is it the miracles which tell us who has the word of God or is it the word of God who tells us who has the real miracles? It's the word of God that tells us who has the real miracles. So it always gets back to the word of God. Never, never are miracles self-authenticating, only the word of God is self-authenticating. And the word of God tells you whether the miracles are true or not.

Back to 2 Thess 2:9. So Satan is going to indwell the resurrected Antichrist, in a similar fashion to how he indwelt Judas at the last supper for the betrayal, and when he does he will effectively take over the Antichrist to do his will, to work his miracles, signs and false wonders, so persuasive they almost deceive the elect, almost, but the elect have the word of God so they say, no, I don't think so. The word of God told us this is false. And that brings us to verse 10, **and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish**, "for those who perish" should be translated, **to those who utterly destroy themselves**, my translation again, those who utterly destroy themselves, middle voice. The subject is both the actor and recipient of the action, just like John 3:16 that everybody loves to quote but nobody knows what it means. I love to preach that verse because it says "whosoever believes in Him shall not utterly destroy himself." It doesn't say, if you don't believe in Jesus Christ God will send you to hell, oh no, it says, if you don't believe in Jesus Christ you will send yourself to hell. That's the point. And that's the point of this verse. The wicked deceptions are for those who send themselves to hell, people who if you showed them heaven wouldn't want to go there. That is the whole point, people who go to hell want to go to hell, people who go to heaven want to go to heaven. Every man goes where he wants to go in the final analysis. And every person who goes to hell is personally responsible for sending himself there. He can't argue that God sent him to hell because He didn't. God solved all a man's problems at the cross and if a man says I reject the solution to my problem then so be it, go to hell.

Now why? Why do they utterly destroy themselves? Because of the end of verse 10, **because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved**. Now watch, because in verse 10 we have "the truth," they did not receive the truth. In verse 11 we have "the lie," they believe the lie, and in verse 12 we're back to "the truth" on down through verse 14. So it is very evident that we have a strong contrast going on in these verses. And I want to wait until we get into verse 11 and define "the lie" first so that we can define its opposite, the truth in vv 10 and 12 and 14. But that these are very clearly exact opposites is perfectly clear in the original text. Paul is making an exact opposite, the truth and the lie. So for now just take from v 10 that they are going to be deceived and they are going to utterly destroy themselves because **they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved**.

And you can predict what “the truth” is because it’s the content a person must believe to be saved.

But let’s move on to verse 11, **For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false.** Not what is false but “the lie,” that’s the original text, Now why will God send this influence so that they totally believe the lie? For the reason of verse 10, **Because they did not receive the truth so as to be saved.** See, things have to happen real fast at this future time of history, history has to wrap up very rapidly; this period is a very short period of time and you have to get everybody hardened up on one side of the fence or the other because God won’t judge the people on the other side of the fence until they are thoroughly hardened against him. It’s like Pharaoh - Pharaoh’s heart hardened gradually over a period of time until it was set in concrete and that’s when God dropped the final bomb. But it took some time to get there. And the same thing is true here; God is not going to drop the final bomb until everybody is hardened up in concrete. And so to get people to that point very rapidly he sends this **deluding influence**, and it’s a very strong word, it means He’s going to send an influence so strong they can’t resist it and they’re going to **believe what is false.** See, everybody believes, it’s not that we believe and they don’t, it’s that we believe different things, we believe the truth so as to be saved, they believe the lie so as to utterly destroy themselves. And it’s not just any lie, they believe, it’s the lie, definite article, they have a very definite content to their belief. Now what is this content that is at the core of their belief? I’ve already told you what it is; what they believe in is the death and resurrection of the Antichrist by the power of Satan, the counterfeit Father, and by the power of Antichrist, the counterfeit Son. Which is exactly the opposite of belief in the truth and that is why it is called “the lie.” It is the opposite of the truth. So if the lie is the death and resurrection of the Antichrist by the power of Satan and the Antichrist then what is **the truth?** It is the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ by the power of the true Father and the true Son.

Now maybe you noticed it, maybe you didn’t, but the third member of the counterfeit Trinity, the counterfeit Spirit is also in verse 11. You have a false gospel and you have a false Spirit propagating that false gospel, which is really not another for there is no other. Who is he? He is the **deluding influence** that God sends upon them. So turn again to Rev 13 and this time

we want to look at the counterfeit Spirit who is here known as the second beast, the beast that comes up out of the earth. He is a counterfeit of the Holy Spirit. And to understand this we have to understand the Holy Spirit. What does the true Holy Spirit do? He points to Christ. He puts Christ in the limelight. Everything He does directs us to Jesus Christ. So what does the counterfeit Spirit do? He points to Antichrist, he puts Antichrist in the limelight. Everything he does directs people to Antichrist. So watch in verse 12, "He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed." Now what did I just say? He points everyone to Antichrist. And what is he doing in verse 12? Pointing everybody to Antichrist, worship him. Then verse 13, "He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men." Who else is doing this in this period? The two witnesses. So just like Moses and Aaron did the true thing and the sorcerers of the Pharaoh did the false thing so you have the Two Witnesses doing the true thing and the False Prophet doing the false things. And everyone on earth saw this and they said, Oooh, wow and it's a great big deception. The Greek word for deception is *planao* and it means they're wandering around aimlessly like a bunch of idiots because why? Because they rejected the truth so as to be saved! Rejection of the truth always results in blindness.

Now go back to 2 Thess 2 11 and you'll see very clearly the counterfeit Spirit in this verse. **For this reason God will send upon them a deceiving influence**, same word, *plane*, the noun, who sends it? God does. So that they will believe what? The lie, that is, the death and resurrection of Antichrist. They're going to literally put their faith in the Anti-Messiah. They believe in resurrection from the dead at this point, it's just that this resurrected one did not die on the cross for their sin in a substitutionary way, this man is the heart of sin himself. So you are going to have in this time period two sets of beliefs, it's going to come down to where everyone believes either in the death and resurrection of the Antichrist or the death and resurrection of the Christ. There are no other beliefs by this point in world history.

And verse 12 tells us why. **In order that**, final purpose clause, what is God's purpose in all of this, here it is, **In order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth**, which we know is the gospel because we see it again in verse 13 and again in verse 14, What I'm telling you is people love

wickedness and hate righteousness. Now that is not something you want to hear but you're just walking around deceived yourself if you think people are good. People are not good, there is none good but God, over and out the Bible teaches people are capable of very evil things and you and I are people, just because you are a believer in Christ does not render you somehow incapable of very evil things. People in our shoes use their Christianity as a cloak to do very evil things. But don't kid yourself for five minutes that people are good. People are not good. If people were good there would be no need for Christ and we could all trash this book and go home. Nobody is good but God and all men are desperately wicked, and that's Isaiah and that's why nobody liked Isaiah. The heart of man is desperately wicked, Who can know it. There are none that seek God, no not one. While we were enemies of God Christ died for us. So don't get any fancy ideas about the person next to you in the pew and certainly don't get any about the people out in the world. It is a wicked place and you and I don't know the half of it.

So God, during this period is going to send upon the world this deceptive spirit in the form of the False Prophet who will direct the world to worship the Antichrist. The purpose of which is verse 12, **so that they all may be judged**, or "so that judgment may be passed upon" them. See, God is not going to judge until their hearts are all hardened up like concrete and then He's going to judge. It's a very sobering thought.

Now one final note and then we'll conclude and that is, Satan is not creative, Satan is a mimicker. Everything he does is a mimic of Christ. Why? Because what Christ does works. What Christ does results in people coming to Him and worshipping Him. And Satan sees this and he has no originality so he just pawns off his own version of it on the world and the world will fall for it because they did not love the truth so as to be saved.

In conclusion what have we seen? Verse 8, **Then the lawless one will be revealed**, when the Restrainer removes His restraint, this initiates the day of the Lord which no Christian will enter because the Rapture must occur first, verse 3, **who the Lord Jesus will take away**, will arrest **by the breath of His mouth and will render inoperative by the appearance of His coming**. **9this is the one coming according to the operating power of Satan with all power and signs and false wonders 10and in all deceit of wickedness to those who utterly destroy themselves,**

because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved, remember, the gospel will be preached to the whole world during this time, so they will all know the gospel of Jesus Christ, but they reject it. Verse 11, **And because of this God sends them strong deception so that they will believe the lie, the counterfeit gospel, the death and resurrection of Antichrist, in order that judgment may be passed on all that do not believe the truth but are well-pleased with injustice.**

ⁱ Scroggin and Hodges held the reverse to be true, that the beast out of the sea was the False Prophet and the beast out of the earth was the Antichrist.

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