

Satan Mimics God

Just as God reveals Himself in Scripture as a Trinity, the “Father”, “Son” and “Holy Spirit”, and man, created in the image of God, is a trinity as well, having a body, soul and spirit, so too, in the book of Revelation, there is a false trinity, where Satan is called the “dragon”, the anti-christ is called the “beast” and the false prophet is called “another beast”.

There are other parallels as well. For example, just as Jesus returns to earth at the Second Coming on a white horse and “in righteousness He doth judge and make war” (Revelation 19:11), the anti-christ’s appearance, occurring when the first seal is broken, shows him on a white horse “conquering and to conquer” (Revelation 6:2).

Just as God “seals” His followers with the Holy Spirit, Satan identifies his followers with a mark “in their right hand or in their foreheads,” commonly referred to as “six hundred threescore and six” or 666 (Revelation 13:18).

Just as Jesus was crucified, being pierced in His hands and feet, dying on a cross and being raised from the dead, so too the anti-christ will appear to have received a “deadly wound”, but will survive (Revelation 13:3). Zechariah 11:17 describes an “idol shepherd” (the anti-christ), not the true shepherd (Jesus), and describes the injury that the anti-christ will receive: “The sword shall be upon his arm and upon his right eye. His arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.”

Just as Jesus walked through the temple, being fully God, the anti-christ will sit in a future temple “showing himself that he is god”. Specifically, the anti-christ will “exalt himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped” (2 Thessalonians 2:4). This is consistent with the temptation in the wilderness, where Satan approached Jesus saying, “All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me” (Matthew 4:9).

Just as Jesus kept the law perfectly, never committing a sin, the anti-christ will be known as the “man of lawlessness” (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

Just as Jesus performed many mighty miracles, which His Father had given Him to do, the anti-christ will perform the “working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders” (2 Thessalonians 2:9).