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EP134 Revelation 16 verse 13-14

In our last podcast, we covered the sixth vial of wrath and the drying up of the Euphrates River. We learned that this refers to a spiritual boundary and the removal of the protection over this territory so that there would be a route made for the *kings of the rising light of the sun* to, in all likelihood, retreat to Jerusalem to prepare for the war of the Great Day of **Yahweh**. These *kings of the rising light of the sun* is a reference to Spirit Princes, high-ranking angelic beings.

We also touched on the False Prophet and did a teaser on this oddity of demons possessing other demons. In this podcast we will pick back up with that demonic gathering.

The Demonic Gathering

Revelation 16:13-14

And I saw out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the Beast and out of the mouth of the False Prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they **now** are spirits of demons, **now** performing signs, which **now** choose to go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

The False Prophet

This is the first instance where the Spirit identifies the second beast as the **False Prophet**. This phrase is used a total of three times. The other two times are in passages about the final judgment of the Beast and the False Prophet.¹ So far, the Spirit has always referred to him as “the second beast,” as another in kind and nature to the Beast (a high-ranking angelic demon), but never has he been addressed by his own name or title.

So why the switch?

¹ *Revelation 19:20; 20:10*

Perhaps the name is connected to all that we have learned about the second beast.

False: “And he **now deceives** those who are **now dwelling on the earth...**” He is a “Decepticon,” one who intentionally deceives with words and deeds that are intended to lead people to embrace that which is not true.

Prophet: a prophet in effect brings forth words or messages from the “other side” – from the spiritual realms. And this second beast “*spoke as a dragon,*” with words that light the fires of conflict and contempt. Further, because of his words and the great signs he performs, he is the one that “**now causes the earth and those who are now dwelling in them to in the future worship the Beast...**”

Further, he **now** has the power to give breath to an image of the Beast that the image should **speak** as he speaks, “and may cause as many as may not **now** worship the image of the beast that they may be caused to be killed.”²

With his false prophetic words, this second beast leads people to worship a false Messiah.

Ok, but how do we know for sure that this refers to the second beast and not to some other demonic entity?

This response may be anecdotal, but it is not without merit. So far throughout the book of **Revelation**, when it comes to the demonic, from the locust-like demons with scorpion tails to the four angels bound by the great river Euphrates and their armies of demons (whose heads of their horses are like lions having fire, smoke, and brimstone that comes out of their mouths), to the Dragon, the Beast, and the second beast, the Spirit has given us all sorts of detail, so much so that it is a curiosity. So, it would be odd and out of sorts for the Spirit to introduce a new demonic character without providing any background information and to just drop upon us a name or a title.

Yet, with regard to the second beast the Spirit has included all manner of detail explaining how he falsely prophecies through his two horns, one being the institutions of man (signified by the fact that he arose from the earth) and the second through religion, through the image (which he gave breath) that is now standing where it ought not to be, proclaiming to those in the holy place, in the Sanctuary of God, in the very center of Christianity, that he now is God.

In addition, in his role in the false trinity, he functions as the Holy Spirit substitute; he mimics the Spirit of God. We are told in the **Codex** that the prophets of God were men moved by the Spirit who spoke through them, and that “*the testimony of Jesus now is the Spirit of prophecy.*”³ The Holy Spirit of God is the one who gives testimony to Jesus, and He is the Spirit of Prophecy, the one who speaks through men to bring forth the word of God causing men and women to worship Jesus.

In the same way, with the breath of the second beast, the image of the Beast speaks also or along with the second beast, and his words deceives those who are now dwelling on the earth, and he deceives those in Christianity who are ok with the many so called “truths” in the marketplace of Christianity. And through his many deceptive signs, he convinces the small and the great, the rich and the poor, the freemen and the slaves to not just worship the Beast, but to even **now** bear his mark, or the number of his name.

Thus, it is not a conceptual leap, but a reasoned and factual based conclusion to state that the second

² **Revelation 13:11-15**

³ **2 Peter 1:20-21; Revelation 19:10**

beast is the False Prophet. Besides, it is likely that the Spirit made this change because He wants to drive home the point that far too many of those who have been called into God's household and many of those who are now Chosen, will be the very ones who comprise the great apostasy, the great falling away, because they have been listening to the words of this False Prophet and ascribing those words to the Spirit of God.

These three main spiritual beings, Satan (the dragon), Apollyon, the Destroyer (known throughout as the Beast), and a heretofore nameless third demonic entity referred to as "the second beast" but is now identified as the "**False Prophet**," are front and center in this **End Times** drama.

The dragon wants to dominate by force, the Beast wants to destroy, and the False Prophet assists them through all manner of religious and institutional deceptions. These are incredibly powerful spiritual beings, so it is a bit odd to see these three unclean spirits of demons come forth from them—literally out of their mouths.

Spirits Possessing Spirits

*"And I saw out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the Beast and out of the mouth of the False Prophet, **three unclean spirits like frogs; for they now are spirits of demons, now** performing signs, which **now** choose to go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty."*

Wow, this is freaky and not something that even Hollywood has picked up on. Sure, they are all into spirits possessing people, but the spirits of demons possessing other demons, that is another thing altogether. The idea here is that unclean spirits, spirits of demons, can possess demonic angelic entities making the host, in effect, supercharged. Even the great dragon, Satan, benefits from the use of the supernatural signs they are now performing, miracles that are likely set into motion through the words of the dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet.

In this image, **Yahweh** provides us a beautiful perspective setting picture. It is intended to remind us that Satan is not all powerful, he is just an angelic being who has constitution in the unseen realms. He is a powerful spirit for sure, a prince among princes, but he is not all powerful. He is **NOT** the antithesis of Jesus' nor is he Jesus' archenemy. He is just a created being; therefore, to accomplish some of his more grandiose deceptions, even Satan needs some help. And this deception of the nations will be one of his grandest.

Frogs Out of Their Mouths

Why "like frogs"?

Perhaps this is the image that best describes the character and nature of these spirits. Frogs dwell in the mud, which is a metaphor for a spirit that lives in the murky slime of wickedness; hence, it is appropriate that we find them living in the dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet, the cesspools of evil.

And what do frogs do best?

Frogs croak incessantly. These demons will croak and croak and croak their blasphemies and their evil plans into the ears of the kings of the whole world until they coopt them to join the unholy trinity in this great war.

Given that these frogs even **now** choose to go froth and croak, it is likely that these frogs are behind the anti-Semitism that is found all throughout the world, as well as the general distain for those who love **Yahweh**.⁴ These frogs even **now** croak and have been croaking loudly, and in each generation they have been preparing the kings of the whole world to come against Jerusalem and against the people of God.

Out of their Mouths

It is significant that these spirits of demons come out of the mouths of the dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet. There is something about the nature of spiritual possession that requires a spirit to physically enter its host, and that occurs through the mouth.

In my experience, which is not insignificant, they are also expelled through the mouth. Why they do not enter or exit through any other orifice is a mystery. You would think the ears would be a faster path to controlling the brain (the mind of a person); it's right there.

Seriously, how the spiritual and the physical intermix and cross connect is very bizarre, but even more so when it comes to the spiritual inside the spiritual. Not understanding the tangible nature of the spiritual realm, we can still conclude that the dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet are demon possessed.

Now Performing Signs

These spirits of demons are even **now** performing signs, and they choose to **now** go forth to the kings of the whole world.⁵ We have no idea what these signs, miracles, or wonders are, but they are necessary to convince the kings of the whole world to go to war. Perhaps these signs are used to convince the kings of the whole world that the claims of the Beast are true, that he is an equal with the Commander of the Hosts, the Lord of Heaven's Armies (**Yahweh Sabaoth**), that he can challenge or stand against the Prince of princes, and that soon he comes and he will free them all from the bondages of **Yahweh**.⁶

Psalms 2:2-3

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against **Yahweh** and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!"

It is fascinating that God created a class of demons that can perform miracles by manipulating our world. Perhaps many of the crazy things which occur in our world that are difficult to understand might be the work of miracle working demons, especially the type of miracles that seem so "good" and which cause the world to look to religion or to mankind for their hope. Perhaps it is the frog that possesses the False Prophet that has enabled him to **now** cause fire to come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.⁷

⁴ "go out" is rendered in the *present middle indicative*

⁵ "performing" is rendered in the *present active participle*

⁶ See Daniel 8:11, 25

⁷ **Revelation 13:13**

Spirits of Demons

The Spirit makes sure that we understand that these frog-like things are “spirits” of demons. This is a very odd expression. We are not told that they are demons, but that they are spirits of demons. The image of the frogs is a way to express the characteristic or the base nature of these demons: they are filthy mud dwellers, and they croak incessantly. But this also tells us that the angelic, though non-corporeal (though not having physical bodily mass), are still complex beings which have form and mass in the spiritual realm such that they can be possessed by other spirits of demons. It is all very strange. Just the fact that these angels have mouths and can speak is bizarre enough, but then to know that they perform miracles. Wow. It's a lot.

Kings of the Whole World

These frog-like demons even **now** go out to the **kings of the whole world** or literally in Greek, the kings, princes, or rulers of the *inhabited earth*.⁸ Since they are **now** active (and have been every moment of **now** since the **revelation**), we can safely conclude that they are going out to the spiritual rulers and princes which regulate the territories of the earth and lord over human kings and rulers.

This phrase, “**kings of the whole world**” or “*kings of the inhabited earth*” is to be contrasted with “**the kings of the earth**.”⁹

In the **Codex**, the “**kings of the earth**” are referred to as rulers, authorities, principalities, as the world forces of this darkness.¹⁰ They are the spiritual unseen powers behind the powers of men. They exist at every level of human administration. And they directly influence the actions and affairs of humanity, whether kings, princes, presidents, armies, etc. They are the global powers, the spiritual powers, who rule over the affairs of man through their earthly counterparts.¹¹

When the action combines both the Spiritual Kings and their earthly counterparts, the rulers of humanity, they are collectively referred to as the “**kings of the whole world**.”

This provides a great reminder that our battle is not against flesh and blood (against humanity) but the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.¹² Mankind, and their various administrations, are just the tools which the kings of the earth wield for their purposes.

The **Codex** is surprisingly clear that these spiritual princes, kings, or rulers are behind the empires and kingdoms of this inhabited earth. In the book of **Daniel**, we are introduced to the Prince of Persia, the Prince of Greece, the Prince of the covenant, and even the “Prince” who presides over the true Israel, the Called and Chosen and Faithful people of God.¹³

Clearly, the intent of these frogs is to keep croaking and croaking their blasphemies and lies and performing signs until they elicit the requisite support that they need for both their spiritual army and the

⁸ In the Greek, “*oikoumene*” (to inhabit the land) and not “*kosmos*” (the “world”)

⁹ **Revelation 1:5, 6:15, 17:2, 18, 18:3, 9, 19:9, 21:24**

¹⁰ See **Romans 8:38; Ephesians 3:10, 6:12**

¹¹ **Revelation 19:19**

¹² **Ephesians 6:12**

¹³ **Daniel 10:13, 20-21, 11:22, 12:1** (for the true Israel of God, see **Galatians 6:16**)

corresponding physical army of humanity, which these frogs expect the principalities to bring with them to this great war. But keep in mind, this does not speak of some future action, but something that has been happening every moment of our **now**; even **now** they are croaking.

Satan's Rule is a Limited Rule

This passage also gives us insight into the kingdom of the dragon. He is **NOT** the sovereign lord of the darkness who has complete mastery over this world. He cannot just snap his fingers or command these "*kings of the inhabited world*" into action. He must send miracle working spirits of demons, over millenniums and millenniums, to seduce the spiritual princes, trick them through words and various signs and wonders, and convince them into joining his war.

Why the Limitations?

These "principalities" have been assigned their territory by **Yahweh** not by Satan; therefore, Satan cannot just unseat their rule. This notion of territory being granted to spiritual rulers goes all the way back to the time when God choose to divorce the gentile nations of the world and chose Jacob as His inheritance among the nations.

The **Codex** explains that God established the boundaries of each nation according to the number of the sons of Israel – the "sons of God Prevails."¹⁴ Since this divorce occurred in Babel thousands of years before the nation of Israel even existed, the Rabbis have predominantly believed this to be a reference to the principalities, or the spiritual rulers who were given charge over the nations, according to the number of angels which were assigned to the rule of God.

In fact, the Septuagint specifically translates this phrase, "*according to the number of the angels of God,*" and not "sons of Israel." All of this explains why in the book of **Daniel** we are introduced to the Prince of Persia, and the Prince of Greece who are spiritual Princes, or Kings, which rule over the territories of man.¹⁵

SATAN IS A CREATED BEING. HE IS NOT THE YANG TO JESUS' YING. HE IS NOT THE ANTITHESIS NOR THE ARCHENEMY OF YAHWEH. HE IS JUST A TOOL WHO IS DOING THE WORK OF HIS MASTER YAHWEH SABAOth, THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES.

How glorious and wonderful is this truth about the dragon? Ironically, it seems that the dragon is overcome with delusion in that it seems he has no clue that he is just a tool. He is so filled with pride that he has convinced himself, and others, that he is phenomenally powerful and clever beyond imagination, that he has in himself found a way to win this war. Big mistake! Huge! Gigundus!

Even though we see these demonic spirits come out from the mouths of the dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet, we know that this is God's plan. The **Codex** makes it clear that God's plan is to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.¹⁶ The irony of it all is that God uses these spirits of demons

¹⁴ See **Deuteronomy 32:8**. See also **Genesis 10:5, 25; Deuteronomy 2:5, 9; Acts 17:26-27**

¹⁵ **Daniel 10:13, 20**

¹⁶ **Zechariah 12, 14**

as mere puppets to implement His plan. They have gone forth and will deceive these spirit Princes and their human counterparts to gather them together for the ultimate war. These frogs somehow convince these Princes that they can fight against the armies of heaven and stop the Lamb. But that is a joke. They simply cannot stop the Lamb.

I love the way God shows us how things work in the spiritual world. Satan conceives of a plan, the demonic Princes execute the plan in their respective territories through the spirits who are submitted to their rule, the demon possessed people position themselves to carry out that plan, the people of the world are deceived and follow that plan, and no one stops to realize that it is not even their plan; it is the plan of **Yahweh Sabaoth**, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the Prince of princes. It has always been God's **Plan-A**.

We know this. We have studied this. **Yahweh** sits atop the high council, and it is His word that prevails, none other. His decisions are enacted in both the spiritual realm and the physical realm. What a comfort. That is why we can take great confidence in all things that occur in our lives. Everything has passed through the council chair of **Yahweh Sabaoth**, and all things happen according to His plan and His authority.

Ezekiel 39:7-8

In this way, I will make known my holy name among my people of Israel. I will not let anyone bring shame on it. And the nations, too, will know that **I Yahweh**, the Holy One of Israel. That Day of Judgment will come, says the **Adonai Yahweh** (the Sovereign Lord). ***Everything will happen just as I have declared it.***

He is completely in control of all things all the time, and everything happens according to His plan; after all, He is the **Yahweh El Shaddai** (the Lord God Almighty).

War of the Great Day

The kings of the whole inhabited world are being gathered for the war or the battle of the great day of God, the Almighty, and with them will come the "*kings of the earth*" (the spiritual rulers and their human counterparts).¹⁷ The **Codex** speaks of this fateful day when these kings of the earth will be gathered against Jerusalem, and God, in His burning jealousy, brings the war to them.

Zephaniah 3:8-9

Therefore, wait for Me, declares **Yahweh**, for the day when I rise up as a witness. Indeed, **My decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out on them My indignation, all My burning anger; for all the earth will be devoured by the fire of My zeal.** For then I will give to the peoples purified lips, that all of them may call on the name of **Yahweh**, to serve Him shoulder to shoulder.

You see, it is all **Yahweh's** Plan. The dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet are just tools in His hands.

¹⁷ See **Revelation 19:19**

This day will be a terrifying day, unlike any other that has ever occurred on this earth. It is the day of the **Yahweh's** vengeance. The spirits of wickedness are so deceived to think that they even have a chance. **Yahweh** has declared in advance that this war is about the venting of His indignation, a day of reckoning, and a day of redemption as He purifies those who will call on His name. This is His plan!

This is the time when these spirits of darkness get their comeuppance along with those men and women who follow their ways.

Isaiah 2:12

For **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of hosts) will have a day of **reckoning** against everyone who is proud and lofty and against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be abased.

Isaiah 34:1-3

Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples! Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it. For **Yahweh's indignation** is against all the nations, and His wrath against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to slaughter. So their slain will be thrown out, and their corpses will give off their stench, and the mountains will be drenched with their blood.

Zephaniah 1:14-18

Near is the great day of **Yahweh**, near and coming very quickly; listen, the day of **Yahweh!** In it the warrior cries out bitterly. A day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and the high corner towers.

I will bring distress on men so that they will walk like the blind, because they have sinned against **Yahweh**; and their blood will be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the **Yahweh's** wrath; and all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy, **for He will make a complete end, indeed a terrifying one, of all the inhabitants of the earth.**

The kingdom of man will listen to and obey their spiritual counterparts from the kingdom of the Beast, and they will come to war against God, against Jerusalem, and there they will face their judgment.

Zechariah 14:1-5

Behold, a day is coming for **Yahweh** when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations **against Jerusalem** to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

Then **Yahweh** will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of **Jerusalem** on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. **Then Yahweh, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!**

We will be addressing this war later. But take note, it is not just humanity that gets decimated in this war. The Beast, the False Prophet, and their armies will fall under the sword of **Yahweh**.¹⁸ Hence, this is the war of the great day of God, the Almighty, the one who is so mighty and powerful that all His foes will be consumed in one massive reckoning.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”

¹⁸ See *Revelation 19:19*