

## **The Attack-Part 2**

### **Revelation 13.11-18**

#### **1. The origin of the false prophet (v.11).**

*"Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon."*

*"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds."*

*(2 Cor 11:13-15 ESV)*

#### **2. The purpose of the false prophet (v.12).**

*"It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed."*

#### **3. The work of the false prophet (13-18).**

*"It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so*

*that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666."*

*"So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),"*

*(Matt 24:15 ESV)*

*"and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*

*Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,"*

*(2 Thess 2:10-11 ESV)*