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The Antichrist Seems to be Resurrected 13: 3

The antichrist seems to be resurrected DIG: By what means will Satan use to carry out his plan to annihilate the Jewish race? Who is the only One who can create life? In what ways does Satan counterfeit God?

REFLECT: Where would we be today, if the Adversary could create life? What would the implications be? How would that affect you today?

Revelation 12 portrays two great battles, one in heaven **(12:7-12)** and the other on the earth **(12:1-6, 13-17)**. In both conflicts, **Satan** sets out to totally annihilate the Jewish race. The means by which **he** will carry out **his** plan will be the two beasts of **chapter 13**. The details of this genocide will be dealt with shortly. But **the devil** will begin **his** plan by reverting to **his** true nature. **The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders (Second Thessalonians 2:9).**

One of the heads of the beast, the antichrist, *seemed* to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound will be **healed (13:3a). Only ADONAI can breathe life into a dead body. Only God can create, only the LORD can call into existence that which did not exist (Genesis 1:1). The universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible (Hebrews 11:3).**



So, **the antichrist's** alleged death and resurrection will be a **counterfeit** of **Christ's** death and resurrection. The people of **the world** will believe that **the beast** is their savior. Since the Great Tribulation will be a time where **the world** will experience death on a scale never seen before in human history, **his** seeming invincibility to death will win **him** even greater fame than before. As a result, **the whole world** will be **astonished and** follow **the beast (13:3b). He** will seem bulletproof.

The antichrist will be the **counterfeit son** in every respect. There has been a **counterfeit** virgin birth, a **counterfeit** god-man, and now a **counterfeit** death and resurrection. Not very original. A **counterfeit** Second Coming to rule will be seen as he moves to possess the nations and kingdoms of the world. **Satan** is playing the part of the **counterfeit Father** in this scenario. For just as **the** true **Father** gave **His** authority to **the** true **Son**; consequently the **counterfeit father** will give **his** authority to **his counterfeit son**.[297] It is no wonder that the entire world will be swept off its feet by this articulate, persuasive figure. The world will cry out: **Who is like the beast, and who is able to make war against him (13:4)?**

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, Who worship **You**! Who is like **You**? No one! **You** are holy, full of love, compassionate, merciful . . . ! Even when the sky is gray, there is still a bright shining sun in the sky. Even when the world is full of evil, **You** are still sovereign over-all and **Your** love is shining brightly. **You** know all that is going on, and at the perfect time **You** will defeat evil. **You** have every detail all figured out and **You** have already won the final battle of the ages **(Revelation 21:7-9)**! **You**will reign eternally! We love and worship you! In the holy name of **Your Son** and **His** power of resurrection. Amen*