

The Revelation of *Whom?* Seminar

05-Mirror Mirror

Ever tried to force yourself or others to “be good”? We won’t “pin-the-prophetic-tail-on-the-donkey,” but we will find personal relevancy for every individual –regardless of denominational association.

Summary Points

- † Kid’s Feature: Who do we want to grow up to look like? Mirror illustration.
- † Silas Phipps poem and Jesus’ tale of two debtors –**Matthew 18, Luke 7**
- † 3rd angel loudly warns about a beast –**Revelation 14:9-11**
- † Beast has an image, mark, name, and number –**Revelation 14:9-11; 13:17**
- † Redeemed sing a song of victory –**Revelation 15:2**
- † Clues for identifying the beast are in **Revelation 13 and Daniel 7**
- † A world power springing out of Rome speaks against God and blasphemes His name, and dwelling place. It persecutes saints 1,260 years and thinks to change times and laws. It differs from predecessors as a combination of powers. After 1,260 years it appears to receive a deadly wound. Papal Rome fits identifiers precisely.
- † It could be tragic to miss the personal message in a Biblical symbol
- † Illustrations using Buddy Houghtaling’s song, “**My Nails**” and also a thermometer
- † Avoid attacking/criticizing other denominations (especially Catholics) –*Evangelism, p. 573*
- † Ancient Israel compared to modern-day church members -*1 Selected Messages, p. 406*
- † Ancient Israel compared to Church of Rome –*Great Controversy, p. 568*
- † “Vicarius Christi = In place of God -the “Beast” is a symbol of self-dependence
- † The “Beast” appears to receive a fatal wound –**Revelation 13:3-4**
- † America resurrects an “Image to the Beast”
- † U.S. churches join with the government to enforce laws –*Great Controversy, p. 445*
- † Enforcing religious duty by human power is image to Beast –*Great Controversy, p. 449*
- † Dangers of various behavior modification approaches –*Mount of Blessings, p. 123*
- † Man may change his actions, but not his heart –**Jeremiah 17:9; Proverbs 20:9**
- † True obedience is from heart & stems from a relationship with God –*Desire of Ages, p. 668*
- † God’s Spirit is responsible for true transformation –**Zechariah 4:6; 2 Corinthians 3:18**
- † Love transforms duty into delight –Security illustration

Song: “My Nails” -Buddy Houghtaling