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The False Prophet – Religious Leader Revelation 13:11-15

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* “He spoke as a dragon”
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* He causes world-wide worship of the Antichrist
  + By performing signs, wonders and **counterfeit** miracles
  + He uses fire as a demonstration of his power (see Elijah & the Two Witnesses)
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* Those who will not worship the image of the Antichrist will be **killed**
  + The Antichrist uses the False Prophet to lead people to worship him and Satan the dragon during this period

The False Prophet Revelation 13:16-18

* He demands that everyone take upon themselves an **image** of the beast that indicates allegiance to the Antichrist
  + The image will be affixed to the right hand or forehead
  + It will be required to buy or sell anything
* The mark of the beast = 666
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