**Rev. 17:8-9**

**“The Beast ‘revisited’”**

**A defining statement:**

The Beast (Antichrist) “was, and is not; and shall descend out of the bottomless pit”: 17:8

Option #1: Rev. 13:3; simple resuscitation of himself or one of the “heads”

Option #2: Rev. 17:10; One of the “past” kings is resuscitated

Option #3: A somewhat plausible, possibly far-fetched, personality

**A proposed possibility: Judas (Option #3)**

“Bottomless pit”: Judas died and went to “his own place”: Acts 1:25

Terms utilized: Jesus calls Judas a “son of perdition”: John 17:12

The antichrist is called the “son of perdition”: II Thes. 2:3

Jesus called Judas a “devil”: John 6:70

Biography of Judas

Selection: Matthew 10:1–4, Mark 3:13–19 and Luke 6:12–16

“Ministry”: Matt. 12:26: We do not have any record that Judas performed any miracles or actually cast out a demon.

“Role”: John 13:29; 1 Tim. 6:10; He served as the treasurer

“Misunderstanding”: Matthew 26:10-13; Action points to the cross.

The only one of those present who is recorded as vocally opposing this action is Judas (John 12:1-8).

Betrayal: Luke 22:3 it says concerning Judas “Satan entered him.”

**A presumptuous conclusion**

For the record, I am not definitively saying that Judas will be the actual antichrist. The previous comparisons and analogies are to be used as an analysis to show that the attributes and characteristics are so similar between the two that their actions and perspectives can be paralleled as being “like minded”.

Even if we were to dismiss the evidence presented, there is still the factor of Jesus’ perception and commentary towards Judas. In light of Judas being called a “devil” by Jesus it stands to reason that Judas was in fact a “devil” in disguise to which Jesus had to resist in temptation on a daily and possibly hourly basis. Judas was, in the mind of Jesus, not just a delusional and confused religious fanatic; he was a devil in disguise.