### The Antichrist: What We Know

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<td>• An interpretation of 2Th 2.7</td>
<td>• The lawless spirit that will energize him is already at work in our world. Antichrist will be possessed by the avaricious spirit of the Roman rulers of John’s day.</td>
<td>2Th 2.7; Rev 17.9-11</td>
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<td>• He will be a man.</td>
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<td>• He is destined to destruction. The hebraism, “son of destruction,” means “characterized by,” “worthy of,” or “destined to” destruction. In this case the emphasis is upon the Antichrist’s final demise. Cf. Joh 17.12; Rev 17.8,11.</td>
<td>2Th 2.3,8; Rev 17.8,11</td>
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<td>• He will be lawless. Antichrist will epitomize human autonomy, submitting to no law other than his own will.</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of Daniel’s “little horn”</td>
<td>• He will be insolent, cunning, deceitful, skilled in intrigue.</td>
<td>Dan 8.23,24</td>
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<td>• Based on interpretation of Dan 9.26.</td>
<td>• His people, the eastern legions and Arab auxiliaries of Rome, destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70. Therefore, he will be an Arab prince.</td>
<td>Dan 9.26; Josephus Wars 3.1.3; 3.2.4; 3.4.2; Livingston’s <em>Final Clash</em>, p. 176.</td>
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<td>• As “the Little Horn” he will arise from within the territory of the Roman Empire.</td>
<td>Dan 7.7,8, 24</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of Daniel's “little horn”</td>
<td>• He will emerge from the territories of the Grecian empire. This fact pushes the geographical origin of Antichrist eastward. He will arise from a longitude somewhere between Greece and Persia, and a latitude between Georgia and Egypt. This is the “20°- 60° Window” (both directions), with Iraq (Babylon) near its heart. This passage should end speculation about Antichrist arising from Western Europe or the Americas, let alone Southeast Asia or southern Africa.</td>
<td>Dan 8.22,23</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of Daniel’s “little horn”</td>
<td>• He will appear after the rise of an identifiable contingent of 10 kings.</td>
<td>Dan 2.41-44; 7.8,24; Rev 17.12</td>
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<td>• Interpretation of Isa 13,14</td>
<td>• Like Nebuchadnezzar, he will be known as “the King of the North,” ergo, his geographical base will be the ancient territory of Seleucus. Bible prophecy consistently speaks from the perspective of the Land of Israel. Of the four dynasties that succeeded Alexander the Great, only two took turns controlling ha-aretz: the kingdoms of Ptolemy (Egypt = South) and Seleucus (Greater Syria = North). Antichrist will thus arise from the eastern-most territory of the Roman and Greek empires.</td>
<td>Dan 11.40; Cf. Eze 26.7; Jer 46.24-26</td>
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<td>• Interpretation of Isa 13-14</td>
<td>• He will be an Assyrian and the King of Babylon. This does not prove birth in the city of Babylon, but only sovereignty over it.</td>
<td>Isa 14.4-25; cf. Isa 7.18-25</td>
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<td>• He will be restrained until God’s time for his unveiling, at which time he will come forth “from the midst” [of the Seleucid region]. The language of emergence in 2Th 2.7 fits with the similar language in Dan 8.9.</td>
<td>2Th 2.6-8; Dan 8.9</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of Daniel’s “little horn”</td>
<td>• He will ratify and extend an existing covenant (treaty) for a period of seven years. This appears to be Antichrist’s first public act predicted by Scripture. It is clear from the Hebrew text that the “covenant” is pre-existing when the Little Horn confirms it. He ratifies it with regard to “the many,” a Heb. phrase implying peoples beyond the nation of Israel. In other words, Antichrist unites with an international delegation to “put teeth into” an already existing treaty that affects Israel, such as the Oslo Accords.</td>
<td>Dan 9.27; Cf. Zec 11.10</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of Daniel’s “little horn”</td>
<td>• In a time of peace and security he will destroy [military] leaders and many [of the holy people].</td>
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- He will receive authority to act in Satan’s power, and in concert with the character and purposes of the Devil, for 42 months (3½ years), i.e. for the last half of the final “week” of the age.

Rev 13.2 confirms Dan 8.24: The Antichrist’s authority and power will be great but not his own; he will be directly empowered by Satan. His Satanic authority will be given in part through the 10 kings.

2Th 2.9; Dan 8.24; Rev 13.2; 17.13

* Explicit
- His public presence will be accompanied by all kinds of deceptive power, signs and wonders.

2Th 2.9; Rev 13.13-15

- Based on ID of “the beast” of Rev
- Based on ID of Daniel’s “little horn”
- Interpretation of Dan 11.38,39

Rev 17.12,13,17

- Based on ID of Daniel’s “little horn” and “the coming prince”

Dan 7.24; Cf. Zec 11.8

- He will subdue 3 of the 10 kings.


- He will make the conquest of fortresses, i.e. war, his religion.

Dan 8.11-14; 9.27; 11.31; Cf. Zec 11.10; Mat 24.15

- He will remove the daily sacrifice 3½ years after ratifying the treaty (midway through the final “week”), and set up the “abomination of desolation.”
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<td>• Based on ID of Daniel’s “little horn” and John’s “Beast”</td>
<td>He will begin his war against the saints and prevail against them for 3½ years.</td>
<td>Dan 7.24,25; 8.24; 11.33; Rev 13.7</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of Daniel’s “little horn”</td>
<td>He will endeavor to change (or “violate”) times and laws. He may seek to undo festivals or laws established by the true Lord of Times (Dan 2.21). Will he institute the Islamic calendar?</td>
<td>Dan 7.25</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of “King of the North”</td>
<td>He will hate God’s covenant with Israel, and he will honor the Jews who forsake it.</td>
<td>Dan 11.28,30</td>
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<td>He will speak outrageously against the Most High, denying the Father and the Son, and every other so-called god, magnifying himself above all.</td>
<td>2Th 2.4; Dan 7.25; 11.36,37; 1Jo 2.18,22; Rev 13.5,6; Cf. Isa 11.13,14</td>
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<td>He will proclaim himself God.</td>
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<td>He will enthrone himself in and desecrate God’s temple. Usually when Paul used the word <em>naos</em> he meant the body of God’s people (1Co 3.16), so Paul may have meant that Antichrist will demand that the Christian Church worship him. However, we know from Daniel 11.31 that forces of the “despised person” will desecrate the Jerusalem temple.</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of the Beast in Rev and interpretation of 2Th 2.3</td>
<td>• He will have a fully deputized spokesman, a false prophet, who will force people to make an image of “the beast” and worship both “the beast” and his image, launching the end-time apostasy.</td>
<td>Rev 13.12-15; 19.20; 2Th 2.3; Cf. Mat 24.12; 1Ti 4.1-3</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of the Beast in Rev</td>
<td>• His deputy will force everyone [in his dominions] to receive a mark on hand or forehead in order to perform commercial transactions. The mark will consist of the Beast’s name or the number of his name, which is 666. From this we understand that Antichrist will insist upon commercial-economic dominion over the entire Mediterranean (Roman) world. This is why he will hate the Great Harlot of Rev 17 and 18.</td>
<td>Rev 13.16-18</td>
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<td>• He will succeed in deceiving those who do not embrace the love of the truth, but who enjoy unrighteousness.</td>
<td>2Th 2.10-12; Rev 13.8</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of the Beast in Rev</td>
<td>• God will use him to bring down the Commercial Empire of western Europe based in Rome. The Great Harlot is not the Roman Catholic Church as the Reformers were so quick to interpret. Rather, she is the commercial empire that worships Mammon. Before God judges Antichrist, He will use the envy of the Beast to destroy the city of Rome.</td>
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<td>• He will invade Egypt but be turned back by ships from the West.</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of “King of the North”</td>
<td>• He will clash militarily with Egypt once more and prevail over Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia.</td>
<td>Dan 11.40-43</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of “King of the North”</td>
<td>• The territory of modern Jordan will escape his control.</td>
<td>Dan 11.41</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of “King of the North”</td>
<td>• News from the East and North (Iran?) will disturb him and he will move his forces northward, intent on annihilating many.</td>
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<td>• Based on ID of “King of the North”</td>
<td>• He will set up his mobile headquarters outside Jerusalem (where he will meet his demise).</td>
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<td>• He will make a military stand directly against the Prince of Princes.</td>
<td>Dan 8.25; Rev 19.19,20; Cf. Psa 2</td>
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<td>• The Lord will destroy him by the breath (spirit) of His mouth.</td>
<td>2Th 2.8; Isa 11.4</td>
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The Division of Alexander’s Empire
Showing the Territories of
The King of the North and
The King of the South
The 1,335 Days of Daniel 12.12
From the End of the Daily Sacrifices to the Reign of the Saints

Abomination of Desolation; Temple sacrifice abolished (Dan 9.27; 12.11)

Sun & Moon Darkened,
Sign of the Son of Man,
Saints Awakened,
Antichrist Destroyed
(Dan 12.1-3; Mal 4.2;
Mat 24.29-31; Rev 19.11-21)

1,260 Days

45 Days

30 Days

1,150 Days
Israelis reconsecrate the temple, provoking the Beast? (Dan 8.13-19)

Notes:
• The Two Witnesses also prophesy for 1,260 days (Rev 11.3), but this probably occurs in the first half of the final 7-year week.
• The 3½ years remind us of the tribulation of the saints and the judgments of God under Ahab and Jezebel (Luke 4.25; James 5.17). The reign of Ahab and Jezebel foreshadowed the “Great Tribulation” predicted by Jesus (Matthew 24.21) and Daniel (Dan 12.1). Jesus explicitly taught that the Great Tribulation begins with the appearance of the “abomination of desolation” (Mat 24.15-21) and is immediately followed by the appearance of the Son of Man (Mat 24.29-30). We know by comparison with Daniel, therefore, that the Great Tribulation lasts for 3½ years. During this time the “tares” and “bad fish” are gathered out of God’s Kingdom (Mat 13.24-30; 36-43; 47-50).
• We’re not explicitly told the character of the 30 and 45 day periods following the “time, times and half a time,” but 30 days was the length of a mourning period in biblical times (Num 20.29; Deu 34.8; see also Gen 50.2,3). The 45 days will probably be the period of the tribunal of Christ during which we receive our allotted domains (Luk 19.11-19; 2Co 5.10; Rev 2.26-27).
The 70 Weeks of Daniel

"Know and understand this:
From the issuing of the decree
to restore and rebuild Jerusalem—
the prince who will come—
until seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. And in the midst of the week he will come upon the daily sacrifice; and the abominations of desolation are set up, until an end is made. And he does according to his will; and against the sanctuary he sets himself in the midst.

Dan. 9.24-26

48 x 360 = 173,880 days
69 x 7 = 483 years
69 (7+62) Weeks

The beginning point, the terminus a quo, for the 70 weeks is the decree to rebuild and restore the city.

The prince who will come, the ruler, is the Messiah...cut off;
Jesus Crucified, April 3, AD 33, prelude to the destruction of the city and the dispersion of the people.

The prince who will come makes his public debut by ratifying a treaty involving Israel and many other nations, and many other nations.

Dan 9.27

The prince who will come shows his true colors by banning the Jerusalem Temple sacrifices, and committing abominations, 3 1/2 years before the End, Dan 9.27.

The time line is broken for nation, city and sanctuary. The progression of the 70 weeks will resume when Israel resumes her temple worship, and many other nations.

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1. Daniel sees a vision of a ram and a he-goat battling beside the canal (Dan 8.1-12).

“For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be restored.”

2. Daniel hears but does not see a verbal exchange (Dan 8.13-14).

3. “How long will the events of the vision last?”

4. Someone who looks like a young man suddenly stands before Daniel (Dan 8.15).

5. “Gabriel, explain the vision to this man.” (voice heard from middle of canal; Dan 8.16; cf. Isa 43.1,2)


7. Daniel falls to the ground in fear (Dan 8.17).

8. Gabriel touches Daniel and causes him to stand on his feet (Dan 8.18).
1a. Daniel stands or kneels (the text is not specific) on the bank of the Tigris when he looks up and sees the theophany (Dan 10.4).

2. Overcome by the theophany, Daniel falls into a deep sleep, face to the ground (Dan 10.9).

3. Daniel senses (but does not see) the touch of a hand that draws him up upon his hands and knees (Dan 10.10).

4. Commanded to stand, Daniel does so, but he has no strength to lift his head or speak (Dan 10.11-15).

5. A person with the appearance of a man touches Daniel's lips, enabling him to speak. When Daniel complains of having no strength, the same person touches him again and strengthens Daniel (Dan 10.16-18).

6a. A unique and glorious Man appears, speaking with a voice sounding like a multitude. He remains hovering above the waters (Dan 10.5-6; 12.6,7).

6b. Two others appear to Daniel, one on each bank of the river (Dan 12.5).

6c. "How long until the end of these wonders?"

6d. "These things will be completed."

6e. "A time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people is shattered, all these things will be completed."

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My Royal Orders

“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”
— Jesus Christ (John 20.21)

My Calling Is:
How has my Father gifted and trained me to minister?
See John 5.19.

My City Is:
Jeremiah 29.4-7;

My People Are:
Who constitutes my circle of influence?
Whom am I living and walking among?
See 2 Corinthians 6.16.

How Will I Prepare My People?
Who Are The Most Needy Or Influential Among Them?

What Cultural Bridge Will I Build To Them?

How Will I Live Out Isaiah 58.6-12 For Them?
Remember that the Father sent Jesus to a prepared people:
Isaiah 57.14-15; 62.10,11;
Malachi 3.1; Matthew
Our message tends to stop at the church walls because we no longer live in a culture for whom biblical authority is a given. We forget this reality and so our message tends to stop within the church walls.

However, our message needs to stay beyond the walls of the church. We give our testimony in support of our main points, and God sends confirmation by supernatural signs, conviction of the hearers, etc. Holy Spirit is not bound by the literal gap. Where it does, it leads to death and so our message needs to stay beyond the church walls, which Bible-based authority is a given. We forget this because we no longer live in a culture for whom biblical authority is a given.

Likewise, Paul, with the pagans on Mars Hill, we can begin with a cultural bridge built from the arts and sciences of our culture. Having connected with our non-Christian friends on the common ground of universal problems and principles, we can then share the Gospel, offering God’s word as confirmation and illumination of the message. A good bridge message emphasizes what we are for, not what we are against.

As Peter did on the Day of Pentecost, we typically begin our message with the Scriptures, speaking to an audience that already recognizes the Bible as having divine authority. Ideally, we include personal testimony and confirmation by the Holy Spirit. After we have witnessed to our family and immediate friends, we forget how to evangelize; we learn only how to relate to and minister to church people. However, our message needs to stay beyond the walls of the church. We give our testimony in support of our main points, and God sends confirmation by supernatural signs, conviction of the hearers, etc. Holy Spirit is not bound by the literal gap. Where it does, it leads to death and so our message needs to stay beyond the church walls, which Bible-based authority is a given. We forget this because we no longer live in a culture for whom biblical authority is a given.