

Antichrist - Who is he?

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Clues from the Epistles

- Controlled by a spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is from God (1 John 4:3) – this specifically denies the divinity of Christ
- Deceiver who denies Christ came in the flesh (1 John 4:2; 2 John 7) this specifically denies the cross of Christ
- The last of many antichrists who will arise in the end times, or last hour (1 John 2:18)
- Opposes God and claims to be God, also living in the Temple (2 Thessalonians 2:4)
- Possessed by Satan and performs miracles and wonders that deceive many people (2 Thessalonians 2:9)
- Arises in an era when many people fall away from the truth (1 John 2:19; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)

Clues from Daniel 2

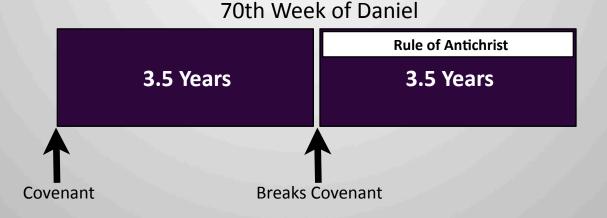
- Nebuchadnezzar's dream statue
 - Head of gold: Babylon (v. 32, 37-38)
 - Chest & arms of silver: Medes-Persians (v. 32, 39)
 - Belly & thighs of bronze: Greeks (v. 32, 39)
 - Legs of iron: united & divided Rome (v. 33, 40-41)
 - Feet/Toes of iron and clay: Final Antichrist kingdom (v. 33, 41-43)
 - Stone, cut with hands: Messianic Kingdom (v. 34, 35, 44, 45)
 - Destroys the Final Kingdom (v. 25, 44)
 - Eternal Kingdom of God

Clues from Daniel 7

- Four beasts from the sea
 - Lion with wings of an eagle: Babylon (verse 4)
 - Bear, devouring three ribs: Medes-Persians (verse 5)
 - Leopard with four wings: Greece, and descendants (verse 6)
 - Terrible beast with iron teeth: Rome, and descendants (verses 7, and following)
 - 10 horns (v. 7): 10 kings (v. 24) Compare with the 10 horns of Revelation 13:1
 - Notice the "Beast" of Revelation 13:2 is a composite of the 4 beasts of Daniel 7
 - Little horn arises (v. 8): Kingdom of Antichrist
 - supplants 3 other rulers (v. 8)
 - wages war against the saints (v.21, 25),
 - speaking boastfully (v. 8, 11),
 - rules for 3 ½ years (v. 25)
 - defeated by Christ (v. 13, 14, 26, 27)

Clues from Daniel 9

- 490 (70 sevens) years to complete God's plan (v. 24)
- 483 years from the decree until Christ's crucifixion (v. 25, 26)
- After Christ's crucifixion, Jerusalem and Temple destroyed by the Romans (v. 25, 26)
- 70th "Week" (7 years) of Daniel: the Time of Jacob's Trouble (v. 27)
 - Begins when "he", Antichrist, makes a "firm covenant with the many for one week"
 - Breaks the covenant, or treaty, after 3 ½ year to end the sacrifice and grain offering
 - Brings the abomination that makes desolate in the midst of the 70th Week



Clues from Revelation 13

- Ruler of an end-times gentile beast-kingdom that is a composite of previous world empires
 - From politics ("the sea") verse 1
 - Empowered by Satan ("the dragon") verse 4
 - Worshipped and adored by the apostate verse 4 & 8
 - Rules for 42 months, or 3 ½ years (last half of the 70th week) verse 5
 - Blasphemes God and His Temple verse 6
 - Source of Great Tribulation for the saints verse 7
 - Associated with an "evil prophet/miracle worker" verses 11 thru 13
 - Controls all commerce verses 16, 17
 - Represented by a speaking idol verse 15
 - Number of his name: 666 verse 18
 - Number of his name: χξς = ἑξακόσιοι ἑξήκοντα ἕξ

Clues from Revelation 17 & 18

- Final beast-kingdom ruled by a "harlot" (v. 17:1, 3)
 - Beast-kingdom comes from the abyss (v. 17:8)
 - Seven head-mountain-kings rule the beast not all at the same time (v. 17:10) - but these become an 8th Beast
 - Ten horns are 10 kings who empower the 8th Beast (v. 17:12)
 - Harlot is called "Babylon the Great" (v. 17:5)
 - Murdered the saints (v. 17:6; 18:24; also see Jeremiah 4:30, 31)
 - full of demons (v. 18:2)
 - rules over all earthly rulers (v. 17:18)
 - called the "Great City" (v. 17:18; 18:16, 18, 19, 21)
 - the Harlot is Jerusalem! (Revelation 11:8), the great capital city of the Antichrist's beast kingdom!

Clues from Old Testament

- Leads a coalition of Muslim nations against Jerusalem and Israel
 - Ammon & Moab: Jordan (Ez 25; Is 15; Jer 48; 49)
 - Damascus: Syria (Is 17; Jer 49)
 - Edom: Jordan & Saudia Arabia (Ez 25; Jer 49)
 - Philistia: Palestinians (Ez 25:15-17; Jer 47)
 - Tyre & Sidon: Lebanon (Ez 26-28; Is 23)
 - Egypt (Ez 29 32; Is 19; Jer 46)
 - Babylon & Assyria: Iraq (Is 13-14; 21; Jer 50)
 - Cush: Ethiopia, Sudan (Is 18)
 - Elam: Iran or Persia (Is 21; Jer 49)
- Antichrist: Gog, from Magog, is the Head (Hebrew: rosh) of Meshech and Tubal. Aligned with Gomer, Beth Togarmah (Ez 38-39) - all refer to Asia Minor, modern Turkey (not Russia or Germany, as some have alleged)

Clue: A <u>Few</u> Prominent "antichrists"

- Pharaoh
- Balak
- Assyrian kings: Sennacherib, Tiglath-Pileser, etc.
- Nebuchadnezzar
- Haman
- Antiochus Epiphanes
- Herod the Great
- Titus & Hadrian
- Adolf Hitler

All are from European gentile and Muslim countries

More Evidence

- "They blaspheme who say that Allah is the third of three." (Qur'an 5:73)
- "In blasphemy indeed are those that say that God is Christ, the son of Mary." (Qur'an 5:17)
- "The Most Gracious has begotten a son! You have uttered a gross blasphemy. It is not befitting the Most Gracious that He should beget a son." (Qur'an 19:88-92)
- "... the Christians call Christ the son of Allah... Allah's curse be on them ..." (Qur'an 9:30)

 Note: "Far be it from God that he should have a son!" encircles the inside of the Dome of the Rock Mosque, in Jerusalem.
- Regarding the crucifixion of Christ, "That they said 'We killed Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah'; but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no knowledge . . . for as surety they killed him not." (Qur'an 4:157-8)
- "Strike off the heads of the disbelievers . . ." (Qur'an 47:4) Compare with **Revelation 20:4**, speaking of the saints martyred during the Great Tribulation, "And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."
- The Muslim Mahdi civil, judicial, military, and religious leader yet to come who will unite all Islam, destroy Israel, and destroy or forcibly convert all Jews and Christians to Islam.

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Antichrist: Summing Up

- Forges a coalition of Muslim and European nations to form a treaty with Israel allowing her to begin her Temple services again. Israel feels secure and announces "peace".
- May be of Turkish descent (from Magog) and will be viewed as a tolerant moderate politician.
- Three and a half years later, will lead an invasion of Jerusalem, will end Jewish Temple worship, and will claim to be the Christian Christ, Jewish Messiah, Muslim Mahdi. Jerusalem, the Great Harlot, will become the capital of his world empire. Everyone will be compelled to worship him.
- In support of his claims, his prophet will manifest miracles and wonders. The apostate will embrace him. The faithful will refuse him, commencing the Great Tribulation.
- The Great Tribulation will endanger all faithful Christians and the Jewish remnant of extinction. To cut it short, Christ will return to rapture the Church, at the same time, resurrect departed saints. (Matthew 24:15:31)
- The rapture leaves behind a wicked world and the remnant of Israel ("Israel"), still in hiding from Antichrist for the entire last 3.5 years of the 70th Week of Daniel.
- The two witnesses of Revelation 11 testify against Antichrist and call down the Trumpet Judgements of Revelation. Antichrist is supernaturally hindered from slaying them for 3 1/2 years
- The Jewish remnant repents of unbelief and accepts Christ as Messiah when Israel's last apparent hope, the two witnesses of Revelation 11 (?Elijah and Moses?), finally are killed by Antichrist in Jerusalem. Immediately after this, the Seventh Trumpet sounds (Revelation 11:15-19), closing the 70th Week of Daniel. The Ark of the Covenant reappears in the Temple (Revelation 11:19)
- Christ and the heavenly host defeat Antichrist and his European-Muslim coalition. Judgment is rendered and the Kingdom of God begins.