

Antichrist Agenda

Just as Jesus Christ has many names in the bible, so does the devil and the antichrist.

Names of the Antichrist

The Antichrist – (1 John 2:18-19)

The Beast – (Rev. 13:1-10)

Man of Sin – (2 Thess. 2:3)

Son of Perdition – (2 Thess. 2:3)

Mystery Babylon – (Rev. 17 & 18)

The Little Horn – (Daniel 7 & 8)

1 John 2:18 - Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

The majority of the Christian world today does not believe that the antichrist power is a system but rather one particular man. However, the word of God is clear that the antichrist power is not one particular man. Notice the plurality of the word in the text. This indicates a system that would instigate a last day deception. Most churches within Christendom today also do not believe that the antichrist power has come yet. The vast majority of the churches today teach that the antichrist is yet to come. But the word of God is clear on this topic and lets us know that the antichrist power is already in the world and was at work in John's day.

1 John 2:19 - They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

John is clear to explain that the antichrist power was once a part of Christ's followers. These were men and women that perhaps even held high positions in the church but decided at some point to separate themselves from God's people to create their own following. This scripture is a key identifier of the fact that the antichrist power is a religious system of people.

1 John 2:22 - Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

Some make the mistake of isolating this scripture and make this the sole identifier of the antichrist power; however, this is just one of the many identifications given to us in God's word as to who this power really is. We are admonished in the book of 2 Timothy to study to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. In the next scripture, we will see that this idea of denying the father and the son is the spirit of the antichrist power.

1 John 4:3- And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Bible Dictionary : Anti – 1. Instead or because of, in the room of. 2. Often used in composition to denote contrast, requital, substitution.

It is important to make note that the bible definition for the word Anti is defined as, “in the room of or a substitution. This would mean that the antichrist is not primarily trying to be opposed to Christ but trying to substitute itself in Christ’s place. This was the mindset of the devil in Isaiah chapter 14 that we studied in our first topic.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Let no one deceive you by any means; for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first...

In this text, the Greek word for “falling away” is Apostasia; which means to defect from the truth, to forsake, or to divorce. This would indicate that at some point before the second coming of Jesus, there would be ultimate apostasy within the mass of the church that would cause a great falling away from the truth. This apostasy is connected with the Antichrist power of which the rest of the verse mentions.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Let no one deceive you by any means; for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition

The man of sin and son of perdition spoken of here by Paul is none other than the antichrist leader himself. At the forefront of every power is a primary leader. This is why Paul specifically mentions a singular man here in this text. The fact that this man is called, “the man of sin” is already showing how wicked this leader is according to the word of God. Interestingly enough, the term “son of perdition” is only used one other time in the entire bible by Jesus Christ himself in John 17:12. In that verse, Jesus refers to Judas Iscariot as the son of perdition that was lost. Now, we must remember that Judas was not a violent opposer of Jesus Christ but rather a subtle imposter. Judas deceived the church from within. It’s interesting to note that Jesus called the antichrist power the same term that he only used to refer to Judas the disciple that betrayed him. This is a key identifier as to what manner the antichrist power would try to deceive God’s children in the last days.

2 Thessalonians 2:4- who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Here we see that this man of sin (the antichrist leader) is sitting in a place of worship or church exalting himself above God showing himself that he is God. Again, we see Paul connecting the antichrist power with a religious power on earth.

Satan is known to use mediums to try and receive worship for himself. We see him using this method in his first encounter with human beings in the garden of Eden. Just as Satan used the serpent as a medium to deceive Adam and Eve in the garden he will use the Antichrist in the same manner. In other words, Satan will use the antichrist as a front-man in order to obtain worship for himself.

In our previous studies, we covered the metal image of Daniel chapter 2. We learned that the 4 metals symbolized the kingdoms of Babylon, Media Persian empire, Greece, and Rome. When studying the seventh chapter of Daniel, we see God revealing to Daniel four beasts that

also symbolize those same metal kingdoms of Daniel chapter two. As Daniel looked upon the fourth beast (Rome) he noticed a little horn power coming out of it that most scholars agree is synonymous with the antichrist power of the bible. Below is scriptures that go along with our ten identifications as to who the antichrist power is of bible prophecy.

Daniel 7:8 - I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn,...

In this text alone we get our first three identifications as to who the antichrist power is. In Daniel 7:24 we discover that the horns symbolize the 10 kingdoms that Rome divided into in 476 A.D. Therefore, if the horns symbolize kingdoms, then a little horn would symbolize a little kingdom. Since the horn also rose amongst the other ten horns in Europe then we know that the antichrist power is located somewhere in Europe. We know that the ten kingdoms that Europe divided into happened in 476 A. D. therefore, we can know that it was sometime after 476 A.D. that the antichrist power would have reigned supreme and developed into a kingdom.

- 1. Small (Religious) Kingdom**
- 2. Rose among other horns in Europe**
- 3. Rises After the other horns – After 476 AD**

Daniel 7:8 - ...before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Since horns symbolize kingdoms/nations, then we understand that when this little horn/kingdom rose into power it uprooted or killed three entire nations in its rise to power. We learned in a previous lesson that the three nations that were destroyed at the hand of the antichrist power was the kingdoms of the Vandals, Ostrogoths, and Heruli. Notice in this verse that the little horn power has eyes like the eyes of man. This would indicate that a man is leading out and speaking on behalf of this kingdom. Which brings me to my next point. The mouth of this horn was speaking great things. This will be discussed in greater detail in our next lesson.

- 4. Destroys Three nations**
- 5. Face of a man**
- 6. Speaking great things**

Daniel 7:21 - I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

This scripture is indicating that the antichrist power would be a power that would persecute the saints of God and would at some point overcome them.

- 7. Persecutes**

Daniel 7:25 - And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws

Here we see God's word is clear that the antichrist power would attempt or think to change times and laws. The devil is working hard to divert the minds of God's children away from His word and His law. We will discover in the near future as to what laws the antichrist power has changed.

8. Think to change times and laws

Daniel 7:25 - ...and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

We will discover in the next presentation that this "time times and the dividing of time" is equivalent to 1,260 years.

9. Rules for a time, times, ½ of time

Revelation 13:3 - ...and all the world wondered after the beast.

Revelation 13:8 - And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

In conclusion, it would take a dominant world power to deceive all of the world into worshipping the beast/antichrist of bible prophecy.

10. Dominant world power

While many are wondering after the beast today, you no longer have to. God has given us all the answers in His word and has made it clear to us the mysteries of which so many wonder today. Praise God for His truth!