

In our previous studies, we have established that the world events are the kind of world events we would expect to see taking shape just prior to the Rapture of the Church. We are not specifically looking for signs; we are looking for the imminent return of Jesus Christ for His body and bride. But Jesus said we ought to be able to analyze the times and seasons and when we analyze the things that will happen in the early part of the Tribulation, clouds are forming that would seem to indicate we are nearing the Rapture - i.e. intensification of lawlessness; an apostasy that not only moves away from God and His word, it rejects it; movement in China and, of course, a pandemic sickness which are all indicators something is happening in the sovereign program of God.

When God gave Daniel a vision of Gentile powers that would dominate the world, until Christ would come to reign as King over the world, he spotted one beast that really stood out. When he first spotted the beast he used the pronoun "it" (Dan. 7:7-8, 11). But as he kept looking at the beast, he changed the pronoun from "it" to "he" (Dan. 7:24-26). What Daniel saw was a man who really captured his attention. He kept looking at this one man (Dan. 7:9, 11, 19-25). In fact, he wrote that multiple times, "I kept looking."

Daniel wanted to know who that one was because he had never seen anyone like him. The man was so dreadful that he drained the color out of Daniel's face and Daniel was not a man easily intimidated. He wasn't even afraid of being thrown into a lion's den.

So if some person actually shakes Daniel to the point that his color is drained out of his face, he must be someone very scary and Satanic. If this man shook Daniel when he saw him, he will certainly shake the world when the world sees him. This person is best known by his title - the Antichrist.

The Antichrist is a Satanic man who will surface at some point in history. He will surface shortly after the Rapture of the Church and he will surface seven years before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

**If our observations are accurate, somewhere out there right now in the European world is a young, up and coming developing man, who actually is the Antichrist. At this point in time, he probably doesn't realize he is the Antichrist.** Right now he is a behind scenes person. He could even be a young military guy. He probably comes from a good home.

There are various allusions to this man and descriptions of this man in various books of the Bible. However, there are four books of the Bible where much specific information may be found.

**This Satanic person is mentioned and discussed and described in two books of the Old Testament (Isaiah and Daniel), and two books of the New Testament, (II Thessalonians and Revelation).**

There are things that are stated and predicted about him in these four books of the Bible that are not stated or found concerning anyone else who has ever lived in history.

There has never been a person like him or comparable to him. He will be permitted by God to rise up on the world stage as the most evil dictator to have ever existed. He will be worse than Caligula, Nero, Domitian, Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin combined.

What we would like to do in this study is to give you as accurate a Biblical, prophetic picture of him as we can. The information we present is in the Bible and is given to God's people, which means God wants His own people to see it and understand it.

The interesting thing is God's people will not be here to actually see him. But just as Daniel got to see him through the revealed word of God before he left the world, just as Paul and John got to see him before they left the world, so we, too, get to see him before we leave the world.

We will handle this today in a very systematic way. We will ask and answer some questions that hopefully will give you an accurate view of this Antichrist.

**QUESTION #1** – What does the word “Anti-Christ” mean?

The title that really captures the imagination and attention of almost everyone is the title Anti-Christ. But the truth is he is identified in the Bible by no less than ten titles and none of which are good:

- 1) He is called the “abomination of desolation” (Dan. 9:27 / Matt. 24:15 / Mark 13:14).  
Daniel calls him “the one who makes desolate.”
- 2) He is called the “false Christ” (Matt. 24:24) - Jesus called him and those like him pseudo-Christ's.
- 3) He is called the one who comes “in his own name” (John 5:43) - totally centered on self always. No interest in glorifying God, but glorifying himself.
- 4) He is called “the man of sin” (II Thess. 2:3) - specific man who aggressively sins against God.
- 5) He is called “the son of destruction” (II Thess. 2:3) - physical, spiritual, eternal destruction.
- 6) He is called “the lawless one” (II Thess. 2:8) - not constrained by any law anywhere in the world.
- 7) He is called the “liar” (I John 2:22) - the most convincing political/religious liar ever.
- 8) He is called “the deceiver” (II John 7) - his goal like Satan deceive the world (Rev. 12:9).
- 9) He is called the “beast” (Rev. 11:7; 13:2) - ruthless, ferocious, vicious beast.
- 10) He is called “the anti-Christ” (I John 2:18, 22; II John 7).

The noun “anti-Christ” is a specific word that was used by the Apostle John, who was the last living Apostle. He uses the word in I John 2:18, 22; 4:3; II John 7. A critical prophetic passage is I John 4:3. Here is what John says, “and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that is coming and now it is already in the world.”

So there is a spirit of antichrist at work now, but there is a spirit coming after the church is gone and that spirit will be ultimately manifested in the man Daniel saw. He is the Anti-Christ.

**The title Anti-Christ is a compound Greek noun comprised of two words - the preposition “anti” (**anti**) and the noun “Christ” (**crīstos**).**

**The preposition “anti” means two things: 1) To be against something or in opposition to something; 2) To take the place of or be a substitute for something** (G. Abbott-Smith, *Greek Lexicon*, p. 40). The noun “Christ” refers to the fact that Jesus is the anointed Messiah of Israel.

**So when you combine these two words in composition, the Antichrist is a person who will show up on earth who will be against Jesus Christ and will try to take the place of Jesus Christ in the world. He is in total opposition to Jesus Christ and he is a counterfeit of Jesus Christ.**

The word was used in early church history to refer to teaching that was not true about Jesus Christ and it was also used in regard to a specific person who will surface in the future. Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (AD 69-155), said anyone who preaches false doctrine is an antichrist. Hippolytus of Rome (AD 170-236), the second century theologian, said the Antichrist would come and rebuild the Jewish Temple on the Temple mount, then reign from it.

The Antichrist will specifically present himself as Israel’s hope and many Jewish people will fall for his deception. Jesus alluded to this Antichrist when He said, “I have come in My Father’s name and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him” (John 5:43).

Jewish teachings predict there will be a last day’s opponent of Israel and the Messiah. Jewish people actually expect the surfacing of the Antichrist. In fact, David Flusser, who is a professor at the Hebrew University, says, “The idea of Antichrist is strictly Jewish and pre-Christian.” Michael Stone, an Israeli expert on prophetic literature, said, “the background to this figure (Antichrist) lies in Jewish eschatology” (Matthew Couch, *Dictionary of Premillennial Theology*, p. 47).

**QUESTION #2-** When will the Antichrist be revealed?

**The Antichrist will first surface shortly after the Rapture of the Church as the Tribulation begins.** Both the Old Testament and the New Testament make this point very clear:

Paul predicts that the Antichrist will not surface until the Church Age is over. He says once the Church has been raptured, the Antichrist will be revealed (**II Thess. 2:6-8**). He says that when the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way “then that lawless one will be revealed” (II Thess. 2:8).

Daniel predicts that at the beginning of the Tribulation, which will be a seven year period of time, the Anti-Christ will make a peace covenant with Israel that probably will permit her to rebuild her temple and begin Temple worship (**Daniel 9:27**) He will initially appear to be Israel's friend, but he will turn out to be her worst nightmare.

**QUESTION #3-** How will people be able to initially spot the Antichrist?

The Antichrist will initially surface as a young, smooth, political leader among ten major European nations (Dan. 7:8). He will surface at a simultaneous time when ten major European nations have united together.

Right now there are 28 nations that form the European Union. At some point, ten of those nations will join together to form a unique solidarity and that will be the moment the Antichrist will surface.

In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he said this will occur "in the days of those kings" (Dan. 2:44). The ten kings symbolized by ten toes (Dan. 2:42-43) not only signal the Antichrist will be here in those days, but also in those days Jesus Christ will come back and destroy him. **When Jesus Christ was here the first time, there was no European Union, but there is now.**

Three times Daniel stresses the Antichrist will rise to power by taking over power of three smaller nations (Dan. 7:8, 20, 24). This will be a very important way to spot him. He starts out as a small political player, but he ends up taking control of three nations. He will start by becoming a dictator over three nations; then he will eventually become a dictator over ten major European powers (Dan. 7:7e/23-24) and then he will become the dictator of the world (Rev. 13:7).

John, in Revelation, says that he will have total and complete dominant power over ten kings. In fact, ten major world leaders will turn their power over to him and he will control them (Rev. 17:12).

When he first surfaces he will appear to be a great friend of Israel. Much of Israel will be duped by this guy. In fact, Jesus made a point to say that He will come in glory out of the sky so do not believe anyone who says the Christ is now here on earth (Matthew 24:23-27).

**QUESTION #4-** What will the Antichrist be like?

He will have many characteristics brought out in Scripture. We point out seventeen:

**Characteristic #1 -** He will be a person who looks like a normal man. Dan. 7:8, 20

Daniel specifically says he "possessed eyes like the eyes of a man." He has eyes like a normal looking man. There will be nothing about him that will say he is Satan's man. He will look like a normal man and he will surface like a normal man; he will walk and talk like a normal man.

He is certainly not coming in the sky from heaven and he also is not coming up out of the fire pit of hell.

Daniel's emphasis of the "eyes" means a couple of things. First, it means that he will look like a normal human. Second, it means his goal is to spy on everyone. He will want to spy on every person in the world to see what they are doing.

There are things going on right now with computers and chips that will help him eventually spy on everyone in the world.

Daniel says when he surfaces, he will elevate himself initially in his own heart (Dan. 8:25). He will not come on the scene and say, "Hi, I am the Antichrist and I want you to worship me or I'll kill you." People will not be able to tell that he wants them to worship him because he will come on the scene and look like a normal man.

**Characteristic#2**- He will have an ethnicity of being a Gentile. Daniel 7:2-3; Revelation 13:1

Some have speculated that he would be Jewish, but the Scriptures do not support that. Both Daniel and John in Revelation make the specific point that the Antichrist is non-Jewish. They both identify this beast as coming "out of the sea" (Dan. 7:2-3; Rev. 13:1). That is metaphorical language that means he is not a Jew but a Gentile. He will come from the sea of Gentile nations. In the Bible, the people of the land are Jews and the people of the seas are Gentiles. David Levy of Friends of Israel said, "he will come from the sea of Gentile humanity" (*Revelation*, p. 146).

Hippolytus, the second century theologian from Rome, said he thought the Antichrist would come from the tribe of Dan, but that is not possible because he will be a Gentile. It is possible that the false prophet who works with the Antichrist has some Jewish blood, but not the Antichrist. He will be a European Gentile.

**Characteristic#3**- He will have the character of a ferocious beast. Dan. 7:7; Rev. 13:1-2

Daniel refers to him specifically as a beast at least seven times and John in Revelation refers to him as a beast some 33 times. This Antichrist will be the most brutal, uncontrollable, diabolical beast to ever exist. He will be vicious, untamable and ferocious. He will be a monster.

Both Daniel and John point out that he is a terrifying, dreadful and strong beast. In fact, John connects him to being the same beast Daniel spotted because he says he was like a leopard, bear and lion. According to John, this Antichrist is a compilation of all evil beastly powers that have ever existed. He will be the most dreadful beast of all.

John, in Revelation, says that he will be the worst beastly person to ever exist on this earth (Rev. 13:4). There has never been a beast like him. He has, metaphorically speaking, iron teeth who rules with an iron fist. He chews people up and spits them out. He stamps out people and kills for fun because it makes him happy.

Every now and then we hear of serial killers, who are monsters. When we just say the names of Ted Bundy, David Berkowitz, John Wayne Gacy or Jeffery Dahmer, it makes your skin crawl.

This Antichrist will be a worldwide serial killer worse than all of them combined. He will be proud of killing people and literally no one but God will be able to stop him. He will be a ferocious beast and monster.

**Characteristic#4**- He will have a mouth that makes arrogant boasts. Dan. 7:8,20

This will be a primary trait of his character. He will be a loud-mouthed braggart. Daniel said his “mouth utters great boasts” (Dan. 7:8). This will be his habitual pattern of speech. He will speak out against the Most High God and blaspheme Him (Dan. 7:23; Rev. 13:5-6). He will boast about himself and Satan. In fact, he will promote Satan worship (Rev. 13:4) and self-worship (Rev. 13:4). God will permit him to do this for 3 ½ years.

The Apostle Paul says he will “exalt himself above every so-called god or object of worship.” He will actually sit in the Temple of God in Jerusalem and say he is God (II Thess. 2:4).

Every now and then, some evil, religious heretic like Jim Jones or David Koresh or Sun Myung Moon surfaces who demand that people worship them as God. Most people in the world see the evil of that and don't fall for that.

This will not be the same for the Antichrist. He will be effective. In fact, he will be worshipped by all unbelievers in the world (Rev. 13:8-9). Think of this. All people of the world will worship this Satanic man. There will never be another like him who will ever exist.

**Characteristic#5**- He will have an incredible mind with tremendous intelligence capable of solving difficult problems no one else can solve (Dan. 8:23).

Daniel says he will be “skilled in intrigue.” Those words mean he will have a very high IQ. One student of prophecy observed the antichrist will be a genius. Intriguing problems that plague others, he will be able to solve.

One of the most amazing problems he will solve is that he will somehow figure out a way to let Israel build her Temple on an area controlled by Arabs. In fact, it is significant to see in Revelation 17:3 that the Antichrist does have a close connection to the Babylonian harlot which includes the religion of Islam. He is so shrewd and smart that somehow he will be able to negotiate a deal so that Israel is able to put up her Temple on the very spot where the Dome of the Rock sits.

One commentator observed, the Antichrist will be a genius in all kinds of areas. He will be a genius in his intellect (Dan. 8:23), in commerce and trade (Dan. 11:43; Rev. 13:16-17), in war (Rev. 6:2; 13:2), in speech (Dan. 11:36) and politics (Rev. 17:11-12).

The Antichrist will have an incredible mind with a very unusual high IQ.

**Characteristic#6**- He will be a person who loves war. Dan. 8:23; Dan. 11:38-39

Daniel says, “he will honor the god of fortresses.” The Antichrist actually worships war. He will love war. He will be a military genius. Most people hate fighting and hate war. The Antichrist will love it. He loves war and killing and death.

Daniel predicts he will be unusually destructive and destroy things at a very unusual level (Dan. 8:24). He will be an insolent person who is a fierce person who loves fighting and war. According to the prophet Isaiah, he will conquer the world and overthrow cities and take many prisoners and even kill his own national people (Is. 14:17, 20). He loves to kill.

He will wage war with God’s people and he will overpower them (Dan. 7:21; 8:24) and he will seek to stamp them out (Dan. 7:25; Rev. 12:15-17). According to Daniel, he so worships war that will go up against the strongest military forces on earth (Dan. 11:39). The bigger the army, the better.

He will give great honor and power to those who win for him. He will divvy up various parts of the world to those who fought for him and won. He will conquer the world faster and greater than any other military leader who has ever existed.

One of the greatest military geniuses in history was Alexander the Great. With lightning speed he conquered his known world. In 13 years he conquered 2 million square miles including Greece, the Middle East, and Central Asia to India. It is said that when he completed conquering the world, he actually wept because there were no more worlds to conquer.

The Antichrist won’t have that problem because his goal will be to conquer the whole world on the face of this earth. There are almost 200 million square miles in the world comprised of seven continents, and the Antichrist will go after them all in less than seven years. He will worship war.

**Characteristic#7**- He will be the law of the world for 3 ½ years. Dan. 7:25,  
Rev. 12:6; 11:2; 13:5

The Antichrist will dominate the entire world for 1,260 days, which is 42 months or 3 ½ years. Isaiah says he will make the earth tremble (Is. 14:16) and shake world kingdoms (Is. 14:16). He literally will conquer the world and not allow prisoners to go home (Is. 14:17). Daniel says he “will do as he pleases” (Dan. 11:3) all over the world. He will re-divide the world and redistribute political boundaries (Dan. 11:4).

It is interesting that the political leaders are referred to as Kings because that will be the political climate that will exist. It will be a dictatorial climate. Dictators will rule all over the world. There has never been a political dictator who has dominated every place in the world, but the Antichrist will.

He will have dictatorial authority “over every tribe and people and tongue and language” (Rev. 13:7). God is actually the one who will permit him to do this (Rev. 13:7). God time-regulates him for 42 months (Rev. 13:5) and then God will put a stop to him.

**Characteristic#8-** He will be a very skilled liar who is able to deceive the whole world.  
Dan. 8:25; II Thess. 2:9

God is a God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2) and Satan is an angel who does nothing but lie. He is the father of lies (John 8:44). Satan’s masterpiece, the Antichrist, will be a master liar. Daniel says this Antichrist succeeds by deceit. He deceives people into following him and believing him. The Apostle Paul said that the signs the Antichrist will perform are “all the deception of wickedness for those who perish” (II Thess. 2:9).

The Antichrist will be able to look into a camera and lie to the world and the world will believe him. No polygraph test will be able to detect he is a liar.

Down by where we go in Florida, there is a yacht tour you can take on the intracoastal. One of the places that is pointed out is a channel that leads to the place where Bernie Madoff used to live. Bernie Madoff has been called “the Wizzard of lies.” Bernie Madoff is the guy sentenced to 150 years in prison for lying, stealing and fraud. The guy was a polished liar. He committed securities fraud, mail fraud, money laundering fraud, investment fraud and employee fraud. He was an amazing liar. He will be nothing compared to the Antichrist. Bernie Madoff was discovered, the Antichrist will not be. He will deceive the whole world.

The greatest lie that has ever been propagated is that you can be saved and go to heaven by your works, your religion, your rituals, your attempts to keep the O.T. law, when in fact only Jesus Christ can save you and keep you out of hell. The spirit of antichrist says you can do something to go to heaven. The Bible says you cannot do anything except believe on Jesus Christ.

**Characteristic#9-** He will oppose God and Jesus Christ who is God. Dan. 8:25

Everything about him will oppose God and His word. He will be the diabolical opposite of what God’s word says or wants. As Daniel says, “He will oppose the Prince of Princes” (Dan. 8:25). He will oppose Jesus Christ, Himself and he will lose.

Devilish people oppose God by opposing the word of God.

**Characteristic#10-** He will not be destroyed by any human means. Dan. 8:25

Revelation 13:3, 12-14 seem to suggest that there will be some type of assassination attempt to kill the Antichrist. He will apparently suffer a mortal wound in one of his military campaigns and he will come back to life and the whole world will stand in awe of this. It will be some form of Satanic work.



The world will realize that no power on earth can destroy him. No special ops military force will be able to kill him like Osama Bin Laden.

Daniel, Isaiah and John in Revelation make it clear God, Himself, will destroy the Antichrist. Daniel says, "he will be broken without human agency" (Dan. 8:25).

Daniel says, "I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body was destroyed and given to Burning fire" (Dan. 7:11).

Isaiah says the Antichrist will not be buried in a tomb (Is. 14:18-20).

John says, "the beast...was thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with brimstone" (Rev. 19:20).

The Antichrist will eventually be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, body and all, by God Himself.

**Characteristic#11**- He will have Satanic power, not his own. Dan. 8:24; Rev. 13:1-2; II Thess. 2:9

The Antichrist will get his power directly from Satan. Paul says everything about him will be Satanic and he will have the ability to perform miracles with all Satanic power and signs and false wonders (II Thess. 2:9). He will hold the highest position of Satanic kingly royalty of any political leader in the history of the world.

According to Revelation 13:1, he not only controls ten kings, but on his horns are ten diadems, crowns of royalty. The Antichrist will have complete worldwide royalty above all other world leaders who have ever existed. He will be viewed as the king of the world. He will have dominant global power. He will be esteemed and worshipped wherever he goes.

Satan himself will actually take up residency in this man and will possess him. This will be the ultimate Satanic man. This will be the finest Satanic person who has ever walked on this earth. He is smart, successful, political, and respectable.

**Characteristic#12**- He will be unusually prosperous. Dan. 8:24; 11:43

The Antichrist will prosper in every way. He will prosper in land deals, trade deals and money deals. Somehow he will gain control of the gold, silver and precious things from Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia (Dan. 11:43). He will make amazing monetary deals with the Arab world (Rev. 17:4-5) and as Daniel says, he will prosper (Dan. 8:24).

He will probably use his prosperity to dupe the world into thinking his prosperity proves he is worth following. That is how this world operates. If you have a lot of money, people think you are worth believing and following.

Take a man like George Soros. He has over 8 billion dollars and people think he is really something worth following. He is an atheist who denies God and yet, because he has money, people think they should listen to him. The Antichrist will be just like that. Only he will be better looking than Soros.

**Characteristic#13-** He will do what he pleases all over the world. Dan. 11:36; Rev. 13:7-8

Now just think of this statement here. Daniel says he “will do as he pleases.” John, in Revelation, says he will have authority over every nation in the world (Rev. 13:7).

What that means is he will do whatever he wants, wherever he wants and whenever he wants. He will have no restraints on him in any way or in any place. He will say anything he wants and take anything he wants from anyone he wants. He will kill anyone he wants to kill and destroy anyone or anything he wants to destroy. He will have “Absolute power” over the whole world. He will not use it in a God-honoring way; he will use it to destroy others.

**Characteristic#14-** He will show no regard for anyone but himself. Dan. 11:37

Daniel says this: “He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any god; for he will magnify himself above them all.”

The Antichrist will have one god, himself. He will worship himself.

The Antichrist will have no regard for religious heritage - probably raised to respect religion. He will be his own religion.

The Antichrist will have no regard for women - he will kill them even if pregnant (Matt. 24:19). He will be a rapist and murderer and perhaps a homosexual. We have many women in Government and he will kill them at the drop of a hat. He will not respect any woman.

The Antichrist will have such high regard for himself that he will demand that he be worshipped as God. If people refuse to worship him, he will kill them.

**Characteristic#15-** He will go to war with many Arab nations and take their treasures.  
Dan. 11:43

He not only will convince Israel he is her friend, he will also convince the Arab world that he is their friend. But he will steal from the Arabs and loot their wealth. Many Arab nations will not like the fact that he took their treasures. Rumors from the east and north will bother him and he will turn on them and pour out his wrath.

**Characteristic#16-** He will come to his end in the land of Israel. Dan. 11:45

It will be rumors of war that will cause him to actually relocate into the land of Israel (Dan. 11:43-44). He will move into Israel's land (Ez. 38:21-23). He will hear of military movement coming out of the north and east. This movement will probably be Russia and China. He will think he has better leverage if he is located in a more strategic place. So he actually will relocate from his European headquarters to Israel and that is where he will be executed. It will be here where Jesus Christ himself will come back and cast him into hell.

**Characteristic#17-** He will have his own special world-wide mark and special number.  
Rev. 13:16-18

**It is very interesting that God does not give us his name, but He does give us his number.**

Here is what we read: "and he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the freemen and the slaves to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either of the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six."

During the Tribulation, in order to buy or sell anything, you will either have to have his name or his number - 666 tattooed or marked on your right hand or forehead.

**The number 666 shows up in four passages of the Bible:**

In **I Kings 10:14** we read: "Now the weight of gold which came in to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold.

In **II Chronicles 9:13** we read, "Now the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold.

In **Ezra 2:13** we read: "the sons of Adonikam, 666."

In **Revelation 13:18** we read: "and his number is six hundred and sixty six or 666.

**We get a big tip as to what this means in Revelation 13:18; it is specifically stated that this number "is that of a man."** In Genesis 1:26-31, God created man on the sixth day.

So the number 666 means the Antichrist is just a man and not God. The number 6 is not the Divine number 7 and three sixes probably refer to the Satanic trio at work in the Tribulation - Satan, Antichrist, False Prophet. It is obvious that 666 is not 777.

So every time the Antichrist looks at this number in his arrogance, it will say I am just an evil man, but I am not God and I will be judged by God. He will be cast body and all into hell.

You do not want to be here when the Antichrist exists and the way to guarantee you will not be here is to believe in Jesus Christ.

The greatest Satanic lie of all is the lie that you can somehow save yourself and be good enough for God to let you into heaven. We are all sinners; we do not get close to measuring up to the righteousness of God. So don't believe the lie; believe in the truth of a God who cannot lie. Believe in Jesus Christ and be saved.