

**THE COMING OF THE LORD**  
**THE BEAST FROM THE SEA—THE ANTICHRIST—PART 1**  
**REVELATION 13:1-10**

**Introduction:**

Just as God uses men to accomplish His objectives, Satan also uses men. The 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter is a good example of this truth. We meet two men (both who are referred to as *beasts*) in this chapter.

The first one is the “**Beast from the Sea**” mentioned in these verses we just read. He is the coming world dictator of the Tribulation Period that we call *the Antichrist*.

The second man, the “**Beast from the Earth**”, we will meet in a later message. He will be a **world acclaimed and accepted religious leader**. We refer to him as the “*false prophet*.”

Today though, I want to give you an overview of *the Antichrist* and then we will dig into the verses of Revelation 13 in a later message. When we look through the Word of God, we find that the title “*the Antichrist*” is really not found. The closest we come to that title is in **1 John 2:18**.

*1 John 2:18—“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.”*

*The Antichrist* is given that title because he is the embodiment of the *spirit of antichrist* that John described in 1 John 2:22 and 1 John 4:3.

*1 John 2:22—“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”*

*1 John 4:3—“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”*

*The Antichrist* will be energized by Satan’s power. This has happened before as we are told that Judas Iscariot was under Satan’s control.

*Luke 22:3—“Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.”*

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*The Antichrist* will be a counterfeit of the Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus and *the Antichrist* are compared, we find that they are the opposite of each other in both their character and their conduct.

Today, let’s observe from the Scripture the contrast between these two.

**I. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR ANCESTRIES.**

**A1. The Lord Jesus Christ Came From Heaven.**

*John 6:38—“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.”*

**A2. Antichrist Will Come From “The Sea.” (Revelation 13:1)**

*Isaiah 57:20—“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.”*

The fact that this *beast* rises out of the sea is taken by many to indicate that he comes from **the great mass of humanity, namely the Gentile powers of the world**.

Others take it as a reference to the Mediterranean, namely, that **the beast will arise from the Mediterranean area**.

It is possible and even probable that both of these analyses are true.

**B1. The Lord Jesus Christ Is The Son Of God.**

*Luke 1:35—“And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”*

**B2. Antichrist Is The Son Of Perdition.**

*2 Thessalonians 2:3—“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;”*

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*“Perdition” means “utter ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal).”*

*THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR ANCESTRIES.*

**II. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR ATTRIBUTES.**

**A1. The Lord Jesus Christ Is The Truth.**

*John 14:6—“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

**A2. Antichrist Is A Liar.**

*2 Thessalonians 2:11—“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, **that they should believe a lie:**”*

*1 John 2:22—“Who is a **liar** but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”*

Antichrist is of the devil and we know that the devil is a liar!  
*John 8:44—“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”*

**B1. The Lord Jesus Christ Is The Holy One.**

*Mark 1:24—“Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, **the Holy One of God.**”*

**B2. Antichrist Is The Lawless One.**

*2 Thessalonians 2:8—“And then shall that **Wicked** be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:”*  
**“Wicked” means “lawless or not subject to the law.”**

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**C1. The Lord Jesus Christ Is The Man Of Sorrows.**

*Isaiah 53:3—“He is despised and rejected of men; **a man of sorrows**, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”*

**C2. Antichrist Is The Man Of Sin. (2Thessalonians 2:3-4)**

*2 Thessalonians 2:3—“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed**, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

Of all the titles given to this one we call **the Antichrist**, the one used here by the Apostle Paul, **“man of sin”**, is the most descriptive.

He will be the embodiment of all the sinful people who have ever lived.

*THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR ANCESTRIES...ATTRIBUTES...*

**III. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR AUTHORITY.**

**A1. The Lord Jesus Christ Came In The Name Of His Father.**

*John 5:43a—“I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not. . .”*

**A2. Antichrist Will Come In His Own Name.**

*John 5:43b—“. . .if another shall come in his own name, him will ye receive.”*

This was proved when some accepted false messiahs such as Theudas and Judas of Galilee. (**Acts 5:36-37**)

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This is also proved by those who have followed or follow the false messiah's of present time.  
(e.g. Jim Jones, David Koresh, etc.)

Many of both the Jews and Gentiles will accept the Antichrist one day.

**IV. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR AIMS.**

**A1. The Lord Jesus Christ Came To Do The Will Of His Father.**

*John 6:38—“For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**”*

**A2. Antichrist Will Come To Do His Own Will.**

*Daniel 11:36—“And the king shall do **according to his will...**”*

**B1. The Lord Jesus Christ Came To Glorify The Father.**

*John 17:4—“**I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.**”*

**B2. Antichrist Will Glorify Himself.**

*Daniel 11:36—“. . .and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.”*

**C1. The Lord Jesus Christ Came To Minister To People And To Seek And To Save That Which Was Lost.**

*Matthew 20:28—“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

*Luke 19:10—“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

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**C2. Antichrist Will Come To Destroy.**

*Daniel 8:24—“And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.”*

Though this passage speaks of Antiochus Epiphanes, it has a secondary fulfillment in the person of the Antichrist.

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**V. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR ATTITUDES.**

**A1. The Lord Jesus Christ Humbled Himself.**

*Philippians 2:8—“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”*

**A2. Antichrist Will Exalt Himself.**

*2 Thessalonians 2:4—“**Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**”*

The word “**opposeth**” is in the present tense and **implies continued, determined, planned opposition against God.**

*Daniel 11:37—“Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: **for he shall magnify himself above all.**”*

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**VI. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR ACCEPTANCE.**

**A1. The Lord Jesus Christ Was Largely Despised.**

*Isaiah 53:3—“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”*

*John 1:10-11—“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”*

**A2. Antichrist Will Be Largely Admired. (Revelation 13:4)**

He will seem invincible after he recovers from his deadly wound.

**VII. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR AFTERMATHS.**

**A1. The Lord Jesus Christ Will Be Exalted!**

*Philippians 2:9—“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:  
10That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;  
11And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

**A2. Antichrist Will Be Brought Down Into The Lake Of Fire!**

*Revelation 19:20—“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”*

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**Conclusion**

My what a contrast we have seen between the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming Antichrist!

I wasn't here when Christ walked the earth some 2000 years ago. Praise God I won't be here when *Antichrist* is revealed and takes control and wreaks havoc on this earth!

I wonder...are you ready for the rapture? If the rapture were to happen today, would you go to see Christ or stay to see the Antichrist?

What about your family?

What about your friends?

What about your co-workers?

What about your neighbors?

What about the waiter or waitress at the restaurant?

What about the man or lady in the drive through at the bank or at the fast food joint?

What about the checkout clerk at the supermarket, the department store, or at the other stores you shop at?

What about the folks you came into contact with this past week?

What about the folks you might come into contact with as you leave the Church today?