

End Time Trends 2012 Footsteps of the Antichrist - 001 and 002

Psalms 66:18 If I perceive sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

Psalms 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all other unrighteousness.

1 Cor 11:31 But if we judge ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

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Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Rom. 11:6, "But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace."

Gal. 2:21, "I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

Gal. 3:24, "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith."

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.'

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

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“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete renovation of your thinking. Then you will be able to know the will of God— what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.” Romans 12:2

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John 16:10 about righteousness, in that I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; **11** about judgment, in that the ruler of this world has been judged.
 John 12:31 Now is the time for this world to be judged, now the ruler of this world will be expelled.
 Romans 16:20 And God, the source of *shalom*, will soon crush the Adversary under your feet.
 The grace of our Lord Yeshua be with you.
 2 Corinthians 4:4 They do not come to trust because the god of the *'olam hazev* has blinded their minds...
 Eph. 2:1 Also you—being dead in the trespasses and the sins, in which once ye did walk according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience...

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President **Woodrow Wilson** wrote: "Some of the biggest men in the U. S., in the field of commerce and manufacturing, are afraid of somebody, are afraid of something. They know that there is **a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive**, that they had better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it." - 1913

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The famous Lord Beaconsfield (Disraeli) once said: "Elected governments seldom govern" and "the world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes."

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"We shall have world government whether or not you like it, by conquest or consent." CFR member James Warburg, speaking to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, February 1, 1950.

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New York city Mayor John F. Hylan said in a speech on March 26: "...the real menace of our republic is this **invisible government** which like a giant octopus sprawls its slimy length over city, state and nation. Like the octopus of real life, it operates under cover of self-created screen. **It seizes** in its long and powerful tentacles our executive officers, our legislative bodies, our **schools**, our **courts**, our **newspapers** and every agency created for the public protection." - 1922

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Antichrist

The brief prophecy, "antichrist shall come," 1 John 2:18, has taken hold of the imagination of so many that the name antichrist is more widely known than other Bible names given to a wicked being who darkens the horizon in the end time. These include such expressions as the man of sin, the son of perdition, and that wicked one, 2 Thess. 2:3-8; the wicked king, Dan. 7:24, 25; the king of fierce countenance, Dan. 8:23-25; and the beast from the sea, Rev. 13:1-10. If the word antichrist is taken to mean one who is against Christ, these names belong to him, but if the word means a false Christ, then it properly applies to the beast from the earth or the land, Rev. 13:11-18, who is the false prophet of Rev. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10.

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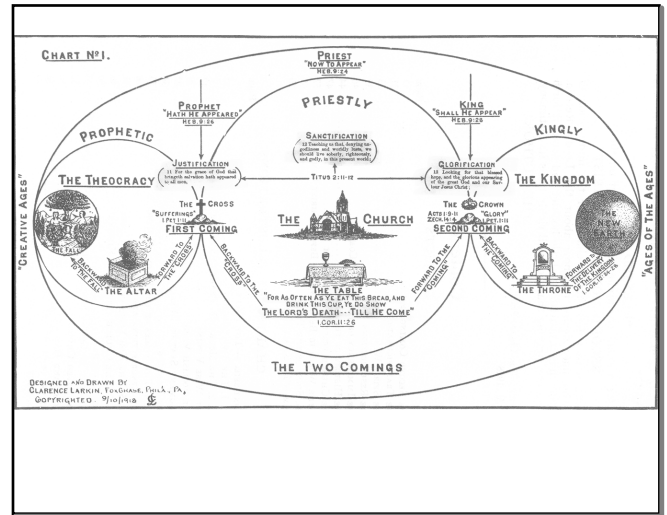
The personal antichrist must be distinguished from the many antichrists of 1 John 2:18; 2 John 7; from those who have the spirit of antichrist, 1 John 4:3, and from the false Christs who are to deceive the people of Israel in the latter days, Matt. 24:24; John 5:43. A considerable body of Scripture is devoted to this evil being. The beast king is given power over all nations for only three and a half years, Rev. 13:5. He will perish in the lake of fire, Rev. 19:20; 20:10.

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The Signs of the Times - Clarence Larkin

While we cannot name the exact date of the Lord's Return its nearness may be known by the **character** of the Times.

As to this the New Testament gives no uncertain sound. In Dan. 12:4, 9-10, we read, *"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the Book, even to the 'TIME OF THE END': many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.... Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the 'TIME OF THE END.' Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND."*



These words declare that the prophecies of Daniel were to be **"shut up"** and **"sealed"** until the **"TIME OF THE END."** This expression does not mean the **"end of Time,"** but is the angelic messenger's way of referring to the "Last Days" of the "Times of the Gentiles."

At which time he declares that the Book will be **"unsealed,"** and **"knowledge shall be increased."** What is here meant is **"prophetic knowledge"** of the things recorded in the Book of Daniel and other prophetic writings of the Scriptures.

This is made clear by the statement that only the **"wise"** shall understand.

That is, those who are enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and not those who merely have intellectual knowledge, for the **wicked SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND.**

How wonderfully this is true of these days.

The Higher Critics have labored hard to discredit the Book of Daniel, but without avail, for the Book is more studied than ever, and is being **"unsealed"** by Holy Spirit enlightened students of the Word of God, who clearly see that we have reached the "Time of the End," and are living in the closing days of the "Times of the Gentiles."

The "unsealing" began about 100 years ago, when the **"Midnight Cry," "Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh,"** was heard in the "Revival of Premillennial Truth."

For centuries while the Bridegroom tarried the Wise and Foolish virgins **“ALL slumbered and slept,”** and the Church lapsed into a condition of spiritual apathy, and “The Blessed Hope” was eclipsed. But now all over the world the Blessed Hope has emerged from the shadow, and the virgins are “trimming their lamps” preparatory to going out to meet their Lord, but only the “wise” have oil in their vessels and in their lamps. We are now living in the “Fourth Watch of the Night,” soon the **“MORNING STAR”** (Christ. Rev. 22:16) will appear and we shall be caught out at the Rapture to meet Him and go into the Marriage Feast.

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Let us take a hasty glance at the “Signs of the Times.”

1. POST-MILLENNIAL SCOFFERS

In 2 Pet. 3:3, 4 we read: “That there shall come in the **‘Last Days’ SCOFFERS**, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the **promise of HIS COMING?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”

How true this is of the present day.

The Doctrine of the Second Coming is “scoffed” at, and those who hold it are looked upon as deluded fanatics, and sad to say, this opposition comes from prominent religious leaders of the Day.

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2. APOSTASY

In 2 Thess. 2:3, we are told that **“THAT DAY** (the Day of the Lord) shall not come, except there come a **‘FALLING AWAY’** first.”

This **“Falling Away”** is evidenced on every hand.

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3. FALSE TEACHERS

In 2 Peter 2:1, 2 we are warned against “False Teachers” who shall privately bring in **“damnable heresies,”** even denying the Lord that bought them, such as Christian Scientists and Russelites, and that many shall follow their **“pernicious ways,”** and sad to relate these “followers” are recruited from the orthodox church members, of whom the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy (2 Tim. 4:3, 4), saying: “The time will come when they **will not endure sound doctrine;** but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having **itching ears:** and they shall turn away their ears **from the truth,** and shall be turned unto **FABLES.”**

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This "turning **away**" is evidenced on every hand. There is a "turning away" in doctrinal standards, in the demand for a regenerated church membership, in church and Sunday school attendance, and in Sabbath observance. Many church goers will not endure "sound doctrine." They will not go to hear those who preach the "total depravity" of man, the necessity of the "New Birth," and the conscious and endless torment of those who reject Christ as a personal Saviour. They demand teachers who will "**itch**" (tickle) their ears with pleasing, novel and sensational doctrines.

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4. SPIRITUALISM

In 1 Tim. 4:1 we are warned of a departure from the faith. That in the "**Latter Times**" (the Last Days of this Dispensation), some shall "**depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.**" This is being fulfilled in the increasing number of those who are forsaking their Christian belief to become followers of Spiritualistic. Mediums and to dabble in Psychical Research.

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5. PERILOUS TIMES

Of these times Paul told Timothy. "*This know also, that in the 'LAST DAYS' Perilous Times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection (for their own offspring), truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: having a FORM of godliness, but denying the POWER thereof.*" 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

We have neither time or space to enlarge upon the above, but what a catalogue we have here of the "perilous conditions" of the times in which we live.

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6. HEAPED UP TREASURE

In James 5:1-6, we are told that in the "**LAST DAYS**" there shall be a class of "**rich men,**" who shall have "**HEAPED treasure together,**" and that by "**FRAUD,**" and who shall use their ill-gotten gain in the pursuit of "pleasure" and "wantonness," and that God will hear the cry of those who have been cheated of their just share of the profits, and will send a sore judgment upon the guilty.

What a description we have here of the unprincipled speculative and profiteering spirit of the days in which we live, when men become millionaires, and multi-millionaires, in a few years.

Truly we are living in the "Last Days" of this Dispensation.

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7. A LAODICEAN CHURCH

In the Message to the Church of Laodicea (Rev. 3:14–22) we have a description of the last stage of the professing Church on earth.

It is described as neither “hot” nor “cold,” but nauseatingly lukewarm, so that Christ says He will “spue it out of His mouth.”

It boastingly will claim to be “rich” and “increased with goods,” and to have “need of nothing,” not even of Christ, for He will be excluded and will have to knock for admittance, and it will be ignorant of its true condition, that it is **wretched**, and **miserable**, and **poor**, and blind, and **naked**.

Unspeakingly sad it is that this is the condition to a large extent of the professing Church of today.

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8. THE FIG-TREE SIGN

When Jesus’ Disciples asked Him, after He had foretold the destruction of the Temple: “Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the **SIGN of THY COMING**, and of the end of the world (Age)?” (Matt. 24:1–3), Jesus gave as a “Sign” of His Coming the “Fig-Tree Sign.”

The “Fig-Tree” symbolizes the nation of Israel, and its “budding” the revival of Israel as a nation.

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Here again we have evidence of the nearness of the Lord’s Return for the revival of Zionism, and the passing of the Land of Palestine into the hands of a Christian nation, opens the way for the restoration of the Jews to their own land, and the fulfillment of the Fig-Tree Sign. The fact that the City of Jerusalem surrendered without the firing of a shot is significant.

Jesus said that Jerusalem was to be trodden down of the Gentiles until “The Times of the Gentiles” should be fulfilled (Luke 21:24), and the taking of Jerusalem at this time may signify that “The Times of the Gentiles” is drawing to a close.

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9. THE DISTRESS OF NATIONS

In Luke 21:24–27 Jesus tells us that as the “*Times of the Gentiles*” come to a close, “*there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth DISTRESS OF NATIONS, with perplexity; the sea and the waves (the peoples of the earth) roaring; men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the ‘Powers of Heaven’ (the Principalities and Powers of Evil, Eph. 6:11, 12), shall be shaken. And THEN shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*”

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In the prophecy of Haggai 2:6, 7, we read: *“Thus saith the Lord of hosts; yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will SHAKE ALL NATIONS, and the DESIRE (Christ) OF ALL NATIONS WILL COME.”*

This has never been fulfilled as yet, and the present **“Distress of Nations,”** the uprising of the masses in “National Revolutions,” the “Tottering Thrones” and other indications that the nations are **Being Shaken**, is still further proof that we are living in the times just preceding the appearing of the Son of Man, the **“DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS”** who will bring peace to this troubled earth.

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10. NOAH DAYS

The last “sign” that we would mention is the “sign” of the “Noah Days.” Luke 17:26–30.

As it was in the days of Noah, they did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man.

Where you say is the sin in doing these things?

They are not only commanded, they are necessary. That is true.

The sin was not in “doing” them, but in doing them **“UNTIL the Flood came.”**

That is, they did nothing else.

They forgot to worship their Maker.

So today men and women are so busily engaged in doing the good things of life that they have no time to worship God.

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They are so busy building homes for themselves on earth that they are neglecting to secure a home in heaven.

They are more anxious that their children should make a good match on earth, than that they should be united to the Lord.

They are so much concerned about their case in Court, that they have forgotten that they must stand at the Judgment Bar of God.

For a fuller description of these “Noah Days” see my larger work on Dispensational Truth.

[We will, later]

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11. LOT DAYS

In the same connection with the **“Noah Days”** is classed the **“LOT DAYS.”**

Lot was Abraham’s nephew. Gen. 12:5.

The herdsmen of Abraham and Lot could not agree, and to prevent a quarrel between them, which would have been a scandal in the eyes of the heathen in whose land they dwelt, Abraham suggested a separation. Gen. 13:5–13.

Lot, with the thought of worldly advantage for himself and family, first **“looked”** toward Sodom, then **“pitched his tent”** near it, then became a **“dweller in Sodom,”** and though he was a **righteous man** (not a holy man) and daily vexed his soul with the filthy conversation of the wicked (2 Pet. 2:6–10), he entered into the political life of the city and became a Judge.

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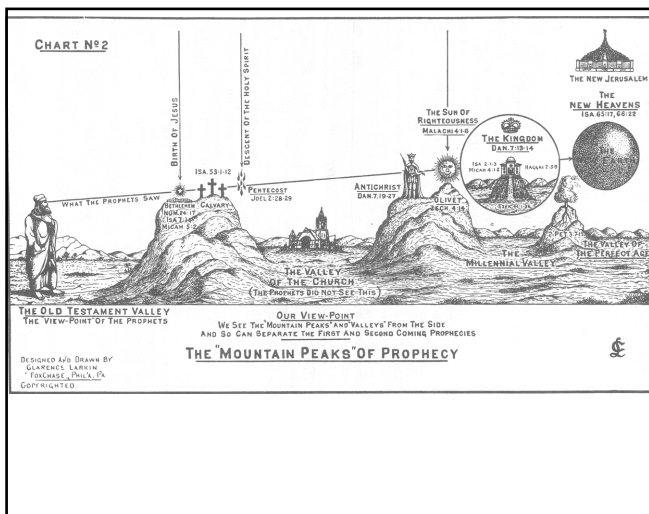
The result was that Lot lost his **“TESTIMONY.”** And when he made a plea to the Sodomites to save his **“Angel Visitors,”** and to his **“Sons-in-Law”** to flee, with their wives, with him, they **“MOCKED”** him. Gen. 19:1–38. Nevertheless, because he was a child of God, though a backslidden one, he was saved **“out of Sodom.”** So today there are many true Children of God who have become entangled in the world, of which Sodom is a type, and have **“lost their TESTIMONY,”** and as a result will lose the salvation of their loved ones even though they themselves, like Lot, shall be **“saved by FIRE.”** 1 Cor. 3:11–15. But while Lot was saved from being consumed in Sodom, Sodom could not be destroyed until Lot was taken out. So the Wrath of God cannot fall upon a wicked world until the Church is **“caught out.”** 2 Thess. 1:7–10. There are many Lots in these days.

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The Antichrist

In the study of prophecy we lay much stress on the **“Second Coming of Christ,”** forgetting that there are two other comings of **“individuals”** that are just as momentous as Christ’s coming. The first is that of Antichrist, and the other is that of Satan. In both the Old and New Testament we are told of a **Mysterious and Terrible Personage** that shall be revealed in the **“Last Times.”** He is described under different names and aliases, and it is only by a careful examination and comparison of these names, and the Person they describe that we see that they refer to one and the same individual.

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These names are—
In the Old Testament.

Isaiah
14:4—**“King of Babylon.”**
14:12—**“Lucifer.”**

Daniel
7:8, 8:9—**“The Little Horn.”**
8:23—**“A King of Fierce Countenance.”**
9:26—**“The Prince that Shall Come.”**
11:36—**“The Willful King.”**

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In the New Testament:

Paul 2 Thess. 2:3–8
 “The Man of Sin.”
 “Son of Perdition.”
 “That Wicked.”

John
 1 John 2:18—“Antichrist.”
 Rev. 13:1—“The Beast.”

Jesus also made a prophetic reference to him.

*“I am come in my **Father’s name**, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in **his own name**, him ye will receive.”* John 5:43.

The Jews rejected Jesus as their Messiah, when the Antichrist comes they will accept him.

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I. His Personality

The Apostolic Church believed that Antichrist was to be a “person,” the embodiment of human blasphemy and wickedness, but toward the close of the Twelfth Century many began to look upon the Pope as Antichrist, and this view has been largely advocated by Protestant commentators.

The arguments in favor of this view are ingenious and plausible, but they are hard to reconcile with the Word of God.

This view makes Antichrist a “System” rather than a Person, and would see in the “Papal System” the Antichrist.

But this is disproved by the Word of God.

To introduce the “Footsteps of the Antichrist, we need to see his “Policy” and “Identity.”

This is clearly seen when we compare him with Christ in a series of **Contrasts**:

1. **Christ** came from **Above**. John 6:38.
Antichrist ascends from **The Pit**. Rev. 11:7.
2. Christ came in His **Father’s** name. John 5:43.
 Antichrist comes in his **Own** name. John 5:43.
3. Christ **Humbled** Himself. Phil. 2:8.
 Antichrist **Exalts** himself. 2 Thess. 2:4.
4. Christ **Despised**. Isa. 53:3; Luke 23:18.
 Antichrist **Admired**. Rev. 13:3, 4.

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5. Christ **Exalted**. Phil. 2:9.
 Antichrist **Cast Down to Hell**. Isa. 14:14, 15; Rev. 19:20.
 6. Christ to do His **Father's** will. John 6:38.
 Antichrist to do his **Own** will. Dan. 11:36.
 7. Christ came to **Save**. Luke 19:10.
 Antichrist comes to **Destroy**. Dan. 8:24.

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8. Christ is the **Good Shepherd**. John 10:4–15.
 Antichrist is the **Idol (evil) Shepherd**. Zech. 11:16, 17.
 9. Christ is the **“True Vine.”** John 15:1.
 Antichrist is the **“Vine of the Earth.”** Rev. 14:18.
 10. Christ is the **“Truth.”** John 14:6.
 Antichrist is the **“Lie.”** 2 Thess. 2:11.
 11. Christ is the **“Holy One.”** Mark 1:24.
 Antichrist is the **“Lawless One.”** 2 Thess. 2:8, R. V.

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12. Christ is the **“Man of Sorrows.”** Isa. 53:3.
 Antichrist is the **“Man of Sin.”** 2 Thess. 2:3.
 13. Christ is the **“Son of God.”** Luke 1:35.
 Antichrist is the **“Son of Perdition.”** 2 Thess. 2:3.
 14. Christ, **“The Mystery of Godliness,”** is **God** manifest in the flesh. 1 Tim. 3:16.
 Antichrist, **“The Mystery of Iniquity,”** ' will be **Satan** manifest in the flesh. 2 Thess. 2:7.

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II. His Origin

1. Isaiah's Foreview

In Isa. 11:4—a chapter which is evidently Messianic—we read that among other things which the Messiah will do—

*“He shall smite the earth with the ‘rod of His mouth,’ and with the ‘breath of His lips’ shall He slay **The Wicked.**”*

The word translated “The Wicked,” is in the singular number, and cannot refer to wicked persons in general, but to some **one person who is conspicuously wicked.**

The expression is strikingly like that of Paul's in 2 Thess. 2:8—

*“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.’”*

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It is evident that Isaiah and Paul refer to the same individual, who can be no other than the Antichrist. In Isa. 14:4–17 there is a description of a “King of Babylon” who shall smite the people in his wrath, and rule the nations in anger, and shall in his pride say—
*“I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the ‘Stars of God’ (Heavenly Rulers).
 I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.”*

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This king is called **LUCIFER**, “**Son of the Morning**,” and his “fall” is described. He is cast down to Hell (Sheol, the Grave or Underworld), where his coming creates a great stir among the kings of the earth that have preceded him, and who exclaim when they see him—
“Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us?” ... “Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?”
 There has never as yet been such a king of Babylon as is here described. It must therefore refer to some “future ruler” of Babylon when Babylon shall be rebuilt, as it is to be.

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Verses 12 to 14 evidently refer to Satan, and are descriptive of him before his fall, but as he is to incarnate himself in the Antichrist, who is to be a future King of Babylon, it explains the source of the pride and presumption of Antichrist, which will lead to his downfall, as it did to Satan’s.

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2. Daniel’s Foreview

Daniel saw come up among the “Ten Horns” on the head of the Fourth Wild Beast a “Little Horn,” and that this “Little Horn” had “eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.” Dan. 7:7, 8. Daniel was told that this “Little Horn” was a king that should arise, and that he would be a “person” of remarkable intelligence and great oratorical powers, having a “mouth speaking great things.” That he would be audacious, arrogant, imperious and persecuting, and change “times and laws” and that the “Saints of the Most High” (Daniel’s own people, the Jews) would be given into his hands for a “Time” and “Times” and the “dividing of Time,” or 3½ years. Dan. 7:23–26.

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Later Daniel had a vision of a Ram and a He-Goat contesting for supremacy. Dan. 8:1–27.

The He-Goat had a “notable horn” between his eyes. This “Great Horn” was broken, and in its place “four notable horns” sprang up, and out of one of them sprang forth a “**Little Horn**”

“which waxed exceedingly great toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the ‘Pleasant Land’ (Palestine). And it waxed great, even to the ‘Host of Heaven,’ and it cast down some of the ‘Host’ and of the ‘Stars’ (angels) to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, He (the Little Horn) magnified himself even to the ‘Prince of the Host’ (the Lord God, Joshua 5:13–15, 1 Sam. 17:45), and by Him (the ‘Little Horn’—Antichrist) the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary (the Temple) was cast down.” Dan. 8:9–11.

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When Daniel asked for the meaning of the vision he was told that the Ram stood for the Medo-Persian Kingdom, and the He-Goat for the Grecian, and that the “Four Horns” that came up in the place of the “Great Horn” stood for “Four Kings” and that the “Little Horn” that came up on one of the “Four Horns” stood for a King of “Fierce Countenance,” who in the “latter time” of their kingdom (the Four Worldwide Kingdoms and not the four Kingdoms into which the Grecian Empire was divided, for the “time” will be that when the “transgressors are come to the full”), shall stand up.

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This King shall understand “dark sentences,” and “His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power (Satan shall incarnate himself in him), and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice and shall destroy the mighty and the Holy People (the Jews).

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand (no one shall be able to buy without the ‘mark of the Beast.’ Rev. 13:17), and he shall magnify himself in his heart (2 Thess. 2:3, 4), and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the ‘Prince of Princes,’ but he shall be broken without hand.” Dan. 8:23–25.

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This clearly identifies the “Little Horn” or “King of Fierce Countenance” which came out of one of the “Four Horns” that took the place of the “Notable Horn” on the head of the He-Goat as the Antichrist, for Antiochus Epiphanes (B. C. 175–165) nor any other ruler of the past has ever stood up against **JESUS**, the “**Prince of Princes.**”

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Neither was Antiochus Epiphanes “broken without hand;” he died a natural death at Tabae in B. C. 165. But the Antichrist is to be “broken without hand.” His Kingdom is to be destroyed by a “stone cut out of the mountain without hands,” the “Stone Kingdom” of the Lord Jesus Christ, Dan. 2:34, 35, 44, 45, and he himself shall be “paralyzed” by the “brightness of the Lord’s Coming” (1 Thess. 2:8), and shall be cast “alive” into the Lake of Fire. Rev. 19:20.

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Two “good” men, Enoch and Elijah, were translated to Heaven “without dying,” and two “bad” men, spoken of officially as the Beast and the False Prophet, shall be cast into the Lake of Fire “without dying.” Those who claim that the “Little Horn” of Dan. 7, and the “Little Horn” of Dan. 8, are not the same, because the “Little Horn” of Dan. 7 arises amid the “Ten Horns,” of the Fourth Beast, which represents the Roman Empire, and the “Little Horn” of Dan. 8, arises on one of the Four Horns,” that take the place of the “Great Horn” on the head of the He-Goat, which represents the Third Beast, the Grecian Empire, forget that the vision that the Apostle John had of the revived Roman Empire (Rev. 13:1, 2—the Roman Empire in its last stage), reveals the fact that the “last stage” of the Roman Empire will include “all the characteristics” of the whole Four Empires, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian and old Roman.

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This is seen in the character of the “Beast” John saw come up out of the sea. It was like unto a Leopard (Greece), with the “feet” of a Bear (Medo-Persian), and the “mouth” of a Lion (Babylon). The fact that the “body” of the Beast was like a Leopard (Greece) reveals the fact that the preponderating feature of the revived Roman Empire will be Grecian, and that therefore the “Ten Federated Kingdoms” will include the Four Kingdoms into which the Grecian Empire was divided, viz., Egypt, Macedon, Thrace and Syria. It follows therefore that the “Little Horn” that arises on the “Fourth Horn” of the He-Goat (Greece) is identical with the “Little Horn” of the Fourth Beast (Rome).

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Those who claim that the “Little Horn” that came up on one of the “Four Horns” of the He-Goat was fulfilled in Antiochus Epiphanes (who was a king of Syria) overlook the fact that while Antiochus Epiphanes devastated Palestine and caused an “idol altar” to be erected on the altar of the Temple, on which he offered swine’s flesh, which was an abomination to the Jews, he does not fulfill the description of the “Little Horn” of the He-Goat. Dan. 8:9–13. He does not compare with him for Satanic malice.

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The "Abomination of Desolation" that Daniel refers to (Dan. 9:27) is to occur in the "last half" of "Daniel's Seventieth Week," and as Jesus spoke of it as still unfulfilled in His day (Matt. 24:15), it is clear that Antiochus Epiphanes was not the fulfillment of the "Little Horn" of Dan. 8:9–13.

While it was revealed to Daniel that the "Little Horn," or Antichrist, should come out of one of the "Four Horns" that took the place of the "Great Horn" on the head of the He-Goat, he needed further light as to which one.

We now know from history that the "Great Horn" represented Alexander the Great, and that the "Four Notable Horns" that took the place of the "Great Horn" at the death of Alexander the Great represented the Four Kingdoms into which his Kingdom was divided, visible, Egypt, Macedon, Thrace and Syria, which included Assyria.

These Four Kingdoms were in time all absorbed into the "Fourth World Kingdom," the Roman Empire, the last to lose its identity being Egypt, which succumbed in B. C. 30.

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That Daniel might know in which one of these Four Kingdoms the "Little Horn," or Antichrist, should arise, 15 years after his vision of the "Ram and He-Goat" the Lord gave him a third vision, that of two kings, the "King of the North" and the "King of the South." Dan. 11:1–45. The "King of the North" was the King of Syria, and as his character and conduct is described (Dan. 11:36–38) as similar to that of the "Little Horn" that came out of one of the "Four Horns" it is clear that the Antichrist is to come from Syria.

That the "King of the North" spoken of in Dan. 11:21–31 was Antiochus Epiphanes there can be no question, but that he was not the "Little Horn," or the Antichrist, who is to come out of Syria in the "latter days" is clear from the remainder of the chapter from the 35th verse, which describes the conduct of the future Antichrist. The intervening verses, the 32d to the 35th inclusive, fill in the gap between the time of Antiochus Epiphanes and the appearance of the Antichrist.

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There is no intimation that Antiochus Epiphanes is even to be regarded as a "type" of Antichrist. They are distinct historical personages, each dealt with in his own place, and though they resemble each other in some respects, yet they must not be confounded with each other. The terms "North" and "South" are applied to Syria and Egypt because of their geographic relation to Palestine (the Pleasant or Glorious Land. Dan. 8:9; 11:16, 41). In the thought of Jehovah Jerusalem is at once the geographic and moral centre of the earth. We are to understand therefore by the "King of the North" the King of Syria, which also included Assyria.

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This fixes the locality from which the Antichrist shall come, for we read in Isa. 10:12—
"That when the Lord hath performed His whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem (which will not be until Christ comes back), I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the King of Assyria (Antichrist) and the glory of his 'high looks.'"
 And we read in Isa. 14:25—
"I will break the Assyrian (the Antichrist) in my land (Palestine), and upon my mountains 'tread him under foot;' then shall his yoke depart from off them (Israel), and his burden depart from off their shoulders."
 The context shows that this prophecy is connected with the restoration of Israel to their own land and the time of the downfall of Antichrist.

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To recapitulate, we see from the three visions of Daniel that—
 1. He learned from the "Little Horn" of the Fourth Wild Beast, that a **Mysterious and Terrible Personage** was to arise in the "**Latter Days**."
 2. He learned from the "Little Horn" that came up on one of the "Four Notable Horns" that took the place of the "Great Horn" on the He-Goat, that that "Terrible Personage" was to come out of one of the Kingdoms into which the Grecian Empire was divided at the death of Alexander the Great.

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3. He learned from the vision of the "King of the North" that that "Terrible Personage" would come out of the Syrian division of Alexander's Kingdom. The Antichrist, therefore, in all probability will be a Syrian Jew, for it is not likely that the Jews will accept as their Messiah one who is not a Jew, unless the claimant by false pretense makes them believe he is one. This, however, does not prevent the Antichrist being a Roman citizen, and a king of the revived Roman Empire, for Saul of Tarsus was both a Jew and a Roman citizen.

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3. Paul's Foreview

Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul says—
"Let no man deceive you by any means; for 'that day' (the Day of the Lord) shall not come except there come a 'falling away first,' and that 'MAN OF SIN' be revealed, the 'Son of Perdition,' 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 (the rebuilt Temple at Jerusalem), showing himself that he is God.... For the 'MYSTERY OF INIQUITY' doth already work (in Paul's day); only He (the Holy Spirit) who now letteth (restraineth R. V.) will let (restrain), until He be taken out of the way. And then shall 'THAT WICKED' be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit (breath) of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness (manifestation R. V.) of His Coming.

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Even him, whose coming is after the 'working of Satan' with all 'power' and 'signs' and 'lying wonders,' and with all 'deceivableness of unrighteousness' in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thess. 2:3–10.

In the American Standard Edition the Antichrist is called the "Mystery of Lawlessness," or the "Lawless One." As such he is not the "cause" of "Lawlessness," or the "Apostasy;" he is the "result" or "fruit" of it for he will arise out of the seething cauldron of "Lawlessness" that is now becoming more pronounced and manifest in the world.

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The name that the Apostle Paul gives the Antichrist—the "Son of Perdition"—is not without significance. It may mean that as the Virgin Mary was with child by the Holy Ghost, so some woman shall be with child by Satan, thus making Antichrist the "Son of Perdition," as Jesus was the "Son of God," the only begotten of the Father.

This view has been held by many of God's spiritual minded children since the days of the Apostle John. For all we know he may already be born.

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4. John's Foreview

On the Isle of Patmos the Apostle John had his vision of the Antichrist.

*"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a Beast rise up out of the sea (Mediterranean Sea), having 'Seven Heads' and 'Ten Horns' and upon his heads the 'name of blasphemy.' And the Beast which I saw was like unto a Leopard, and his 'feet' were as the feet of a Bear, and his 'mouth' as the mouth of a Lion; and **THE DRAGON gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.** And I saw one of his heads as it were 'wounded to death,' and his deadly wound 'was healed,' and all the world wondered after **THE BEAST.**"*

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*“And they worshipped **THE DRAGON** which gave power unto the Beast; and they worshipped **THE BEAST**, saying, Who is like unto the Beast? Who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him **A Mouth Speaking Great Things and Blasphemies**; and power was given unto him to continue **Forty and Two Months**. And he opened his mouth **In Blasphemy Against God, to Blaspheme His Name, and His Tabernacle and Them That Dwell in Heaven**. And it was given unto him to make **War With the Saints** (not the saints of the Church; they were already in glory) and to overcome them; and **Power Was Given Him Over All Kindreds and Tongues and Nations**. 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.” Rev. 13:1–8.*

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It is clear from the similarity of the conduct of Isaiah’s “Lucifer,” of Daniel’s “Little Horn,” of Paul’s “Man of Sin,” and of John’s “Beast,” and that Daniel’s “Little Horn” and John’s “Beast” are to continue for the **same length of time—“Forty and Two Months,”** or 3½ years, and that Isaiah’s “Lucifer,” Daniel’s “Little Horn,” Paul’s “Man of Sin” and John’s “Beast” are all to be destroyed in the **same manner at Christ’s Second Coming**, that they all prefigure the same “**Evil Power**,” which is after the “**Working of Satan**,” and which John in 1 John 2:18 calls **THE ANTICHRIST**.

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The Beast of Rev. 13:1–8, and the Beast of Rev. 17:3, 8–17, are identical.

They both represent the Antichrist. Both Beasts have **seven heads and ten horns**, and are full of the **names of blasphemy**. John tells us (Rev. 17:9), that the “Seven Heads” stand for “Seven Mountains;” this connects the Beast with the Roman Empire, whose capital city, Rome, was located on “seven hills.”

The “Ten Horns” connect the Beast of John with the Fourth Wild Beast of Daniel, or the Roman Empire.

But John’s Beast differs from Daniel’s in that it was like a Leopard and its “feet” like those of a Bear, and its “mouth” as the mouth of a Lion. Rev. 13:2.

This signifies that the Roman Empire, when it is revived, will embody all the characteristics of the Babylonian, Medo-Persian and Grecian Empires.

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While we are told in Rev. 17:9 that the “Seven Heads” of John’s “Beast” represent “Seven Mountains,” we are told in the next verse (R. V.) that they also represent “Seven Kings” of whom

“Five are fallen, and one is, and the other is **not yet come**; and when he cometh he must continue a short space.”

Now in Dan. 7:17 we are told that the “Four Beasts” that Daniel saw stood for “Four Kings” which should arise out of the earth, and in Dan. 7:23, he was told that the “Fourth” Beast stood for the “Fourth” Kingdom.

That is, if a “Beast” stood for a “King” and also a “Kingdom,” then the words “King” and “Kingdom” may be used interchangeably to mean the same thing.

If this be true then the “Seven Heads” of John’s Beast, that represented “Seven Kings,” may also stand for “Seven Kingdoms.”

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And as the Beast of Rev. 17 is the same Beast that John saw come up out of the sea in Rev. 13, and it was a combination of Daniel's "Four Wild Beasts," then the "Seven Heads" of that Beast may stand for "Seven Kingdoms," and the five "Kings" or "Kingdoms" that have fallen are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece, and the one that was in John's day was the Roman, and the one that is not **yet come** is the **kingdom** of which Antichrist shall be the **king**; and as he and his **kingdom** are practically the same thing they are called inclusively and interchangeably **THE BEAST**.

So while the Beast stands for the Roman Empire revived, it also stands for **ANTICHRIST**.

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We are told in Rev. 13:3, that one of these "Seven Heads," or "Kings," received a deadly wound. Which one is not stated.

The inference is that it is the last, for in John's day five of these kings had fallen, one then was (the ruling power), and the other, or seventh, **had not yet come**. This seventh is doubtless the Antichrist, for in Rev. 17:10 he is called the Beast that **was**, and **is not**, even he is the **eighth**, and is **of the seventh**, and **goeth into perdition**.

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The only clear explanation of this passage is that the "Seventh Head," the "Antichrist, who makes his appearance at the beginning of Daniel's Seventieth Week, and makes a league with the Jews, is slain by the sword of an assassin (Rev. 13:3, 14), and as his body is lying in state prepared for burial, he rises **from the dead**, and thus becomes the "**Eighth**," though he is **of the "Seventh."**

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If this happens at the "Middle of the Week," at the time the Dragon is cast out of Heaven and incarnates himself in the Antichrist, we can understand why the Beast is said to **ascend from the "Bottomless Pit,"** or "**Underworld.**" Rev. 17:8.

For as a **dead man** his spirit will descend into the "**Underworld,**" and as a **resurrected man** his spirit will ascend from there to reoccupy his body, and if in his "spirit's" ascent from the "Underworld" the "Dragon" (Satan) takes possession of it, that will account for the remarkable change that, at that time, takes place in the character of the Antichrist, who before had been sweet and lovable, but after his ascent from the Underworld becomes Devilish.

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By this resurrection of the Antichrist, Satan imitates the Resurrection of Christ and makes the world “**wonder after The Beast**” (Rev. 13:3), and this adds to his prestige and power.

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III. His Character

He will be a “composite” man.

One who embraces in his character the abilities and powers of Nebuchadnezzar, Xerxes, Alexander the Great and Caesar Augustus.

He will have the marvellous gift of attracting unregenerate men, and the irresistible fascination of his personality, his versatile attainments, superhuman wisdom, great administrative and executive ability, along with his powers as a consummate flatterer, a brilliant diplomatist, a superb strategist, will make him the most conspicuous and prominent of men.

All these gifts will be conferred on him by Satan, whose tool he will be, and who will thus make him the—

SUPERMAN.

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He will pose as a great humanitarian, the friend of men, and the especial friend of the Jewish race, whom he will persuade that he has come to usher in the “Golden Age” as pictured by the prophets, and who will receive him as their Messiah.

He will intoxicate men with a strong delusion and his never varying success.

And when he shall be slain and rise again he will have lost none of these powers, but will be in addition the embodiment of all kinds of wickedness and blasphemy.

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*“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.**” Dan. 7:25.*

*“He shall also **stand up against the ‘Prince of Princes’**” (Jesus). Dan. 8:25.*

“He shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of Gods.”

Dan. 11:36.

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*"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 (at Jerusalem) showing himself that he **IS GOD** ... whose coming is after the **Working of Satan** with all **Power and Signs and Lying Wonders.**" 2 Thess. 2:3-9.*

There has never as yet appeared on this earth a person who answers the description given in the above Scriptures.

Such a character is almost inconceivable.

No writer would have invented such a character.

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IV. His Reign

He shall reign for seven years, or during the whole of Daniel's "Seventieth Week."

*"And he shall confirm the Covenant with many for **ONE WEEK** (Daniel's Seventieth week) and in the **midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease."* Dan. 9:27.

After the Church has been caught out the Jews will be gathered back to their own land unconverted.

About this time ten of the Nations occupying the territory of the old Roman Empire will enter into a Federation.

Among the Ten Kings of those nations will arise the Antichrist. He will soon prove himself to be a **Great Ruler** and will be made **PRESIDENT**.

The Government will be a

Democratic Monarchy.

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The President will make a "Covenant" with the Jewish people.

It may be a Covenant restoring to them their own land.

Whatever its character, the Prophet Isaiah speaks of it as a "**Covenant With Death and Hell.**" Isa. 28:15.

For 3½ years the President of the Federation will keep the Covenant.

Then he will break it.

For the balance of his reign, 3½ years, he will cause an awful persecution of the Jews, called "The Great Tribulation."

It will not, however, be limited to them, for we read in Rev. 13:7, 8, that he shall be given power

*"Over **all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.** And **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him,** whose names are not written in the **Book of Life.**"*

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V. His Doom

At the end of the seven years the allied armies of the Ten Federated Nations will gather together in the Valley of Megiddo, north of Jerusalem, to besiege that city. Zech. 14:2.

The Lord will pour upon the "House of David" (Israel), and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the "spirit of grace and supplication" (Zech. 12:10).

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Then the Lord, at the head of the "armies of Heaven," will come to their rescue (Rev. 19:11-16), and the Jews will see Christ descend upon the Mt. of Olives (Zech. 14:4) and the Beast (Antichrist) and the kings of the earth, and their armies will gather together to make war against the Lord, and the Beast and the False Prophet will be taken and cast **alive** into the "**Lake of Fire**" and the remnant of those armies shall be slain with the sword of Him who sits upon the "White Horse," and the fowls of the air will be summoned unto the "Supper of the Great God" and shall feed on the flesh of kings, and captains, and of mighty men. Rev. 19:17-21.

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The Antichrist
21 Facts about the Coming Antichrist

1. He will be an intellectual genius. Dan. 8:23
Dan. 11:36
2. He will be an oratorical genius.
Dan. 11:36
3. He will be a political genius. Rev. 17:11-12
4. He will be a commercial genius. Dan. 11:43; Rev. 13:16-17

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5. He will be a military genius.
Rev. 6:2; 13:2
6. He will be a religious genius. - 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:8
7. He will begin by controlling the Western power block.
Rev. 17:12
8. He will make a seven-year covenant with Israel but will break it after three and a half years. Dan. 9:27

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9. He will attempt to destroy all of Israel. Rev. 12
10. He will destroy the false religious system so that he may rule unhindered.
Rev. 17:16-17
11. He will set himself up as God. Dan. 11:36-37; 2 Thess. 2:4, 11; Rev. 13:5
12. He will briefly rule over all nations.
Ps. 2; Dan. 11:36; Rev. 13:16

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13. He will be utterly crushed by the Lord Jesus Christ at the Battle of Armageddon.
Rev. 19
14. He will be the first creature thrown into the lake of fire. Rev. 19:20
15. He will be a master of deceit. 2 Thess. 2:10
16. He will profane the temple.
Matt. 24:15

17. He will be energized by Satan himself. Rev. 13:2
18. He will do everything according to his own selfish will.
Dan. 11:36
19. He will not regard the God of his fathers.
Dan. 11:37
20. He will not have the desire of women. Dan. 11:37
21. His god will be the god of power. Dan. 11:38