

The Antichrist Described

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The Antichrist Described. In the thirteenth chapter of Revelation we find one of the most descriptive accounts of the Antichrist's activities. Here he is referred to as "the beast," whose number is 666. In Daniel, where he is described even more fully, you will recall that he is the "little horn" of chapter seven. He is also referred to as the "king of fierce features" of Daniel 8, the "prince who is to come" in chapter nine, and the "willful king" of chapter eleven.

As we have already shown, the son of Satan will be a counterfeit of the son of God. But we learn even more about the personality and plan of the Antichrist by understanding how completely opposite he is from Jesus, the true Son of God.

Jesus Christ came from heaven (John 6:38).	the Antichrist will come from hell (Rev. 11:7).
Christ came in His Father's Name (John 5:43).	the Antichrist will come in his own name (Jn.5:43)
Christ humbled Himself (Philippians 2:8).	the Antichrist will exalt himself (2 Thes. 2:4).
Christ was despised and afflicted (Isaiah 53:3).	the Antichrist will be admired and lauded (Rev.13: 3-4)
Christ came to do His Father's will (John 6:38).	the Antichrist came to do his own will (Dan. 11:36).
Christ came to save (Luke 19:10).	the Antichrist will come to destroy (Daniel 8: 24).
Christ is the good shepherd (John 10).	the Antichrist will be the Evil Shepherd (Zech 11:16,17).
Christ is the truth (John 14: 6).	the Antichrist will be "the lie" (2 Thes. 2:11).
Christ is the mystery of Godliness, God manifested in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16).	the Antichrist will be "The Mystery of iniquity," Satan manifested in the flesh (2 Thes. 2: 7-9).

The Antichrist Comes To Power

The Antichrist will first take control of one nation in the federated block, which could come from the current European Union. At a moment of instability, which could come from the current European Union. At a moment of instability, which could be caused by war in Bosnia or some United Nations sanctioned action, he will take control of three nations within the federation.

John describes him in Revelation 13:1; "*Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.*"

Notice that the beast rises from the sea—the sea, in prophetic symbolism, represents the Gentile world—and he wears ten crowns on seven heads. In other words, he has conquered three of ten nations and rules over them, wearing ten symbolic crowns.

Israel Entrusts its Security to the Antichrist

Desperate for peace and ignorant of the Antichrist's true nature, Israel will soon sign a 7-year treaty of peace with the Antichrist. In fact, the signing of the treaty is the event that will inaugurate the 7-year Tribulation. In this treaty the Antichrist himself will guarantee Israel's security. "He [the Antichrist} will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of that 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering" (Dan. 9:27 niv).

Now before reading on, just take a moment to think about what the Word of God says. If you've never been to Israel, you'll note that their history of betrayal and persecution makes them extremely wary to entrust their safety to anyone other than themselves. In fact, this history is part of the great need for the Jewish people to have their own homeland—they can trust their government their government is their own. You could even say the nation of Israel is an incarnation of their desire as expressed in the solemn utterance "Never again." Never again a pogrom; never again a persecution; never again an exile; never again a holocaust. So just imagine what it would take for them to entrust their security to another. This gives you an idea both of the coming change of attitude in Israel and of the incredible power and credibility of the Antichrist. (more)