

# **The Rise and Fall of the Antichrist**

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# Introduction



# The Counterfeit Trinity (1/2)

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- To fully understand the person and activities of the Antichrist, he must be viewed within the framework of the counterfeit trinity – Revelation 13



# The Counterfeit Trinity (2/2)

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<b>True Trinity</b>	<b>Counterfeit Trinity</b>
<b>God the Father: Gives all His authority to the Son</b>	<b>Satan: Gives all his authority to the Antichrist</b>
<b>God the Holy Spirit: Calls all men to worship the Son</b>	<b>The False Prophet: Calls all men to worship the Antichrist</b>
<b>God the Son</b>	<b>The Antichrist</b>



# The Names of the Antichrist



# Old Testament (1/2)

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- **The Seed of Satan – Genesis 3:15**
  - **The Little Horn – Daniel 7:8**
- **The King of Fierce Countenance – Daniel 8:23**



# Old Testament (2/2)

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- **The Prince That Shall Come – Daniel 9:26**
  - **The Desolator – Daniel 9:27**
  - **The Willful King – Daniel 11:36**



# New Testament (1/2)

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- **The Man of Sin – II Thessalonians 2:3**
- **The Son of Perdition – II Thessalonians 2:3**
- **The Lawless One – II Thessalonians 2:8**





# New Testament (2/2)

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- **The Antichrist – I John 2:22**
- **The Beast – Revelation 11:7**



# Names: Summary

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## Eleven Names

**Old Testament – Six names:**

**One in Genesis**

**Five in Daniel**

**New Testament – Five names:**

**Three in II Thessalonians (Paul)**

**One in I John (John)**

**One in Revelation (John)**



# The Meaning

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- **Single name – The Antichrist:**
  - **Describes his true intent – To be against Messiah**
  - **His names portray the various characteristics he will use in opposition to the Messiah**



# The Origin of the Antichrist



# Natural Origin



# A Gentile

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- **Typology: Antiochus Epiphanes is a Gentile – Daniel 8:32-25; 11:36-39**
- **Imagery: In Revelation 13:1-10 he arises out of the ‘sea’ which is symbolic for the Gentile nations**
  - **The Times of the Gentiles: He is the final ruler**



## Daniel 9:26-27 (1/2)

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- The 'he' is the same as the 'prince that shall come'
  - They both refer to the Antichrist
- The Antichrist is of the same nationality as the people who destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple



## Daniel 9:26-27 (2/2)

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- **The Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in A.D. 70**
- **Conclusion: The Antichrist will be a Gentile of Roman origin**





# Supernatural Origin



# Counterfeit God-Man

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- Counterfeit virgin birth – Genesis 3:15
- His coming is according to the energizing of Satan –  
II Thessalonians 2:9
  - Repetition of Genesis 6



# **The Revelation of the Antichrist**



# First Revelation



## II Thessalonians 2:1-3 (1/3)

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- **Verses 1-2:**
  - **False teaches taught that believers were in the Tribulation**
  - **The Thessalonians were troubled that ‘the day of the Lord’ had arrived**



## II Thessalonians 2:1-3 (2/3)

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- Two events must precede the Tribulation (v3):
  - The apostasy of the Church
  - A revelation of the identity of the Antichrist



## II Thessalonians 2:1-3 (3/3)

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- **How this revelation may come – Two possibilities:**
  - **The signing of the Covenant between Israel and the Antichrist – Daniel 9:27**
  - **Through the numerical value of his name – Revelation 13:18**



# Second Revelation





## II Thessalonians 2:4

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- **The Abomination of Desolation**
  - **Will be covered in point VII**



# **The Antichrist and the Start of the Tribulation**





## Daniel 9:27

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- **A covenant is signed between the Antichrist and Israel**
- **This covenant starts the seven year period of the Tribulation**



## Revelation 6:1-2

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- **The Seal-Judgments are the first judgments of the Tribulation**
- **The Antichrist is sat upon a white horse going forth to conquer**
  - **He begins a program of world-wide conquest**



# The Rise of the Antichrist



# His Nature



# Daniel 8:23-25

## Antichrist's Rise to Power

<b>Dark sentences</b>	<b>Prosper in his goal</b>
<b>Power is mighty but not his own</b>	<b>Claims of self-deity</b>
<b>Seeks to destroy Israel</b>	<b>Stands against the Prince of princes</b>
<b>Characterized by craft and deceit</b>	<b>/</b>



# Daniel 11:36-39

## Antichrist's Rise to Power

<b>Antichrist's Rise to Power</b>	
<b>Willful</b>	<b>Controlled by Satan</b>
<b>Self-exaltation</b>	<b>Honors a god not honored by his fathers: Satan</b>
<b>Self-deification</b>	<b>Conquers by the help of Satan</b>
<b>Speaks against the God of gods</b>	<b>Only those who submit are elevated</b>
<b>Inhuman in his disregard of women</b>	<b>/</b>





# Political Control



## Daniel 7:23-24

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- **The Fourth Gentile Empire will take over the entire world and develop into a one-world government (v23)**
- **It will break down into ten kingdoms ruled by ten men (v24a)**
- **The Antichrist will begin his rise to power and will kill three kings (v24b)**



## Revelation 17:12-13, 17

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- **The remaining seven kings will submit to the authority of the Antichrist**
- **The Antichrist will become the one-world political leader with the exception of Jordan**



# Religious Control



# First Stage

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- **Revelation 17:16:**
  - **He must destroy the false religious system of his day**
  - **He will destroy this one-world religious system after he gains political leadership**



## Second Stage

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- **Revelation 11:7:**
  - **The Antichrist will move against the Two Witnesses**
    - **He will succeed in killing them**
- **This takes places after his resurrection in the middle of the Tribulation**



# Third Stage

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- **Daniel 7:25:**
  - **An all out war against the saints**
- **The Antichrist will seek to wipe out the memory of the True God by destroying those who worship Him**



# **The Death and Resurrection of the Antichrist**





## Daniel 11:40-45

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- Two major kings stand against the Antichrist (v40)
  
- He will take over the Land of Israel, Jordan shall escape (v41)
  
- He will conquer Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia (vs.42-43)
  
- A third major king will move against him (v44)
  - In this battle he is killed (v45)



## Revelation 13:1-8 (1/2)

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- Hebrew idiom for a resurrected individual involving real death (v3a)
  - Satan will raise him back to life (v3b)
- Many will be deceived and will worship him (v4)



## Revelation 13:1-8 (2/2)

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- He will be allowed to continue his work of blasphemy for 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years (vs.5-6)
  - Wars against the saints as he tries to take full religious authority in the world (v7)
- Those who will not believe in Yeshua will believe in the Antichrist (v8)



# **The Abomination of Desolation**



# The Act



## Daniel 9:27

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- **Covenant between Israel and the Antichrist is broken in the midst of the seven years**
  - **A cessation of the sacrificial system**
- **The Abomination of Desolation will occur**



# Daniel 12:11

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- **The duration of the Abomination of Desolation is 1290 days**
  - **Thirty days beyond the end of the Tribulation**



# Matthew 24:15

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- **Something standing in the Holy Place**
- **A warning to the Jews of Israel to flee the Land**





# Revelation 11:1-2

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- **The take over of the Temple by the Gentiles**
  - **Result will be a cessation of the sacrifices**



# The First Stage



## II Thessalonians 2:3-4

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- **The Antichrist sits in the Temple of God**
  - **He proclaims himself to be God**
- **Sets up the religious system of the Tribulation**



## II Thessalonians 2:8-12

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- His coming is energized by Satan
- Post-resurrection rise to power will be with ‘all power and signs and lying wonders’
- These miracles will deceive men and they will worship the Antichrist and accept him as god



# The Second Stage



## Revelation 13:11-15 (1/2)

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- The rise of the False Prophet (v11)
- The False Prophet will exercise equal authority with the Antichrist (v12a)
- The False Prophet will call all to worship the resurrected counterfeit son (v12b)



## Revelation 13:11-15 (2/2)

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- **The coming of the False Prophet will be accompanied by miracles (v13)**
- **These signs will continue the work of deception (v14a)**
- **An image of the Antichrist is set up in the Holy of Holies and this image will be given life (vs.14b-15)**



# **The Mark of the Beast**







# Revelation 13:16-18



# The Counterfeit Seal – 13:16

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- Placed on the right hand or forehead
- The recipients are those submitted to the authority of the Antichrist and accept him as god



# Passport for Living – 13:17a

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- **Not a credit, banking, cashless or economic system**
- **Those that have the mark can work, buy, sell or simply make a living**



# Interpretation: Five Clues – 13:17b-18 (1/2)

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- **The name of the Beast**
- **The number of his name**
- **The number of the Beast**
- **The number of a man**
- **The number is 666**



## Interpretation: Five Clues – 13:17b-18 (2/2)

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- **Conclusion:**
  - **Numerical value of his name in Hebrew**



## Revelation 14:9-12

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- Those that receive the ‘mark’ will reach a point of no return and are destined for judgment both in this life and for eternity in the Lake of Fire (vs.9-11)
  - A word of comfort for believers (v12)



## Revelation 16:1-2

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- **The Bowl Judgments will be poured upon those who have the  
'Mark of the Beast'**
  
- **The result will be a grievous sore upon the worshippers of the  
Antichrist**



# The Fall of the Antichrist





# Revelation 16:12-16

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- **The Euphrates River dries up (v12)**
- **A decree from the Antichrist (vs.13-14)**
- **Parenthesis: A word of comfort to believers (v15)**
- **The place of gathering: The Mountain of Megiddo (v16)**



## II Thessalonians 2:8

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- **The Antichrist killed at the Second Coming of Messiah**
- **He will be quickly dispensed with by the Word of Yeshua the Lord**



## Isaiah 14:9-11

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- Previous great ones rise from their throne in Hell (v9)
  - In utter shock at his arrival (v10)
- The pomp of his worldwide reign will suffer the demise of Hell (v11)



## Isaiah 14:16-20

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- Utter disbelief that he died so quickly and easily (vs.16-17)
  
- Lesser kings are buried in pompous sepulchers (v18)
  - His body trampled by his own armies (v19)
    - His body will never be buried (v20)



# Revelation 19:19-21

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- **Description of the Campaign of Armageddon (v19)**
- **The Antichrist along with the False Prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire (v20)**
- **The birds will eat the unburied carcasses of many who participated in the Campaign of Armageddon (v21)**