

SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTI-CHRIST

THE NEAR AND SUDDEN APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST
IN LIGHT OF SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTICHRIST AND THE IMMINENT RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTI-CHRIST”

A look at the current global events concerning Bible prophecy and the analysis of these events as viewed in light of biblical eschatology. An update on current events as of 2023.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Perilous Times, Last Days, Rapture, Second Coming, Tribulation Period, Israel,

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Now, brethren, concerning (1) the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and (2) our gathering together to Him, (like bookends?) we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though (teaching) The Day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day (The Day of Christ) will not come unless the falling away comes first, (and) the man of sin is revealed, the Son of Perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; (underway) only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His (2nd) coming...
...9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Now someone who is scripturally a-tune would say why are we taking on this topic when according to the scriptures, the Church of Jesus Christ will be off the Earth at the time of the Antichrist's unveiling?

And that is a very accurate understanding of what the scripture teaches regarding the coming world leader who will appear to be the answer in culmination of all that human governments have desired. Simply put, he will be the most fantastic and consummate politician ever!

“Background to what was happening to the believers in

Thessalonica. In the face of increasing persecution, Paul, in his first epistle to the Thessalonians wrote about the hope of the rapture. After Paul had left Thessalonica, he wrote to them a second time because many of them began to doubt or to wonder if they had somehow missed the rapture of the church, seeing the rise of evil and persecution. Paul comforts them and Second Thessalonians ends chapter 1 and 2 by reassuring them that they in fact did not miss the rapture but that evil days would increase. He strengthened the hope of deliverance by the promised rapture which would happen prior to the day of God’s wrath and the revealing of the Antichrist.”

For us to look at things that the Bible speaks about regarding the last days is to actually prepare ourselves for **the preemptive appearing of Jesus Christ to remove His church prior to the Tribulation.**

REGARDING THIS MAN, {A HUMAN BEING} WE CALL THE ANTI-CHRIST,

There are over 100 passages of scripture that either address him directly or refer to him as being the one who stands in for being Jesus Christ in the Last Days or {Anti-Christ}. There are many more scripture references that add to the actions and characteristics of this man;

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1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:22

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3

Every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

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THE INTRODUCTION TO THE PERSON OF

HE IS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE AS;

The Beast

Revelation 11:7

When they (the 2 witnesses) finish their testimony, The Beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 13:1-4

Then I (John) 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. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon (satan) gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they (earth-dwellers) worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

The Little Horn

Daniel 7:8

I was considering the horns (kings, leaders, rulers), and there was another horn, (lessor king, leader, ruler), a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns (kings, leaders, rulers) were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, (lessor king, leader, ruler), were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Having a Fierce Countenance

Daniel 8:23

And in the Latter Time of their kingdom, when the transgressors (evil doers) have reached their fullness, (maximum capacity to sin) a king (horn) shall arise, having a fierce countenance (features), who understands sinister schemes.

Fierceheb: az meaning

having a strong, mighty, rough look or appearance, a brazen, intimidating presence.

HE IS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE AS; The Willful King

Daniel 11:36a

“Then the king (horn) shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god and shall speak blasphemies against the God.

The Idle or Worthless Shepherd.

Zechariah 11:17

**“Woe to the worthless (idle) shepherd, who leaves (abandon) the flock!
A sword shall be against his (right) arm and against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded.”**

This would be a good moment to point out

that this “worthless or idol shepherd”, is one who sits in for or assumes the place of the Worthy Shepherd, the Working Shepherd.

anti **grk: anti**

one who opposes Christ by mimicking Christ, an impostor christ, the instead of Christ, the substitute christ, a stand in.

Christ **grk: christos**

the anointed one, Hebrew = the messiah, the deliverer, salvation.

**\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\ Make No Mistake About This **

Both He and His False Prophet

“Together will perform great miraculous signs and wonders for the world to see. I firmly believe that he will use the Bible to justify his position cloaked in a supernatural web of deception. In almost every appearance of Satan in the Bible, he is found using the Scriptures either by quoting a verse out of context or by deleting or adding a word to the Scriptures. Those who are ignorant of the Scriptures, will be to him - low hanging fruit, easy to pick off.”

2 Thessalonians 2:9

**The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan,
with all power, signs, and lying wonders,**

(Jesus and His Apostles worked all Power, Signs and Wonders)

He will be the “**Replacement Christ**” to the Jews
and to the Gentiles.

Matthew 24:24-25

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (tribulation saints both jew and gentile converts) **25 Behold, I have told you beforehand.**

HE IS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE AS; The Son of Perdition

John 17:12

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day (The Day of the Lord) **will not come unless the falling away comes first, (and) the man of sin is revealed, the Son of Perdition,**

Note This;

That **The Day of the Lord** (a terrible time) is when the Antichrist is revealed.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that The Day of the Lord (a terrible time) so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

The Rapture of the Church (**The Day of the Lord Jesus Christ**) will trigger / start the time known as **The Day of The Lord** which initiates God’s Wrath on earth.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

Now, brethren, concerning the coming (appearing) of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together (rapture) to Him, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though (teaching) The Day of Christ had come.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

At the moment of The Rapture – a clock will start ticking that commences,
Not The Day of Christ (The Messiah),
But The Day of The Lord (The Judge).

Allow me to Paraphrase.

“Hey you Thessalonians - stop being deceived by false teachers and goofy letters as though they had come from us - because I made it very clear to you guys that the Tribulation Period cannot begin without the Antichrist, and the Antichrist cannot be revealed until the church is taken up to heaven - - cannot happen... ..until the Day of Christ happens – Then after that, then The Day of The Lord will begin – that’s when the Tribulation Period begins. So the Antichrist cannot come until the church is taken up and away. So calm down. The persecution you all are beginning to suffer now is because the Empire is getting more hostile toward Christ and us. This is normal and common and must be expected in this world.”

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until The Day of Jesus Christ;

Philippians 2:16

Holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in The Day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

1 Corinthians 1:4-8

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in The Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Day of The Lord (The Judge).

Joel 1:15

**Alas for the day! For The Day of The LORD is at hand;
It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.**

Isaiah 13:6

**Wail, for The Day of the LORD is at hand!
It will come as destruction from the Almighty.**

Amos 5:18

**Woe to you who desire The Day of the LORD! For what good is The Day of The LORD to you?
It will be darkness, and not light.**

Obadiah 1:15a

**“For The Day of The LORD
upon all the nations (global) is near;**

Joel 2:31

**The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the
Terrible Day of the LORD come.**

Joel 3:14-16

**Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for The Day of the LORD is near in the valley
of decision. 15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their
shining. 16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the
heavens and the earth shall shake:**

Revelation 6:12-17

**I John looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and
the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars
of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.
14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was
moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the
commanders, the mighty men, every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the caves
and in the rocks of the mountains, (unbelievers) 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall
on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the
Lamb! 17 For the Great Day of His Wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”**

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, (The Day of The Lord) but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 5:5-9

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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