

FUTURES

A STUDY IN WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FUTURE
AND WHY IT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY

2 Thessalonians 2:1-13

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The Antichrist, Who Is He And Where Does He Come From?

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our **Lord Jesus Christ** and our gathering together to **Him**, 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 the day of **Christ** had come. **3** Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day 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; 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** coming. **9** The coming of **the lawless one** is according to **the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders**, (the unbeliever will have no power to resist) **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. **13** But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

**The Antichrist,
who is he and where does he come from?**

In the End Times or Last Hour or The End of Days or At That Time...

a man will arise to oppose all that is Jesus Christ and His Last Days followers. He will do so more than anyone else in human history. He will be proclaiming to be the true Messiah, the Antichrist will seek world domination and will attempt to destroy all followers of Jesus Christ and the nation of Israel.

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.

antichristos; (*antichrist*) that which, or he who is against Christ, the teachings, doctrines and will of Jesus Christ. To stand in opposition to the desires of God. (one who opposes Christ, or resists, contradicts, or replaces Christ. Imposter.

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

and 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 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**.

a call to be discerning

Matthew 24:43-44

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 24:9-14

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Here's Something that ought to alert you to the gravity of knowing the times and the seasons in which you live

Satan Must Always Be Ready with His Man of the Hour (A/C)

Matthew 24:15-22

“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

Who Is The Antichrist, And Where Does He Come From?

1.) He will be the consummate politician (king)

Make no mistake about it. Knowingly or unknowingly to the politician is the behind the scenes reality that politics is a spiritual battlefield.

Wherever there is power, influence, money, control – there the demonic powers will be to frustrate and to confuse.

1a.) He will usher in a peace-plan in the middle east

Daniel 9:27a

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for **one week;**

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Peace? Perhaps By Dividing Up the Land of Israel

Joel 3:1-3

“For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, :2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land. :3 They have cast lots for My people,

1. He will swoon the U.N.
2. He will impress the E.U.
3. He will outmaneuver the U.S.
4. He will be the World’s Man - and people will love him...

**this pre-supposes that Israel has enemies
and that a peace deal is needed.**

**Enemies that would seek Israel’s destruction. Somehow, the Antichrist will bring
the Muslim world to the table with Israel.**

But how will he have influence with the Islamic world?
And after he establishes a peace plan, then what?

Unprecedented global prosperity and peace.
Unlike any other time in human history. This will be Satan’s best performance!

Daniel 8:25a

And ***through his policies*** he will cause deception to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, ***he will destroy many through peace:***

**Usually you destroy people by war – The Antichrist will deceive
people to death using man’s long sought-after dream – peace!**

“Give me my utopia (need) and I will give you my life (allegiance)”

He will be the consummate politician (king)

1b.) He will bring about a global economic recovery.

Revelation 13:2c:

The dragon (Satan) gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

Revelation 13:16-18

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, :17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. :18 ¶ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

As human beings, we are prone to impressions.

Wealth, ease, prosperity and image, these are very powerful influencers.
(left unchecked, they foster pride and self-aggrandizement)

The Coming US Economic Collapse of the Normal

<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/us-dollar-crash-highchance-double-dip-recession-roach-2020-9-1029618113?op=1>

And then cometh the “answer” to the world’s woes

Daniel 9:27

Then **he** shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (one 7-year cycle); but in the middle of the week (half of a 7-year cycle is 3 ½ years) **he** shall bring an end to **sacrifice** and **offering** (temple worship). And on the **wing of abominations** (a series of blasphemies) shall be **one** who makes desolate, even until the **consummation** (the end of the tribulation age), which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

**And with his newfound success,
he will ascend rapidly onto the world scene.**

He will emerge out of a crisis.

He will be satanically anointed, so as to deceive.

Revelation 17:7-8

But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

He will manipulate global economies.

He will seek to cancel culture and traditions.

Daniel 7:23-25

“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. 24 The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. 25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

Times **heb: zaman** things that are fixed, foundational, traditional as in things that make up a culture such as rules and protocols.

Laws **heb: dath** *decrees, laws, edicts, regulations, the rule of governance for a people or humanity.*

**I Personally have no doubt that the United States Constitution
Is one of Satan’s greatest targets.**

Who Is The Antichrist, And Where Does He Come From?

2.) He will be a master of deception (spiritual)

2a.) He deceives by the words he uses

**How he says, what he says - will Seduce.
“like a spell, he will dupe people by appeasing their emotions with
smooth words and flatteries.**

Jesus said:

John 8:44

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.
He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth,
because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own
resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Jesus Has Given Us a Warning...

John 5:43

I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me;
if one comes in his own name, him you will receive.

Matthew 24:11

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

He will be a master of deception (spiritual)

2b.) He deceives by surviving “death”

Satan will engineer a mock death and resurrection of the antichrist.

It Appears That He Will Have His “Scars” With Him

Zechariah 11:17

“Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword *shall be* against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded.”

A “Mock Resurrection” Devaluing The Gospel Message

Revelation 13:3-5

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 worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” **:5** And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Revelation 13:12

And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

He will fill a spiritual void that apostasy created.

(once a person or culture or a nation rejects God – they quickly replace Him with the gods of convenience.)

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In closing, I believe it's appropriate for you to hear these last words regarding this series – please never forget this...

John 14:1-4,6

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

:6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

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