

THE GRAND MASQUERADE

The Actual, Definite, Certain, Unavoidable, Biblical Identity of The Antichrist

THE MOST PROVOCATIVE AND MYSTERIOUS entity in the Bible is the “antichrist.” Numerous conjectures, guesses and reckless opinions have been offered regarding the identity of the figure. But the Bible itself is absolutely clear regarding the matter. We need not speculate. In this study we will allow the Bible to inform us on this most serious topic.

God’s Ultimate Goal For Us

John 17:3, 21-26—³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. . . .²¹that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.²²And the glory which You gave Me I have given the, that they may be one just as We are one;²³I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.²⁴Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.²⁵O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.²⁶And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

Satan’s Secret Agenda

Isaiah 14:12-14—¹² How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!¹³ For you have said in your heart: “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.

Matthew 4:8-10—⁸Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

Not An Overt Political Opponent, But A Subtle Religious Imposter

Revelation 13:1-4—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.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 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 worshiped the beast.

2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4, 7-9—³Let 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,⁴who 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

NOTE: Also recall Ez. 28:2, 17 in which Satan is depicted as desiring the place of God and Gen 3:1-5 in which Satan tempts Adam and Eve with the same aspiration. Satan’s ultimate goal is to occupy the place of God and receive worship.

NOTE: “falling away” is from the Greek word, *apostasias*, and literally means, “apostasy, defection, divorcement” (Strong’s).

God... ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. ⁸And 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. ⁹The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.

1 John 4:3—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.

Acts 20:28-30—²⁸Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

The Four Beasts And The Little Horn of Daniel 7

Lion=_____—605-538 BC

Bear=_____—538-331 BC

Leopard=_____—331-168 BC

Terrible Beast=_____—168 BC – 476 AD

Ten Horns=_____—476 AD-Present

Daniel 7—Ten Identifiers of the Little Horn

1. A _____ kingdom (Daniel 7:8).
2. Comes up _____ the ten horns (Ibid).
3. Comes up _____ the division of Rome (Ibid).
4. _____ up three horns [Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths] by the roots (Ibid).
5. A prominent _____ at its head (Ibid).
6. Speaks _____ against God (Daniel 7:8, 25).
7. _____ from the other (Daniel 7:24).
8. A _____ power (Daniel 7:21, 25).
9. Attempts to change _____ (Daniel 7:25).
10. Rules for _____ years (Ibid).

Only one power fulfills all these identifying marks: _____.

NOTE: The prefix, “anti,” can mean *against*, but also it can mean *in the stead of, in the room of, a substitution or usurper*.

NOTE: There are various names and symbols in the Bible for the power we most commonly refer to as the antichrist—

- 1.The Antichrist
- 2.The Beast
- 3.The Man of Sin
- 4.Son of perdition
- 5.The Lawless one
6. Babylon the great
7. The Great Harlot
8. The Little Horn

Additional Identifiers:

• “seven mountains” define the geographical location of the antichrist power (Rev. 17:9).

• The antichrist will bear a name that numerically equates to 666 (Rev. 13:18).

V----5	F----0	D----500
I----1	I----1	E----0
C----100	L----50	I----1
A----0	I----1	
R----0	I----1	501
I----1		
U----5	53	
S----0		

$$\frac{112}{112 + 53 + 501 = 666}$$

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9