

### The Antichrist Part 3

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NLT) 1 Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him. 2 Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us. 3 Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction. 4 He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God. 5 Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? 6 And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. 7 For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. 8 Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming. 9 This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. 10 He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. 11 So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. 12 Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.

Revelation 13:18 (NLT) Wisdom is needed here. Let the one with understanding solve the meaning of the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is 666.

#### **21 facts about the first beast of Rev. 13 & Daniel 11:**

1. He will be a man (Rev. 13:18).
2. He will rise out of the sea of humanity (Rev. 13:1; Dan. 7:24; 9:27; 11:36-45).
3. He will become ruler of the territory of the 7 kingdoms symbolized by the 7 heads (Rev. 13:1; 17:8-17, notes).
4. He will become ruler of the 10 kingdoms that are yet to be formed inside the old Roman Empire territory (Rev. 13:1; 17:8-17 Dan. 7:23-24).
5. He will be a blasphemer (Rev. 13:1,5; 17:3).
6. He will revive the old Grecian Empire. The beast is like a leopard, which, in the book of Daniel, symbolizes the Grecian Empire (Dan. 7:6; 8:20-23, notes; Rev. 17:8-17, notes).
7. He will also have characteristics of Medo-Persia, the bear, (Rev. 13:3; Dan. 7:5, note) and Babylon, the lion, (Rev. 13:3; Dan. 7:4).
8. He will receive his power, throne, and great authority from Satan (Rev. 13:2; 16:13-16 2Th. 2:8-12 Dan. 8:24-25; 11:38-39).
9. The beast that is wounded to death and is healed, all the world stands in awe (Rev. 13:3).
10. He will have all the world wondering after him (Rev. 13:2-4,8-18).
11. He will be an object of worship (Rev. 13:4,14-18; 14:9-11; 15:2; 16:2; 20:4-6).
12. He will be a supernaturally gifted orator (Rev. 13:5-6 Dan. 7:8,11,20,25; 8:23; 11:36).

Revelation 13:5-6 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

13. He will be given power and success for 42 months, 3 ½ years (Rev. 13:4; 11:1-3; 12:6,14; Dan. 7:25; 12:7).

14. He will defy God and claim to be God himself (Rev. 13:6; 2Th. 2:3-4 Dan. 7:25; 8:25; 11:36-39).

15. He will make war on the Jews and Christians and multitudes will be killed by him (Rev. 13:7,15; 7:9-17; 14:13; 15:2-4; 20:4-6 Dan. 7:21; 8:23-25).

16. He will be given power over all nations inside the 10 kingdoms of the old Roman Empire territory (Rev. 13:7; Dan. 7:23-24; 8:23-25; 11:36-45).

17. He will be worshiped as God (Rev. 13:8,14-18; 14:9-11; 20:4-6).

18. He will have a religious leader in the false prophet of Rev. 13:11-17; 16:13-16; 19:20; 20:10.

19. He will permit image worship of himself (Rev. 13:14-17; 14:9; 15:2; 20:4-6).

20. He will cause the mark or emblem of his kingdom, or his name, or the number of his name to be branded upon the right hand or forehead of his followers (Rev. 13:16-18; 14:9-11; 15:2; 16:2; 20:4-6).

21. He will not have a desire for women. Daniel 11:37

### **3 Brands of Antichrist**

1. **A mark** (Rev. 13:16-17; 14:9-11; 15:2; 16:2; 20:4-6). That this is different from either the name or the number of his name is clear from these scriptures. What kind of mark it will be is not stated. It may be the emblem of his kingdom and that is not known. It will be a literal brand upon the right hand or forehead (Rev. 13:16; 14:9).

2. **The name of the beast** (Rev. 13:17; 14:11). It is not stated here or elsewhere what his name will be, and all speculation is unscriptural and valueless. People have chosen no less than 35 names for the Antichrist. They have made him a reincarnation or a resurrection of man from Nimrod in Gen. 10 on, including a number of conquerors of kingdoms and Judas Iscariot. Modern names hailed as the Antichrist have included popes, Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, and others. Many have been chosen because their names in Greek would equal 666. On this basis others could be chosen. All this is pure human speculation without scriptural backing.

3. **The number of his name**, 666 (Rev. 13:17-18; 15:2). This is the number of a man, and is the only one of the 3 brands that is given (Rev. 13:18). Many Greek and Hebrew names have a numerical value of 666. The idea is that in the Greek and Hebrew alphabets there is not a separate system of numbers, as in the English. The letters of these alphabets stand for numbers. The letters in the name of the future Antichrist will have a numerical value of 666. We cannot know what his mark or name will be, but we can all know what the numerical value of his name will be, for it is stated to be 666. Since he will not come until after the rapture of the church and until after the formation of 10 kingdoms inside the old Roman Empire (notes, Dan. 7:24; 2Th. 2:7), and until the beginning of Daniel's 70th week (Dan. 9:27), we can also know that

no man will be able to take his mark, his name, or the number of his name before the last 3 1/2 years of this age (Rev. 11:1-3; 12:6,14; 13:5).

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### **Twentyfold power of Antichrist--power to:**

1. Blaspheme God (Rev. 13:5-6 Dan. 7:8-25; 11:36)
2. Overcome saints (Rev. 13:7; 7:9-17; 20:4)
3. Overcome Jews (Rev. 12:13-17 Dan. 7:21)
4. Conquer many nations (Rev. 13:7; Dan. 7:8,23-24; 11:40-45 Ezek. 38-39)
5. Destroy Mystery Babylon (Rev. 17:12-17)
  - Revelation 17:16-18 (KJV) 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.
  - Rick Pearson '53 references to USA'. "The Hour that Changes Everything".
6. Kill the two witnesses (Rev. 11:7-12)
7. Change times and laws (Dan. 7:25)
8. Understand mysteries (Dan. 8:23)
9. Do as he will for a period (Dan. 11:36; 2Th. 2:3-4 Rev. 13)
10. Perform miracles (Rev. 13:1-18; 19:20; Dan. 8:24; 2Th. 2:8-12)
11. Control money and commerce (Dan. 11:38-43 Rev. 13:17; 18:1-24)
12. Cause great deceptions (Rev. 13:13-18 2Th. 2:8-12 Jn. 5:43; Dan. 8:25)
13. Control religion (Rev. 13:1-18; 14:9-11; 15:2; 16:2; 20:4-6 Dan. 11:36)
14. Control all lives in his realm (Rev. 13:15)
15. Control kings (Rev. 13:7; 17:12-17)
16. Make all nations fear him (Rev. 13:4)
17. Reign for 42 months/3 ½ years (Rev. 13:5)
18. Mobilize nations to Armageddon (Rev. 16:13-16; 19:19-21 Ezek. 38-39)
19. Fight Christ (Rev. 17:14; 19:11-21 Dan. 8:25; Zech. 14:1-5)

### **Extent of Antichrist's Reign**

#### **Fifteen proofs Antichrist will not reign over America, Canada or be a worldwide dictator:**

1. Rev. 13 itself limits the kingdom of Antichrist to the 10 kingdoms that are yet to be formed inside the old Roman Empire territory (Dan. 7:23-24). The beast has only 10 horns, not 65, plainly teaching that a limited part of the earth will be under Antichrist (Rev. 13:1; 17:12-17).

2. Rev. 17:8-17 also limits the kingdom of Antichrist to the 10 kingdoms--the 10 horns ... are 10 kings, which have received no kingdom as yet, but received power as kings with the beast ... these shall give their kingdom unto the beast.
3. In Dan. 7:7-8,23-24 we have the definite location of the future 10 kingdoms. They are to be inside the old Roman Empire territory. America and many other lands were never a part of the old Roman Empire, so they will not be a part of the 10 kingdoms to be formed in the last days inside that empire. No country outside the 10 kingdoms will be ruled by Antichrist and no mark of the beast will be forced upon any man outside the kingdom of Antichrist.
4. In Dan. 9:27; 11:40-45 Antichrist breaks his 7-year covenant with Israel and takes over Palestine and many other countries, "but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon," which would be Modern Jordan and Arabia. Jordan is a tolerant, Islamic state that welcomes all religions. A majority of Jordanians are Muslim, about 92% are Sunni Muslim, and 1% are Shia or Sufi. If these countries escape Antichrist, these on the border of Palestine which does not escape him, then it is surely conceivable that many countries across the vast oceans will also escape him.
5. The nation of Israel escapes the Antichrist arriving safe in the wilderness of Edom and Moab where they are protected of God for 3 1/2 years, or during the time the whole world is supposed to be taking the mark of the beast, but it is only these 10 nations under the Antichrist.
6. In Dan. 11:44-45 it is stated that the countries north and east of the 10 kingdoms under Antichrist will make war on him. These countries too, then, are not ruled by him and are and are NOT therefore forced to take the mark.
7. In Rev. 16:13-16 we have 3 unclean spirits like frogs going forth working miracles through ambassadors thus seeking the cooperation of many nations to help Antichrist against Jesus Christ at Armageddon. These will not have been conquered by him or be under him or they would not have to be persuaded to help him at Armageddon. If he ruled them and they loved him enough to worship him and take his mark, such demonic ministries would be unnecessary.
8. In Rev. 13:4 we have proof that there are nations whom the Antichrist has not conquered. If there were no nations who were not under him it would be foolish to raise the question about who can conquer him.
9. In Rev. 14:9-11 it is stated that every man who does take the mark of the beast, or his name, or the number of his name, will be sent to eternal hell without exception. If, as some teach today, Antichrist will kill every man who does not take the mark of the beast, and if, as stated here, every man who does take it will be sent to eternal hell,

there will not be one person left on earth to populate it in the Millennium and the New Earth. Thus, such a doctrine as Antichrist killing all on earth who do not take his mark and worship him is literally untrue & impossible.

10. In Zech. 14:16-21 it is clear that many from every nation, even those that are under Antichrist, will be left alive on the earth in the Millennium. These will not take the mark of the beast. If so, they would be sent to eternal hell by Christ at His second coming. Since they are left to enter the Millennium, it is proof that every man on earth will not take the mark or be killed. For example, Egypt is spoken of in Dan. 11:40-45 as not escaping the Antichrist, but we find Egyptians left to enter the Millennium in Zech. 14:16-21. So it will be with many people of all the nations under Antichrist. Some will not take the mark or obey his law and yet escape death by him. Multitudes will be killed, but not all (Rev. 7:9-11; 14:13; 15:2-4; 16:2; 20:4-6).
11. The Sheep & Goat Nations: In Mt. 25:31-46 we read of many of all nations that are called blessed of My Father who will inherit the millennial and eternal kingdom. These people will not take the mark of the beast or they would be sent to eternal hell (as stated in Rev. 14:9-11). The basis of the judgment of the nations here is their treatment of Israel. Such kind treatment of Israel could not be possible on the part of any nation if all were directly controlled by Antichrist.
12. The remnant of the woman in Rev. 12:17 escape the mark of the beast and the worship of Antichrist. This is made possible by new wars in the north and east of his kingdom, forcing him to let them alone for the time being so as to conquer these new enemies. The ministry of the two witnesses helps protect them the last 3 1/2 years. Then when Antichrist conquers his enemies after nearly 3 1/2 years of war he gathers his forces against the Jews to destroy them. He is defeated by Jesus Christ at Armageddon before he even takes all of Jerusalem, which by some means has been suddenly delivered from Antichrist and is back in Jewish hands (Zech. 14:14-15).

Thus, we conclude that Antichrist will not rule America or be a worldwide dictator; that his kingdom will be limited to the old Roman Empire territory during the time he seeks to enforce the new beast worship; that he will be in constant wars with other nations during the whole 7 years he is here (Dan. 7:23-24; 9:27; 11:36-45); that multitudes of all nations will escape the mark of the beast and his worship; and that Antichrist will be defeated by Christ before he conquers all of Asia, Europe, Africa, the Americas, and all other parts of the world.

### **The spirit of anti-Christ:**

- 1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.
- 1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

- 1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
  - 1 John 4:3 (GW) But every person who doesn't declare that Jesus Christ has come as a human has a spirit that isn't from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist that you have heard is coming. That spirit is already in the world.
- 2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

**Antichristos** - an opponent of the Messiah: — antichrist.

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the adversary of the Messiah

1. anti-God
  - a. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
2. anti-Bible
  - a. John 8:43-44 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
3. Anti-truth – He perverts the real
  - a. Matthew 4:6-7 (KJV) And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
4. anti-prayer
5. anti-morality (anti-10 commandments)
  - a. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.
6. anti-freedom
  - a. Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
  - b. Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
7. anti-biblical marriage – “...Forbidding to marry” the way that God intended.
 

Matthew 19:4-6 (KJV) 4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read,

that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

8. anti-authority- Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.