

THE COMING OF THE LORD
THE BEAST FROM THE SEA—THE ANTICHRIST—PART 2
REVELATION 13:1-10; DANIEL 7:7-8, 19-25; 8:23-25; 11:36-38

Introduction:

We said that just as God uses men to accomplish His objectives, Satan uses men also. The 13th Chapter of Revelation is a good example of this truth. We have met one of the two men (both who are referred to as **beasts**) in this chapter. This first man is called the **Beast from the sea**. He is the coming world dictator during the Tribulation Period or *the Antichrist*.

I have some more things to say about this *beast from the sea*. We saw in our last message how that *the Antichrist* will be the antithesis of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We found that when Jesus and *the Antichrist* are compared or contrasted, they are the opposite of each other in both their character and their conduct.

Now I want to just focus in on *the Antichrist* a bit more and see what the Bible says about his characteristics.

I. WE SEE HIS SMARTS.

The Antichrist will be a very shrewd, cunning, and intelligent man. *Daniel 7:20*—“. . . whose look was more stout than his fellows.” (i.e. His sight is strong. He is a visionary.)

In a passage that refers primarily to Antiochus Epiphanes (who was a symbol of the satanic power of the future *Antichrist* that will rise in the end): *Daniel 8:23*—“*And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*”

II. WE SEE HIS SPEECH.

The Antichrist will be a man of **eloquence, persuasiveness, confidence, cockiness, and defiance** toward God.

Daniel 7:8 —“*...a mouth speaking great things.*”

Daniel 7:20—“. . . a mouth that spake very great things. . .”

Daniel 7:25—“*And he shall speak great words against the most High...*”

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Daniel 11:36—“. . . he . . . shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods.”

Revelation 13:5-6

SMARTS...SPEECH...

III. WE SEE HIS STATESMANSHIP.

The Antichrist will be a political genius. His political authority will be given to him.

He becomes a ruler through the international consent and permission of ten kingdoms from within the boundary of the old Roman Empire. He will be a forger of peace treaties too.

Daniel 9:27—“***And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.***”

Daniel 7:23-24—“*Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.*”

Daniel 11:21—“*And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.*”

The Antichrist will put one of his headquarters in Jerusalem.

Daniel 11:45—“***And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain;...***”

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Revelation 13:1-2

These verses describe the governmental structure and abilities that *the Antichrist* will have.

Revelation 17:11-12, 17

SO, WE SEE HIS SMARTS, HIS SPEECH, HIS STATESMANSHIP...

IV. WE SEE HIS SAVVY.

He will exert great power and control. The world will wonder at his success. He will control money and commerce and put into practice a world-wide rationing system.

Revelation 13:16-17

Daniel 8:25—“And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.”

Daniel 11:38—“But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.”

The Antichrist will worship the power of military might.

Governments of the world today put great emphasis and security in their military technology and weapons.

Daniel 11:43—“But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.”

V. WE SEE HIS STRATEGY.

The Anti-Christ will be a cunning warrior. He will also be a world dictator.

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*Revelation 6:2—“And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown **was given unto him**: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”*

Daniel 8:24—“And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.”

Revelation 13:4, 7

VI. WE SEE HIS SOURCE.

He receives his power and authority from Satan.

Revelation 13:2

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

Conclusion

So today we’ve seen the Antichrist:

We’ve Seen His **Smarts**—very shrewd, cunning, and intelligent man

We’ve Seen His **Speech**—a man of eloquence, persuasiveness, confidence, cockiness, and defiance toward God.

We’ve Seen His **Statesmanship**—a political genius.

We’ve Seen His **Savvy**—he will appear to be an economic genius from the world’s view.

We’ve Seen His **Strategy**—he will be a world dictator and a cunning warrior.

We’ve Seen His **Source**—he receives his power and authority from Satan. God allows him to have this power and majesty!

It is hard for many to fathom such a person. However this world is ripe for such a person!

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The world looks at the leaders and the would be leaders of this world and they see shortcomings. But when the Antichrist comes, **the world will be blinded to his shortcomings and he will be received with open arms.**

Will you be left behind to receive him yourself? If you don't have Jesus as your Saviour you will be!

How about others? Are you concerned about others? Are you concerned that folks you have the ability to influence with a tract, a word, or a deed might be in the number that are deceived by *the Antichrist*.

Right now the majority of people we come into contact with are blinded by Satan and they need us to show them Jesus Christ. Can they depend on us to do our part?

What kind of representative are you for Christ?