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PART 4 – The Bible’s Description of the Antichrist

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I. WHAT WILL THE ANTICHRIST BE LIKE?

A. The antichrist is the **antithesis** of Christ.

1. *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."*
2. Everything that Jesus is, **the** antichrist will be the **opposite**.

B. The Apostle Paul identifies a particular person as the antichrist.

1. *2 Thessalonians 2:3 "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".*
2. The antichrist will be so full of sin that he will become sin **incarnate**.
3. The word “perdition” means **complete destruction**.

C. The Book of Daniel in the Old Testament also told us this man would come in the last days.

II. THE ANTICHRIST WILL BE THE LEADER OF THE LAST GREAT EMPIRE OF THE WORLD.

A. In two separate visions in the Book of Daniel, the Lord establishes a prophecy of **5** great empires that are to emerge in history that will impact the Jewish people in prophecy from Daniel's day forward.

The first **four** kingdoms Daniel predicted have already come and gone: Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome.

B. There is a 5th kingdom that still has not come. That kingdom is to emerge out of the **ruins** of the 4th one – the Roman Empire according to Daniel 2, 7, 9 & 11.

Daniel 7:24-25 “The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. ²⁵ He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.”

C. Daniel gives great detail over the course of Daniel 7, 8, 9 & 11 about this man called the Antichrist.

1. The antichrist will emerge as the **leader** of the revived Roman Empire. (Daniel 7)

2. He will be empowered by **Satan** himself. (Daniel 8:24)

Daniel 8:24 “He will become very strong, but not by his own power.”

3. He will be a powerful, deceptive, and successful leader.

a. *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.”*

b. *Daniel 8:24-25 “His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. ²⁵ “Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity.”*

- c. *Daniel 11:36 "The king (the antichrist) will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful..."*
- 4. *Daniel 9:27 "He (the antichrist) will make a treaty with the people (Israel) for a period of one set of seven (seven years), but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. Then as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the end that has been decreed is poured out on this defiler."*

Revelation 6:1-2 "Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." ² I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer." (NASB)

III. HOW DOES ALL OF THIS FIT INTO GOD'S PLAN?

- A. This is Satan's last desperate attempt to destroy the work of God through the introduction of Satan's own Messiah, the antichrist and his attempt to lead the entire world in rebellion against God.
- B. This is God's final attempt to bring as many people to Himself as possible.
- C. The Great Tribulation is the **final** judgment of God on the earth against the sin and wickedness of the world's system. There is a great white throne judgment coming individually for those who reject Christ but this is a judgment corporately against this world's system.

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people (Israel) and your holy city to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy."

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