

Characteristics of the Antichrist and the End Times

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From the verses below, the Antichrist will be the Archetype of Antiochus Epiphanies who was a Greek Syrian King from 175 to 164 BC, as detailed in Daniel 8:9-12 and 11:21-35. The Antichrist will not be obvious when he comes to power. Quite the opposite, it is likely he will be very popular, and extremely charismatic. He will use deceit, cunning and flattery to attain power for which he is not qualified eligible. If his deceit or disqualification is known by the public they won't care. Some people of the world will even call him a messiah who will deliver them from times of extreme difficulty.

He will astound the world with his successes to the point of being supernatural – because they are. He will declare himself to be a man of peace and prosperity. At the same time he will use the threat of war to bring a false peace to the world, including Israel and the Mideast. He will get Israel to sign a peace accord with the Arabs. He may even become the messiah to the Jews in Israel, and will somehow allow the Temple to be rebuilt. As time goes on he will become more and more proud and arrogant and will tolerate no dissent. Evangelism, mostly by the 144,000 converted Jews (Revelation 7:1-9) will spread like wildfire and millions of people will accept Jesus Christ as their savior, even as they are being martyred. This will infuriate him. He will begin to capture and martyr more and more Christians as they realize he is the Antichrist, while those Christians who are deceived will fall away and betray their former brothers and sisters in Christ. His deceitful policies will eventually catch up to him, and, along with a terrible war, will overcome him causing massive global starvation and death.

About the time his power becomes absolute, the people of the world will realize that they are in a struggle to the death between the Antichrist and God. Incredibly, the supernatural delusion he has woven over the people of the world will blind them, and most of them will support him against God. Something causes him to break his promise to the Jews and he will occupy the Temple, declaring himself to be God, erecting the abomination that causes desolation as the symbol of his godhood. During this time, he will die and be resurrected, fully possessed by Satan and will launch hate-driven attack against Jews and Christians. This persecution of God's people will be unparalleled in history. As God completes his Judgments against the Antichrist and the world, the Antichrist meets his demise on the plains of Meddigo and he is thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Dan 7:19 The Antichrist will be terrifying in his power and no one will be able to oppose him. But that won't happen initially. Initially he will be a man of peace (see Dan 8:25, 9:27, Rev 6:2).

Dan 7:20 He will have proud eyes and will speak boastfully (as time goes on) and will be more imposing or stout than other leaders of the time. Or he could have a stern or fierce countenance.

Dan 7:21 He wages war with the saints and overpowered them.

Dan 7:24 He will arise from 10 kingdoms and will subdue three of them.

Dan 7:25 He will defy God and oppress the saints, killing them and making them weary. He will try to change the set times and laws made by God because he knows Christ will soon destroy him.

Dan 8:23 A master of intrigue, he will capture the imagination of the world through skill, cunningness and supernatural charisma. His charisma will overwhelm the world and he will bask in their adulation and worship (see Rev. 13:8).

Dan 8:24 Over time he will become very strong, and have seemingly supernatural abilities to get things done.

Dan 8:24 He will have amazing success, while at the same time cause some people incredible destruction, especially those committed to the one and only God.

Dan 8:25 He will not only operate in deception himself, but will create an atmosphere where deceit, rather than truth prevails around the world. Nothing will really be as it seems. He will consider himself to be better than anyone else. Using peace, safety and prosperity as a pretext, he will eventually take a stand against the Prince of Princes, Jesus Christ.

Dan 9:27 He will somehow (probably supernaturally-see Dan 11:38-39), get Israel to sign a peace treaty (covenant) and Israel will live in peace and safety for awhile (Ez 38:7, 11, & 14). The covenant could also include the rebuilding of the Temple.

Dan 11:21-35 These verses describe the rise and power of Antiochus Epiphanies in such detail that historians insist that the author must have written this passage after-the-fact. Antiochus Epiphanies is the type to the archetype Antichrist. Although he was not entitled, he seized power in 175 AD through deceit and cunningness, just like the Antichrist will. He was incredibly successful, and richly rewarded those who helped him. He ruled by threat and waged war (sometimes through treachery) to gain even more power and distributed his war booty to the poor to buy their allegiance – just like the Antichrist will.

Dan 11:36 He eventually will do as he pleases (not bound by the law) and exalt himself above all gods and the God of gods. He will be extremely successful.

Dan 11:37 He may actually have Jewish blood that he forsakes, and/or will forsake all religion as he anoints himself as god. He may be asexual or homosexual, but this is not certain in the text.

Dan 11:38 He will control great military force and wield it to subdue all contenders while worshipping and receiving power from an unknown god, probably Satan himself. Satan will indwell him after he “dies” and miraculously resurrects.

Dan 11:39 With the power of this unknown god – Satan – he will attack all who oppose him and succeed in overthrowing them. He will richly reward those who support him with wealth and land. However, the disposing of land comes at a price (perhaps money, perhaps allegiance).

Mt 24:10 The deception of Dan 8: 23 will be so great that many Christians (probably nominal Christians) will turn away from their faith and will betray and hate each other (especially hate those who remain in their faith).

Mt 24:11 The deception of Dan 8:23 & 25 will create an atmosphere of deceit and many false prophets will appear and deceive a lot of people.

Mt 24:12 The love and affection for one another will grow cold as society plummets into sin and debauchery.

Mt 24:13-14 It will be so bad, Christians must be prepared to endure through tough persecution. Christians will be increasingly persecuted because they are evangelizing the world as never before.

Mt 24:21-22 After the middle of the tribulation persecution will be more severe than at anytime in the past. So much so that mankind would obliterate itself if God did not intervene.

Mt 24:23-24 In the second half of the tribulation false christ’s and prophets will arise doing incredible miracles, signs and wonders that even those Christians firm in their faith will be tempted to believe them. We are warned not to believe it.

2 Cor 11:14-15 He and the false christ’s and prophets will seem to the world to be an angels of light and a servants of righteousness.

2 Thess 2:3 Paul refers back to Jesus in Mt 24:10 when many will fall away from their faith. When the deceptive and the supernatural charismatic leader arises Paul tells us it is the Antichrist. He will gradually declare himself greater than God and will sit in the Temple, declaring himself to be God.

2 Thess 2:7 Lawlessness (deceit, inequity and debauchery as described in Daniel and Matthew) will increase until he (or the one) who holds it back (probably the Holy Spirit) releases lawlessness to control everything. The Antichrist will be known by those who have spiritual eyes as the very essence of lawlessness. Truth, any truth, will be trampled upon.

2 Thess 2:9 All of this lawlessness (sin, deceit, and debauchery) is done by the hand of Satan; accompanied by all kinds of false miracles, signs and wonders. Paul is repeating what Jesus said.

2 Thess 2:10-12 Those who believe in the Antichrist and false christ's and prophets will be under an enormous God-given delusion to believe this lie because they are blinded by their own sin and hard-heartedness.

Rev 6:2 The Antichrist will initially rule by deception using the pretext of peace, security and prosperity (See Dan 8:23-25), but will back it up with a strong military threat if any nation refuses.

Rev 6:3-11 During the first half of the tribulation, the Antichrist will wage war with those who defy him, which will result in crop failures, famine and mass death. He will also persecute and kill Christians on a massive scale, but not as much as later in the Great Tribulation.

Rev 13:6 All people not in the Book of Life (committed Christians) will worship the Antichrist.