

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"The Antichrist"

Revelation 13:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

1. Today we are going to take a look what the Bible has to say about the coming of this world leader - The Antichrist.
2. Everything God has, Satan has a counterfeit for.
 - a) The Trinity is - God the Father, God the Son - and God the Holy Spirit.
 - b) Satan has a counterfeit Trinity - The Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet.
3. **Chapter 13** is a revelation of the **Revived Roman Empire** in its period of worldwide domination and this passage directs our attention to the evil character of the Antichrist who exercises Satanic power as a world dictator.
4. But to get an understanding of what's going on in chapter 13 we need to go back to the book of Daniel.
 - a) **Daniel 2:31-34, 36-43**
5. **Chapter 13 has to do with the Revived Roman Empire.**
 - a) **Daniel 7:1-8**

SO LETS PUT TOGETHER A DISCRIPTION OF THE ANTICHRIST

I. THE CHARACTER OF THE ANTICHRIST (His Personality)

A. HE WILL BE A CHARASMATIC LEADER

1. This is what the world will see when he arrives on the world wide stage.
2. **Daniel 7:7-8**
 - a) The 4th beast had 10 horns, among which another little (insignificant) horn (Antichrist) rises up.
3. **Daniel 7:8**
 - a) **"eyes like the eyes of man"**
 - 1) Which has to do with intelligence.
 - b) **Vs 20, 25**
4. When we compare Daniel and Revelation we see that the little horn is the Antichrist.

5. **Revelation 13:5**

6. The Antichrist will be noted for great eloquence and his ability to capture the attention of the world and hold it.

7. **Daniel 7:20 NKJV**

- a) The language here refers to someone who has the appearance of a chief or lord. Someone who has a platform.
- b) People will be attracted to him because of his commanding appearance.

B. HE WILL BE A CUNNING LEADER

1. **Daniel 7:8**

- a) *"eyes like the eyes of man"*

2. This refers to the Antichrists mental ability.

- a) He will be crafty and deceptive.
- b) **Vs 20**

3. He will be able to solve the massive problems that will exist during the Tribulation.

4. **Daniel 8:25, 9:27**

- a) Many will be killed as a result of this "covenant" of peace which he makes with Israel.

C. HE WILL BE A RELIGIOUS LEADER

1. **Daniel 7:25**

- a) He will seek to change the laws and times for his benefit.
- b) He will establish his own laws and his own religious system.

2. During this time he will seek to remove all vestiges of the presence of God.

3. **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**

4. **Revelation 13:8**

D. HE WILL BE A BRUTAL DICTATOR

1. **Daniel 7:23**

2. Believers would suffer less if they were killed, but he will "wear the saints out".

a) *Daniel 7:25*

II. THE PROFILE OF THE ANTICHRIST

A. HE RISES TO POWER INCONSPICUOUSLY

1. *Revelation 12:12; 13:2*

2. Politically Daniel 7 tells us that Antichrist will gradually become more and more powerful, hardly noticed.

a) *Revelation 17:15*

b) *Daniel 9:27*

3. Actually Antichrist rises out of the Revived Roman Empire.

4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** The Roman Empire has never been defeated or canceled,

5. He will arise out of the out of the masses, so he could be a *Gentile*.

6. Spiritually he is from hell.

a) *Revelation 11:7*

7. **NOTICE** - *Revelation 13:7*

a) "*it was granted to him*"

1) BY GOD

B. HE WILL BE INTIMIDATING

1. *Revelation 13:1-2*

2. **WOW!!!** The kingdom of the Antichrist is going to incorporate features of all the kingdoms of the world that have come before it.

a) Babylon - Medo-Persia - Greece - Rome

3. The Antichrist will be the embodiment of every pagan ruler in history.

a) He will be Powerful, charismatic, and diabolical.

III. THE PLAN OF THE ANTICHRIST

1. *Revelation 13:3-4*

2. The Beast is wounded but is healed.

3. Just as the death and resurrection of the 2 witnesses caused eyes to be open around the world (**Chapter 11**), so Satan will use the death and resurrection of the Antichrist to draw attention to him.

a) And the whole world will worship him.

4. RIGHT NOW THE MIDDLE EAST IS A TIME BOMB!!!!

a) Many are saying we are on the edge of WW3.

5. The Antichrist will come on the scene as a Charismatic, Cunning, Cult leader who will woo the world.

CONCLUSION:

1. This will be a dark and terrifying time for those alive during the reign of the Antichrist.

2. The trumpet of God will sound to remove the Church from this earth before those days begin.

3. ***"Will you hear the Trumpet?"***