

Daniel Chapter 7- Pt 3 The Antichrist - Part 3

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One of the most popular pastimes of theologians is figuring out who is the anti-Christ. When you look at all of the supposed candidates, you can find someone who can agree with you. Before we actually look into this part of Daniel Chapter 7, I want to talk to you this morning about who and what the Anti-Christ is.

If you Google "Anti-Christ" you will get 11, 400,000 hits. Here's some of the ideas as to who this person might be. Through the last century people seriously suspected just about every world leader to be the antichrist.

Stand with me as we read a portion of God's Word

- 19 “Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet,
- 20 *and the meaning* of the ten horns that *were* on its head and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three *of them* fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great *boasts* and which was larger in appearance than its associates.¹ Daniel Chapter 7



Let me prove to you how numerically you can find out the identity of the antichrist. First off, does anyone in the congregation know the number of the antichrist?

If we look at Rev 16:18 we see the number of the antichrist is 666.

Indulge me for a minute, and let me prove to you that Trump is the antichrist. In fact I can prove to you that almost ANYONE is the antichrist if I fiddle with a

¹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* (1995). (Da 7:19–20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

person's name, or title, or the spelling of their name, or if I look for extraneous facts about their life that probably have nothing to do with the antichrist at all.

Principle 1: The number of the antichrist is 666.

Indulge me for a minute as I show you how this game is played. Donald John Trump has many connections to the number 666: the biblical Mark of the Beast and the Antichrist ... The Trump family bought the most expensive single building ever purchased in the United States, at 666 Fifth Avenue, a street symbolic of money (Mammon), materialism, excess, hubris and power.

The Trump family is also in the process of building a \$666 million tower at One Journal Square. According to nj.com and *Jersey City Upfront*, the height of the tower will be 666 feet. Anyway.... this gives you an idea of such foolishness.

The Gematria in English and Hebrew

A	Alaph	1	P	70	ז	50
B	bet	2	Q	90	ח	60
C	gimel	3	R	10	ט	70
D	daleth	4	S	20	י	80
E	he	5	T	3	יא	90
F	vav	6	U	5	יב	100
G	zayin	7	V	3	יג	110
H	het	8	W	3	יד	120
I	tet	9	X	8	טו	130
J	yod	10	Y	1	טז	140
K	kaf	20	Z	90	יז	150
L	lamed	30		30	יח	160
M	mem	40		5	יט	170
N	mem	50		100	כ	180
O	samek	60		60	כא	190
P	ayin	70		6	כב	200
Q	pe	80		0	כג	210
R	tsade	90		1	כד	220
S	kof	100		30	כה	230
T	mem	200		5	כו	240
U	shin	300		100	כז	250
V	tav	400			כח	260
W-Z		0			כט	270

Gematria is another method in which you can manipulate ANYONE into being the anti-Christ. **Principle 2: Gematria is a system of attributing numerical values to letters that are in English, Latin, Hebrew, Greek or any other language.** This method has been used to prove that Hitler, Judas Iscariot, For example, if you made the letter "A" equal six and then added six to each succeeding letter (B equals 12, C equals 18, etc.), then "Kissinger" equaled 666. Or, how about Ronald Wilson Reagan (each name has six letters each). Or how about William Jefferson Clinton, whose transliterated name in Hebrew equaled 666 by the gematria. The list even included George Bush, and the list

goes on and on.²

Principle 3: Church, the truth is that we don't know who he is, but the Bible gives us great indicators about WHAT he is.

Daniel 7 sets the stage for us to know who he is. It shows us that a sovereign God is in control and Daniel shows us the progression of human government and into that scheme of things we see this Anti-Christ. For the last couple of weeks I've referenced the "little horn" and today we'll take a closer look at him.

In chapter 7 of Daniel we are given a hint of 3 Epochs:

Verse 2 "I saw in my vision by night.... and then the Babylon, Medo-Persian, and Greece Kingdoms are described. Then...

Verse 7 "I saw in the night visions... the fourth great kingdom, Rome which is still alive though it is fractured and dispossessed of its political structure of old. It still basically remains. It has never been taken over by a greater kingdom. The Bible

² <http://escapeallthesethings.com/prince-charles-antichrist/>

teaches that it will be this final form of human governance over which God is victorious.

Verse 13 "and I saw in the night visions and behold"

The Anti-Christ fits in to the last part of the final form of the final Kingdom. The Bible says that a man who is an incredible man, a super kind of a man, will take over that final form of the Roman kingdom, and that's the person we're calling the Anti-Christ. **Principle 4: The reader shouldn't be confused because he's called by a lot of different names in the Bible:**

Even in the Book of Daniel itself there are several names for the Anti-Christ. In Chapter 7 he is the "Little Horn" (horn means power). In the 8th Chapter he is referred to as "the king of fierce countenance" In Ch 9 he is called "the prince that shall come". And in Chapter 11 he is called "The willful King". That's four different names that are found in this chapter and the subsequent chapters of Daniel.

In the NT, he is called other names. In Matthew, he is called "The Abomination of Desolation". In John he is called the "Anti-Christ". And in Revelation he is called "The Second Beast". You need to get your vocabulary correct or you'll never figure out who is who as we study these passages.

There are plain ways to recognize this person. There are attributes that we will see over and over. Even though we believe that we'll be called out before all of this happens, the study of this man is important for us because God put it in the Bible for us to study.

It seems that as technology speeds up and as the world becomes more complicated economically and politically people yearn for someone who can hold all of this together. The world is looking for someone to lead in matters of world hunger, global disease and things such as possible climate change. There is a vacuum of world leadership, and a character just like this is going to step in and fill that vacuum at the right moment. **Principle 5: The antichrist will have 4 distinct characteristics. He will be charismatic, clever, cultic, and cruel.**

1 He will be a charismatic leader. He is a man with great charisma. Verse 8 says "mouth speaking great things". V. 20 says, "Mouth that speaks very great things". V. 25 says "he shall speak great words against the most high." In Rev. 13:5 says, "There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things." He will have great oratorical power. He will capture the attention of the whole world. Have you ever heard great orators? Sometimes you don't even know what they say, but they say what they say so well it is captivating. He'll be able to move people's hearts and people will be mesmerized by him. We don't have too many men like this. There will also be something about him that is physically attractive. Verse 20 says, "He is more stout than his fellows".. That means he's in some way impressive or even

stunning in his appearance. There will be something about him that's absolutely magnetic. People will be totally attracted to him. (story about Bill Clinton)

2. He will be a clever leader. v.20 is a reference to his intellect and mental ability. He will have solutions for the world. V. 8 says he'll subdue 3 kingdoms. He will displace three other powers. The text says "he'll push them out (lit.. "pluck them out by their roots"). He'll maneuver three kings and he'll displace them.

Turn now to 11:21 it says, "And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. Take all the nonsense you heard in this last campaign and multiply it by 10,000 and you'll have the Anti-Christ. He'll be able to talk people into anything.

3. He will be a cultic leader - He's a religious leader. V. 25 "he shall think to change the times and the laws". He'll give great speeches against the most high God. 2 Thess 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." He's going to put himself in God's place and will ask the world to follow him instead of God. Rev 13:8 says that "all that dwell on the earth will worship him".

Most people think that he'll try to do away with the 7 day week (like they did during the French Revolution) . He'll get rid of all that has to do with structure, history, and the traditional beliefs of Christians and Jews. He'll also do away with the moral laws trying to establish his own morality. He'll also be able to do great things. 2 Thess Chapter 2 says he will be equipped by Satan to do signs, wonders, miracles, etc. He'll be able to do things that have not been seen ever.

4. Lastly, he will be a cruel leader. V. 23 "He shall devour the whole earth and tread it in pieces". "He will wear out the saints". You might wonder, "Why is the church there?" Well, these are the people who are saved during the tribulation period. You can't imagine anything as horrible as the Great Tribulation. The Bible says that "God has saved us from the wrath to come". This will be hell on earth. We are going to be saved from that.

The suffering in the last 3.1/2 years of the tribulation will be suffering like human beings have never experienced. He will wear them out. It will be cruel. It will be bloody. It will be painful and it will be horrific. It will make Nazi prison camps seem like a summer picnic. He will be responsible for killing 2/3 of the Jews (Rev: 13:8-9) He is responsible for conquering Jerusalem Zachariah 14:1-2. He is responsible for killing billions of Gentiles Rev 13:7-10. He will starve people. He'll label people. He'll cause more cruelty than humans have ever known. He will be like Antiochus Epiphanes who burned Jews up in caves. He paraded Jewish women with children on their breasts and he threw them over the walls. He killed the priest Eleazar when he refused to eat pig. Historians tell us that he literally fried children in giant frying pans in front of their

mothers. Anti-Christ will make Antiochus look like a piker.³

There are several things I want to share about this. You might ask me, "what difference does it make if I'll be gone?"

1 The stage is being set for the coming of the Anti-Christ. This should comfort you as you see the very kinds of things that the Bible describes beginning to take place. God is working His purposes out. Things will play out as God has revealed in His Word.

2 **Principle 6: The believer's strategy should not be centered on looking for the anti-Christ. Instead, the believer's strategy should be centered on THE CHRIST.** Titus 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;" So, what should your response be to this sermon today?

Luke 19:11-13 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because He was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. **12** He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. **13** And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

So guys, do what Jesus said, "Occupy till I come"... Get to work. Be about your business. Live your lives as unto the Lord.

Secondly, Matt 25:13 instructs us, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." I prefer the way the New American Standard version states this, "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour."
Principle 7: Jesus tells believers to occupy and to watch until He comes.

Guys, Jesus is telling us to "Live each day of our lives prepared for His coming again. Questions:

Is your life idle concerning the Master's Work? If so, ask the Holy Spirit of God to convict your heart this moment to bring you into step with the activity and work that is God's best desire for your life.

And secondly, how is your watching? Are you living your life oblivious to the fact that Jesus could come at any moment? Ask the Holy Spirit of God to do a work in you so that you might live a life that is more watchful... meaning more conscious of the fact that you should be living each day and each moment so that if He should come you would hear those precious words, "Well done my good and faithful servant".

Let us pray.

³ Dr. David Jeremiah -

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