

Appendix: The Antichrist in Scripture

Only John refers to him as the antichrist—a title which seems to have stuck. And in its literal meaning, anti the Anointed One (Christ), we can see why it did.

For the forty or more years I have been looking at these things, people have been trying to figure out his exact identity. Early on, I heard Dr. Hilton say, that we will not be able to do that. Here is the scriptural proof of that fact.

Note his titles given through the Apostle Paul:

The Man of Sin, The Lawless One, The Son of Perdition

2Th. 2:1 ¶ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,

2Th. 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2Th. 2:3 ¶ 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**;

2Th. 2:4 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.

2Th. 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th. 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th. 2:7 For **the mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

2Th. 2:8 And then shall **that Wicked** [lawless one] be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2Th. 2:9 *Even him*, **whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

2Th. 2:10 **And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

In one of the first Letters to the Church, false doctrine is already spreading concerning the personage of the man of sin. The Spirit, through Paul, corrects it. He will not be revealed until “that which restrains” is “taken out of the way.” That which restrains, or hinders, is the Spirit-filled Body of Christ. His identity cannot be known until the Church is caught up. (The Holy Spirit is Omnipresent. He is in Heaven with the Church. But He is still active on earth.)

How does the Church restrain the antichrist? One way is prayer in the Spirit. Here in verse 7 the system is called, “*the mystery of lawlessness.*” The King James translation calls it “*the mystery of iniquity.*”

Various subjects in the New Testament are called *mysteries*, such as, the mystery of the Church, the mystery of Israel, etc.

Praying in tongues, is the Bible way, to pray about things our heads cannot fathom:

1Cor. 14:2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit **in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.**

1Cor. 14:14 For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

I watched prayer groups in France hold back the voting in of a constitution for the EU that would have come down hard on independent churches. See the “Appendix: Image of Europe.”

The Assyrian

Is. 30:27 ¶ Behold, the name of Jehovah cometh from far, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire;

Is. 30:28 and his breath is as an overflowing stream, that reacheth even unto the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction: and a bridle that causeth to err *shall be* in the jaws of the peoples.

Is. 30:29 Ye shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come unto the mountain of Jehovah, to the Rock of Israel.

Is. 30:30 And Jehovah will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, and tempest, and hailstones.

Is. 30:31 For through the voice of Jehovah shall **the Assyrian** be dismayed; with his rod will he smite *him*.

Is. 30:32 And every stroke of the appointed staff, which Jehovah shall lay upon him, shall be with *the sound of* tabrets and harps; and in battles with the brandishing *of his arm* will he fight with them.

Is. 30:33 For a Topheth is prepared of old; yea, for the king it is made ready; he hath made it deep and large; the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of Jehovah, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it. (ASV)

The Little Horn of Daniel’s Fourth Wild Beast

Dan. 7:7 After this I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, a fourth beast, terrible and powerful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

Dan. 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Dan. 7:9 ¶ I beheld till thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, *and* the wheels thereof burning fire.

Dan. 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousands of thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Dan. 7:11 I beheld at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire.

He is a great orator. A deceiver with his words.

In 1958, we became friends with the couple who lived across the hall from our apartment. She was a German who had married an American soldier. She told us of hearing Hitler speak. She was only a little girl, but her mother took her to hear him. Even as a child, she realized the power he held over the people. She said it was indescribable.

Dr. Lester Sumrall said, "The devil has had his candidate for the antichrist in every generation."

Dan. 7:19 Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was diverse from all of them, exceeding terrible, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet;

Dan. 7:20 and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows.

Dan. 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

Dan. 7:22 until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Dan. 7:23 ¶ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Dan. 7:24 And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the former, and he shall put down three kings.

Dan. 7:25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and he shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time.

Dan. 7:26 But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Dan. 7:27 And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. He makes war with the saints of the remnant of Israel.

A Hebrew commentary on verse 25 suggests he will think to change the *moeds* and the torah. (See Appendix: Times: Moeds.)

And notice something else that was brought to my attention by the Lord's dealing with me:

It was 1975 that I heard the Voice of the Lord in my spirit saying, "I want you to preach that Jesus is coming soon." I said, "Lord I don't hear that being said in my circles." He said, "I don't want you to say it because others are saying it. I want you to say it because I say it."

Not long after that I heard someone say, "Look for the Christ. Don't look for the antichrist." So, I avoided the subject of the antichrist. The Lord corrected me again.

"Don't be afraid to speak of the antichrist. Every where he is mentioned, it says that he 'gets it!'"

The Little Horn

Dan. 8:18 Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright.

Dan. 8:19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation; for it belongeth to the appointed time of the end.

Dan. 8:20 The ram which thou sawest, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia.

Dan. 8:21 And the rough he-goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

Dan. 8:22 And as for that which was broken, in the place whereof four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.

Dan. 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.

Dan. 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do *his pleasure*; and he shall 11destroy the mighty ones and the holy people.

Dan. 8:25 And through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in *their* security shall he destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Dan. 8:26 And the vision of the evenings and mornings which hath been told is true: but shut thou up the vision; for it belongeth to many days *to come*.

Dan. 8:27 And I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I wondered at the vision, but none understood it. (ASV)

[See Daniel, Chapter 8 of this Syllabus]

The Prince That Shall Come

Dan. 9:26 And after the threescore and two weeks shall the anointed one be cut off, and shall have nothing: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy

the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and even unto the end shall be war; desolations are determined, (ASV)

The Willful King

Dan. 11:36 ¶ And **the king shall do according to his will**; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done.

Dan. 11:37 Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all.

Dan. 11:38 But in his place shall he honor the god of fortresses; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

Dan. 11:39 And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god: whosoever acknowledgeth *him* he will increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price.

Dan. 11:40 ¶ And at the time of the end shall the king of the south contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through.

Dan. 11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

Dan. 11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

Dan. 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.

Dan. 11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many.

Dan. 11:45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

The Antichrist

1John 2:18 ¶ Little children, it is the last hour: and as ye heard that **antichrist** cometh, even now have there arisen many **antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last hour. (KJV)

The Beast

Rev. 13:1 ...And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.

Rev. 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.

Rev. 13:3 And *I saw* one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast;

Rev. 13:4 and they worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war with him?

Rev. 13:5 and there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and there was given to him authority to continue forty and two months.

Rev. 13:6 And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, *even* them that dwell in the heaven.

Rev. 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. (ASV)

[See my *Syllabus on The Book of Revelation* for more...]

The beast is both a person and a system. The beast system upon which the beast, the antichrist, operates is a conglomerate of the beasts of Daniel's visions.

Daniel 7:2,3 declares that the beasts come up from The Great Sea. The Great Sea in the O.T. is The Mediterranean Sea. The four Empires were vast, stretching all around the Mediterranean. By the time of the Roman Empire, that sea was like a lake surrounded by the Empire of Rome. This shows us "the prophetic earth." It limits the scope of the antichrist's greatest authority.

The conglomerate beast of the tribulation carries attributes of the Four Empires.

The body of the beast is like unto a leopard: Greece, Grecian in appearance.

Greek influence is the largest residue left in western society, therefore represented by the largest part of the beast in Revelation.

Daniel foresaw the beasts in their beginnings.

John saw them in their end.