

Who is the Anti-Christ? – Part II

1. His Genius and Character

His fullest description is in Daniel: For 6,000 years Satan has studied human fallen nature. He knows how to dazzle men and make them do his will. He knows how to gratify knowledge, love arts and refinement. He knows how to draw into the occult.

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words." (Daniel 7:7-8 NKJV)

"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them..." (Daniel 7:21 NKJV)

2. He will be an intellectual genius.

"Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! There is no secret that can be hidden from you!..." (Ezekiel 28:3 NKJV)

3. He will be an oratorical genius.

"...And the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows." (Daniel 7:20 NKJV)

4. He will be a commercial genius.

"...And that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Revelations 13:17 NKJV)

"With your wisdom and your understanding you have gained riches for yourself, and gathered gold and silver into your treasuries; By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, And your heart is lifted up because of your riches),..." (Ezekiel 28:4-5 NKJV)

5. He will be a military genius.

"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." (Daniel 8:24 NKJV)

"So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?'" (Revelation 13:4 NKJV)

6. He will be a religious genius.

"...Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." (II Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV)

7. The Career of the Anti-Christ

His career is divided into two distinct parts.

a. He will rise in the fourth kingdom which will be divided into 4 parts.

"Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land." (Daniel 8:8-9 NKJV)

b. After Alexander the Great's death the kingdom was divided into four parts: Greece, Egypt, Syria and Persia

- East is Persia and Greece
- South is Egypt and "glorious" land is Israel

8. From self glorification he goes to self deification

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9. He will be Satan's substitute for Christ.

- There is a Cain for every Abel, a Janice and Jambres for every Moses and Aaron, a Babylon for every Jerusalem, a Herod for every John the Baptist.