

The Rise of the Anti-Christ

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Review: The opening of the “Sealed Book” of Rev. 5 introduce the “Tribulation” period.

1. The Rise of the Beast.

A. A Charismatic leader will rise to power.

- 1) He’s a peaceful rider on the White horse in Rev. 6:2 and a terrible beast in Rev. 13!
- 2) His rise could be initiated by a cataclysmic event that will “launch” him into the world’s eyes.
- 3) He’ll “solve” the Middle East Crisis initiating a 7 year “Peace Treaty”. (Daniel 9:27)
- 4) He’ll be backed by 10 major Nations in his rise to world-wide power. (*Dan. 7:7,24; Rev. 17:12*)
- 5) His kingdom will be Satanically enabled! (Rev. 12:9; 13:2)
- 6) He’ll be backed by the “Church”, using religion to gain the trust of the people. (Rev. 17)
- 7) This period of “political popularity” will last 3 ½ years. (Dan. 9:27; Rev. 13:1-5)

2. The Transition: “Resurrection of the Beast”

A. There will be a possible assassination attempt.

- 1) Satan will possess (and apparently resurrect) him. (Rev. 13:3; 2 Thes 2:3,9)

B. His “False Prophet” will do miracles to deceive the masses. Rev 13:12-15

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3. The Great Tribulation will be...

A. A time of Incredible Manipulation. (Big, oppressive, intrusive Government.)

- 1) Global Identification. Rev 13:16 *“he causeth all ... to receive a mark in their right hand, or foreheads:”*
- 2) Global currency Control. Rev. 13:17 *“that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”*

This technology currently exists!

- ### B. A time of intentional Deception. Rev. 13:12-15 *“he ... causeth the earth to worship the first beast, and doeth great wonders and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles”* 2 Th. 2:3,9 *“whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders and deceivableness of unrighteousness... because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved.”*

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Daniel 7:7, 21 *“I beheld a beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces... and had 10 horns... and another horn... speaking great things...”*
21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them...”

- 1) The Beast is the final world Government.
- 2) The Horn is the Anti-Christ leading it.
- 3) The False Prophet *“causeth the earth to worship the first beast, and doeth great wonders... deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”* Rev. 13:12-15
- 4) The first 4 seals opened in Rev. 5 are the Antichrist, War, Famine, Death.
- 5) The Fifth Seal reveals the murdered Saints. Rev 6:9

D. A Limited Duration. Mt. 24:21

1) This period will be limited to 42 months. Rev. 12:14; 13:5

Mt. 24:22 *“except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: for the elect's sake they shall be shortened.”*

Daniel 7:25 *“he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, ... and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”* 3 ½ years

Conclusion: During the 7 year Tribulation God will:

- Allow the Beast to have his “way” for 42 months.
- Miraculously protect the faithful Jews for these 42 months. (Rev. 12:14)
- Send two prophets to preach for 42 months. (Rev. 11)
- Call 144,000 Jewish evangelists to preach the gospel. (Rev. 14)
- Send a special angel to preach. (Rev. 14:6)
- Send a series of 28 Divine Judgments on the world. (Rev. 6-18)

Daniel 7:21-22 *“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 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. 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”*

Application: This Great Tribulation is:

Horrible, Inevitable, and completely Avoidable!

1 Thes. 5:2-11 *“the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. . . 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation (sōtēri'a: rescue, deliverance) by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us. . .”*

God has an “appointment” for your salvation!

2 Pt. 3:9 *“God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

2 Cor 6:1-2 *“We, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (Grace {Char'is} God's influence on the heart...) For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted,*

There may be a time he won't hear you! Pr. 1:20-33

and in the day of salvation have I succored thee:”

“behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

Will you keep God's Appointment? Rev. 3:19, 20

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”