

The Rise of the Antichrist Daniel 9:27

Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC Sunday Sept. 22nd

In response to prayer God revealed the future kingdoms to Daniel (Ch 2,7)

In both visions the final kingdom is made up of 10 Nations led by one dominant leader who: Subdues the other Nations (2:40, 7:8); Blasphemes God (Dan. 7:8, 11, 25); Persecutes God's people (Dan 7:21-22); and is eventually Overthrown by Christ's return. (Dan. 2:44,45; 7:9-18; 22)

In Chapter 9:24-27 God reveals his Timetable for His people and the last days.

Last week we looked at the first 69 "weeks" (483 years) between the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Death of the Messiah (Jesus Christ).

Since the prophecy is specific for "*thy people* (Israel) *and thy holy city* (Jerusalem)" vs 24 there's a prophetic parenthetical period between death of the Messiah (vs 26) and the final "week" of vs 27.

26 "*and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*"

1. This 70th week begins with a covenant.

Vs 27 "*and he* (the prince that will eventually come) *shall confirm the covenant for one week*"

A. The antichrist will negotiate some form of 7 year peace treaty with Israel and the Surrounding nations.

- 1) Possibly tied to the rebuilding of the temple.
- 2) Many Jews will begin to embrace him as their long awaited political messiah.

2. He's initially portrayed as a victorious king on a white stallion Rev. 6:1,2

"when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, ... saying 'come and see'. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

A. His rise will leave a wake of destruction. Rev. 6:1-10

- 1) War Vs 3-4 2) Famine vs 5,6 3) Death Vs 7-8 4) Persecution vs 9,10
- a) Daniel prophesied about this. 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...*"
- b) Jesus warned of this Mt 24:9-12 "*Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake...*"

3. He's eventually revealed as an abominable beast in Rev. 13:1

"I... saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his head ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."

God is describing his nature, not his actual appearance! (1 Sam. 16:7)

A. His kingdom will have characteristics of the previous ones that persecuted Israel.

Rev. 13:2 "*And the beast ... was like unto a leopard, (Greece in Daniel 7:6) and his feet were as the feet of a bear, (Media Persia Daniel 7:5) and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: (Babylon in Daniel 7:4) and the dragon*" (Rome {Dan. 7:7-8} and Satan {Rev. 12})

B. He'll have a religious counterpart (False Prophet) to complete the unholy trinity!

Rev 13:11-14 *"I beheld another beast ... and he had two horns like a lamb and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him... And he doeth great wonders, ... and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by means of those miracles..."*

1) He'll use religion (The apostate church) to gather support for the "antichrist" .

Rev. 17 describes this global church as vs 1 *"the great whore...4 sitting upon the scarlet beast..."*

5 *"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."*

6 *"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus..."*

2) Once they've gained power, they'll destroy this apostate church. 17:5,6 *"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast... shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate... For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled"*

Conclusion:

Don't Panic! 2 Tim. 1:7-9 *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind... Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace..."*

Application: Instead of Panicking; Purpose to Pray, Prepare, & Partner
(with God and each other!) Mt 11:28-30

When warning of the Tribulation (2 Th 2) Paul says: 1 *"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, (see 1 Thes. 4:16-18)*

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.*

3...*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...*

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

7 *For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; (See 1 Jn 4:1-4) only he who now letteth (katechō: holds back) will let, until he be taken out of the way."*

Satan is on God's leash! (1 Jn 4:4; 5:4)

8 *"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, (See Rev. 19:15) and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.*

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

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.*

11 *"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

12 *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."*

(See Gen. 6:3 and Pr. 1:24-33; and Ro. 1:16-32)

15 *"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*

16 *Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,*

Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word (belief) and work," (ergon: behavior)