The Antichrist: Unleashing the Beast – The Mahdi
**Spirit of Antichrist**

Read 1 John 4:2-3, 1 John 2:18

- The Spirit of Antichrist is already at work
- This is an anti-Christian spirit that does everything it can to reject, deny, and undermine the truth of Jesus
- This spirit has been at work since Jesus went back to heaven
- Numerous references to the Antichrist are in the writings of the early church fathers like Irenaeus, Jerome and Hippolytus

_Irenaeus said “the Antichrist shall come as an apostate, the very embodiment of satanic apostasy.”_

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Old Testament Allusions
(from 33)

- Seed of the Serpent      Gen 3:15
- Idol Shepherd            Zech 11:16, 17
- Little Horn              Dan 7:8-11, 21-26
                            Dan 8:9-12, 23-25
- Prince that shall come   Dan 9:26
- Willful King             Dan 11:36
New Testament Allusions  
(from 13)

- Beast  
  Rev 11:7; 13
- Antichrist (Pseudo-Christ)  
  1 John 2:22
- Lawless One  
  2 Thess 2:8
- Man of Sin  
  2 Thess 2:3
- One come in his own name  
  John 5:43
- Son of Perdition  
  2 Thess 2:3
Arthur Pink, “The Antichrist”, says “Satan has had full opportunity afforded him to study fallen human nature….The devil knows full well how to dazzle people by the attraction of power…He knows how to use worldly greatness and control it so that it can be employed against God and His people.”

His Characteristics

- An intellectual genius
  - Dan 7:20; 8:23; Eze 28:3
- An persuasive orator
  - Dan 7:20; Rev 13:2
- A shrewd politician
  - Dan 11:21; Dan 8:25;
- A financial genius
  - Rev 13:17; Eze 28:4, 5
  - Psa 52:7; Dan 11:38, 43;
- A forceful military leader
  - Dan 8:24; Rev 6:2;
  - Rev 13:4; Isa 4:16
- A powerful organizer
  - Rev 13:1, 2; 17:17
- A unifying religious guru
  - 2 Thess 2:4;
  - Rev 13:3, 14, 15
### Christ versus Antichrist

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Satan has always had one man ready to be the Antichrist in case it was the end. Several candidates have always existed: Nero, Hitler, Stalin etc.

The Key = Satan must wait on God’s timing!
The Babylonian Empire 606-539 BC
The Greek Empire 332 – 68 BC
The Roman Empire 68 BC – 476 AD
Ottoman-Turk Empire 1517-1917 AD
The Fourth Kingdom and the Little Horn
Daniel 7:19-27

- Different from the others; extremely terrifying
- Iron teeth, bronze claws
- Went around devouring, crushing and trampling the whole earth
- Had 10 horns on it’s head: Horns are 10 kingdoms
- Another horn rises up and subdues 3 of the original horns – (Egypt Libya & Sudan)
- This little horn makes war with Jews and prevails
- Ancient of Days arrives and pronounces judgment on this little horn

Little Horn

- He speaks words against the Most High
- He will oppress the Holy Ones of the Most High
- He will intend to change religious laws and feasts of Israel

Revelation 13:7
And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast 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 seat, and great authority.

Revelation 13:1, 2

The Antichrist is called the Beast 32 times in the New Testament!
Revelation 17: Seven Heads

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- Ottoman-Turk
- Islamic Caliphate

Read Revelation 17:10-11

- 5 are Fallen
- One is
- One has not yet come
- Beast Kingdom
The Mingled Kingdom

• In Nebuchadnezzar’s dream all the other kingdoms following him would be inferior.
• All the other kingdoms emanated from Babylonian empire or the head. The head initiates. (Nimrod was builder of Babylon)
• This whole kingdom structure exists to harass, influence and ultimately destroy Israel
• If Christ is the head of the church and the King of Babylon is the head of this opposing kingdom of Christ then the Antichrist has some affiliation with Babylon

Kingdom Identity
The kingdom has elements of Rome - Ottomans
• Babylon is the Head of the image not Rome however Revelation 17:7-11 is in reference to each empire that would control Jerusalem
• The spirit that possesses the Antichrist rises up out of the pit and is the king, Abaddon in the Hebrew (Nimrod). Rising up in Greek is the word Abbadon.
• This spirit king is released from the Euphrates River. There is today an island in the Shatt Al Arab at the mouth of the Persian Gulf named Abadan. Coincidence??

Hebrew word for mingled is arav which we get the English word Arab!
This leads us to the Alternate View!
There is evidence in the Bible that the fall of Satan took place here in Babylon.

Babel in Hebrew means the gate of God. (Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14 mention his fall to earth!

There are 5 recorded dwelling places for Satan in Scripture: heaven, Garden of Eden, Babylon, Tyre and Turkey. All earthly places are in the Middle East.
The Assyrian: The One to Come

Daniel 8:9 says the little horn will come out of one of the four generals of Alexander’s areas. The little horn foreshadowed in Scripture is Antiochus Epiphanes. He was descended from the Seleucid Dynasty.

Assyria ruled Iraq, Syria and Lebanon and Northern Israel!

Micah 5: 5-6  
Land of Assyria, Land of Nimrod

Isaiah 10: 20-25  
Shall invade Israel

Isaiah 14: 25-26  
Will be on God’s Holy Mountain, God’s Plan for the Earth

Isaiah 30: 30-31  
Will be ultimately destroyed by God

Ezekiel 31: 3,6, 8-9, 16  
Downfall of Assyria
Nimrod: The Antichrist?

- Read Genesis 6:10-11
- Nimrod was a descendant of Noah, Ham & Cush
- Nimrod also has a connection to the Nephilm in Genesis chapter 6
- He was a builder, hunter & hater of the Living God
- He was the founder of both Nineveh & Babylon
- He was the original center of worship in Babylon & the false system of religion that is called a mystery in Scripture
- He was known as the legendary King Enmerkar of Uruk
- Read Daniel 2:43 again. Mingling with the seed of the Fallen Angels
Islamic Antichrist

The Madhi

- The 12th Imam from Shia Islam or Madhi from Sunni
- He will come on the world scene and convert the entire world to Islam
- He will be a military ruler
- He will be a descendent of Mohammed and his daughter Fatima
- He will rule for 7 years
- He will come riding in on a white horse (Revelation 6:1)
- Islam denies that Jesus is the Son of God; Spirit of Antichrist
- He will conquer Jerusalem
- He will pursue the Jews to Petra

Additional Antichrist Features

- He will be over the oil states; Daniel 11:24
- He will control the sea; Daniel 11:43, Isaiah 11:15
Jordan/Iraq: The Hashemite’s Claim

• Direct descendants of Mohammed via his daughter Fatima. Trace their ancestry to Hashim ibn Abd al-Manf who died in 510 AD, the great grandfather of Mohammed. King Abdullah II of Jordan is the 43rd in line.

• Original kings of the Hejaz: Rulers of Mecca and Medina

• From the 10th century onwards the Sharif of Mecca and its Emir was traditionally a Hashemite

• Ancestral house is Banu Hashim, a branch of the Quraish tribe

• Also heirs to the crown of Iraq and Syria (The Assyrian)
Jordan/Iraq: The Hashemites Claim: Hussein bin Ali

• Sharif Hussein bin Ali, appointed in 1908 as Emir of Mecca. He rebelled against the Ottomans in 1916. He ruled an independent Hejaz from 1917-1924.

• He lost power to Ibn Saud who annexed the Hejaz in 1925. The region was later incorporated into Saudi Arabia.

• He had 5 sons. Two most important were Faisal who was briefly King of Syria and ended up becoming King of Iraq and Abdullah who was King of Jordan.

• There are Hashemites in Iran, Pakistan, India, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Yemen, Djibouti, Sudan and Turkey.
Jordan/Iraq: The Hashemites Claim: Iraq

• Ruled as kings from 1921-1958. Overthrown by various military leaders until in 1979 Saddam Hussein took power.

• Iraq is made up of 65% Shia Muslims and 35% Sunni Muslims

• Last Hashemite king was Faisal II who ruled Iraq from 1939 until 1958.

• He was the third Hashemite king of Iraq. He has no children since he never married

• If a Hashemite were to be named to the throne of Iraq to rule it would be Abdullah II
Jordan/Iraq: The Hashemites Claim: Jordan

- We know from Scripture that Edom, Moab and Ammon all escape the Antichrist’s wrath in the Tribulation. Why? All three tribes or peoples are located in present day Jordan.

- Four Hashemite kings have ruled Jordan: Abdullah I, Talal, Hussein and Abdullah II

- Jordan is over 75% Palestinian, not Hashemite

- Would Abdullah give up the land of Jordan to solve Palestinian issue and be named King of Iraq? Oil wealth and ancient city of Babylon to rebuild
Jordan/Iraq: The Hashemites Claim: Abdullah II

- 43rd direct descendant of Mohammed via his daughter Fatima
- Can claim rulership of Hejaz
- Born of Arab father and English mother (Roman)
- Has peace with Israel today
- Recently named custodian of Temple Mount by Palestinians with Israeli support
- Would be accepted by West and by Muslims as Mahdi
Jordan/Iraq: The Hashemites Claim: Abdullah II

• Has all characteristics of Antichrist: capable diplomat on world stage, charismatic leader, direct descendant of Mohammed, currently a King and has peace with Israel

• He has a close relationship with the West and the United States. Scripture tells us that the Antichrist becomes very strong but not by his own power. United States most powerful military and economy in the world. US has troops on the ground in Jordan to help with Syrian situation.

• Born under weird signs in the heavens during 1962. He was born in the year that a lot of prophecies said a child would be born in Middle East that will revolutionize the world under one government and one faith

• He continues to play a huge role in Middle East peace and in world interfaith meetings
The “Abomination of Desolation”

Matthew 24:15-16, 2 Thessalonians 2:4
Armageddon

• All the armies of the world gather together for the last battle
• The Antichrist battles forces from the north, south and east
• He then heads to Jerusalem to destroy it
• God intervenes in the Return of the King: Jesus Christ and defeats the armies of evil
• The Antichrist and the False Prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire
• Satan is chained in the bottomless pit
• This will be one of the most anti-climatic events in history!!!!

• Two purposes are at work here: The divine purpose is that the world is being prepared for the 1,000 year reign of Christ. The satanic purpose is to once and for all liquidate the Jews
Return of the King: Revelation 19:9