

Timothy Ministries

# Mini-Seminary

## ESCHATOLOGY 1 THE ANTICHRIST

### Part 1

## The Antichrist Is A Spirit Already In Our World

Genesis 3.14-15

**Cursed are you separately from all the domestic animals,  
and from all the animals of the wild.**

**Upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.**

**And enmity I will put  
between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed.**

**He shall crush<sup>1</sup> you, [i.e., your] head,  
and you shall crush him, [i.e., his] heel.**

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<sup>1</sup> Or *strike* or *bruise*, also in following line.

1Jo 4.2-3 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the **antichrist**, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

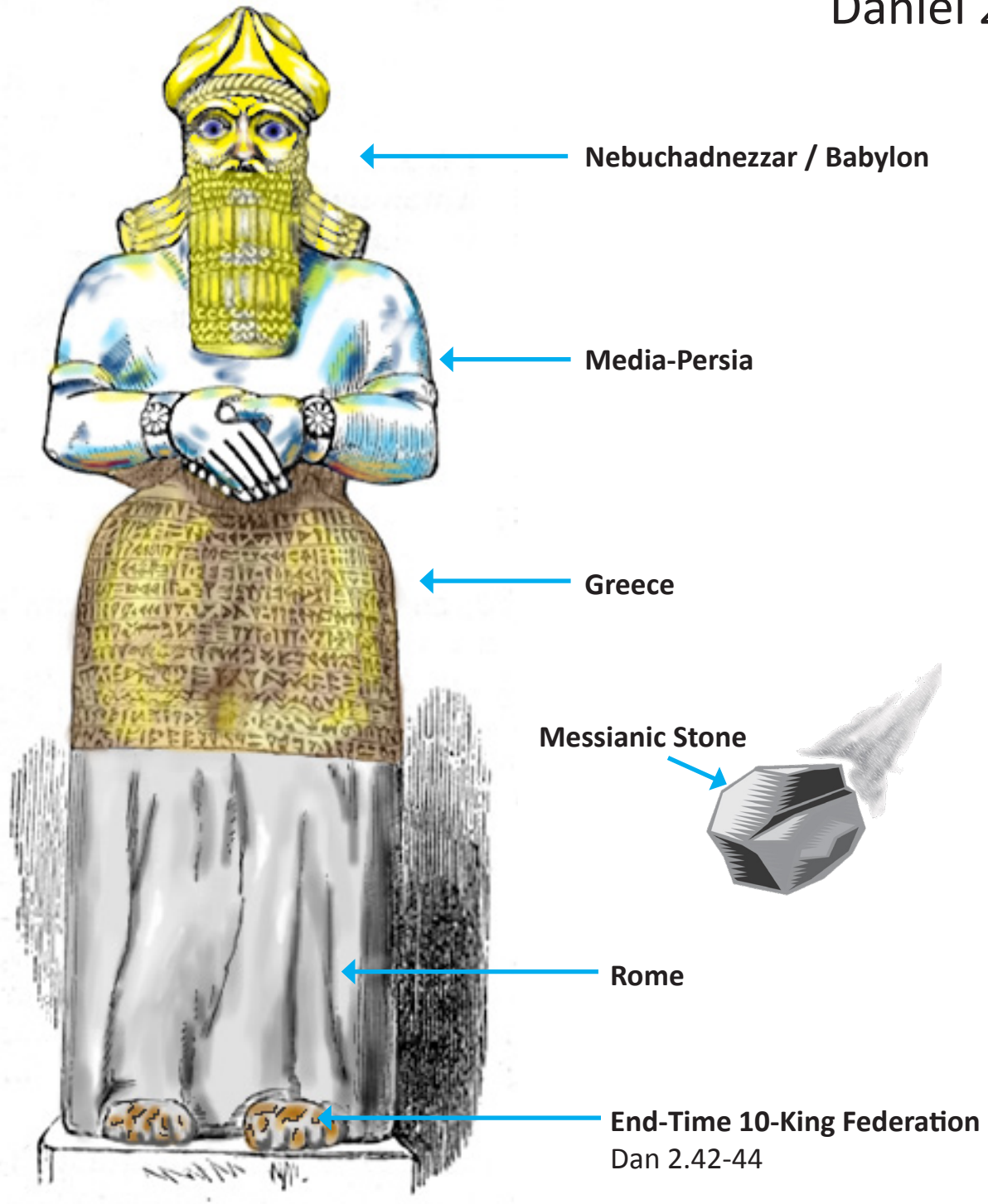
2Th 2.7-8 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. Then that **lawless one** will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming

Rev 9.11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name **Apollyon Destroyer**.

**The spirit of Antichrist is not Satan, but Satan's seed (Gen 3.15), that is, Satan's "son," a parody of Eve's divine descendant, the son of God.** The spirit of Antichrist emerges from "the abyss," a mysterious place that will become Satan's prison (Rev 9.11; 11.7; 17.8; 20.1-3). Satan will give "his power and his throne and his authority to the spirit of Antichrist, *and to the man it inhabits*, such that the Antichrist will exhibit signs and false wonders (Dan 8.24; Rev 13.1-4; 2Th 2.8-10)

# Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Image

Daniel 2



## Part 2

# The Antichrist Is A Man

Those who see you will gaze at you, They will ponder over you, saying,  
'Is this the man who made the earth tremble ...?'

Isaiah 14 (cf. Dan 7.8; 2Th 2.3; Rev 13.18)

**A "Mediterranean" Man: Daniel 7.3; Revelation 13.1; cf. 17.1,15.**

**A "Roman" Man: Daniel 7.7-8,23-24; Revelation 17.11**



**A "Greek" Man: Daniel 8.22-23**



**A “Seleucid” Man: Daniel 8.22-23**



**An Arabian Prince: Daniel 9.26; Josephus Wars 3.1.3; 3.2.4; 3.4.2**

**A King Of Assyrian: Isaiah 14.24-27; cf. Isaiah 7.18-25.**

**The King Of Babylon, The King Of The North: Isaiah 14.4-20; Daniel 9.26; 11.40; cf. Nebuchadnezzar as preceding “king of the north” (Jeremiah 46.24-26; Ezekiel 26.7).**

Though Antichrist will be a prince and a king, he will not gain his kingship by a dynastic succession nor an orderly political process. Instead, he will “seize the kingdom by intrigue” and increase his power by deception (Dan 11.21-23). His appearance on the world scene may begin as that of a “small time,” ambitious, political “strong man,” but through scheming alliances he will become *a military power* sufficient to challenge and subdue Egypt as (Dan 11.24-27). Nevertheless, his kingdom will be in a geographically finite region of the eastern Mediterranean world, where some of God’s end-time judgments will fall (Rev 16.1-12). Some Middle-Eastern countries will escape his dominion (Dan 11.41).

**He will appear *after* the rise of an identifiable contingent of 10 kings (Dan 7.8,24; Rev 17.12; cf. Dan 2.41-44). These 10 kings will submit their power and authority to him (Rev 17.12-13), but he will subdue three of them (Dan 7.24).**

**The Ultimate Autonomous (Lawless) Man: 2 Thessalonians 2.3**

**The Ultimate Blasphemous Man, Proclaiming Himself God: Isaiah 14.13-14; Daniel 7.25; 11.36-37; 2 Thessalonians 2.4; 1John 2.18,22; Revelation 13.5-6**

**The Ultimate Anti-Semitic Man, Hater Of Israel And Everything That Pertains To Israel's God: Daniel 8.11-14; 9.27; 11.31-32**

This hatred is the impetus for the “abomination of desolation,” a desecration of the Jerusalem temple (and/or temple area), apparently involving the raising of a statue of himself in the “holy place,” and the demand that it be worshiped (Mat 24.15; Rev 13.14-15).



## The Antichrist's Names & Titles: Chart Key

### NUMBERING

In the preceding chart, the numbering of names/titles is roughly chronological, from earliest revelation to most recent.

### COLOR CODING

The **red boxes** enclose the names and titles of an arch-adversary who is described in an *explicitly* End-Time, Day-of-the-LORD, or *Parousia* (Christ's second coming) setting. The **black boxes** enclose names and titles that are inferentially linked to the arch-adversary of the explicit passages. The **gray boxes** contain names and titles that are tenuous, based on the interpretations of some commentators.

### CONNECTIONS

Touching text boxes enclose names or titles that are in the same passage; it is apparent that these names and titles refer to the same person. Dotted lines between boxes connect the named entities by (1) character, (2) actions, (3) demise, (4) geography, or (5) by a direct citation (i.e., a quotation of previous prophecy).

**T**he verses that mention a name or title of the Antichrist do not exhaust the biblical data relating to this individual. To understand all that the Bible says about him we must not only study the complete context of those passages where one of his names or titles appears, but also passages that do not name him, but convey information about his kingdom, or implicit involvement in the events of the End Time and Day of the LORD.



## Part 3

# The Antichrist Is A Federation

I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns ... and on his horns were ten diadems ....

“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.”

Revelation 13.1; 17.12-13

**The Beastly Antichrist Has A Corporate Character As A Federation Of Ten Kings**, presumably gathered from among the monarchs of eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries. Apparently the country of Jordan will decline or otherwise escape this partnership (Dan 11.41), but Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia will be drawn into the Antichrist orbit (Dan 11.43), probably along with Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Sooner or later, Persia will join forces with the Antichrist empire (Rev 16.11; cf. 9.13-19).

**The Antichrist Federation Will Hate The Economic Domination Of Western Europe, And Will Finally Destroy The City Of Rome: Revelation 17.1 to 19.6.**

This *economic* competition between the eastern Mediterranean kingdom of the Antichrist and Western Europe will provide the impetus for “the mark of the beast.” The imposition of the famous “mark,” whom all living within Antichrist’s territories will be ordered to receive, will be an economic strategy: “no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, *either* the name of the beast or the number of his name” (Rev 13.16-18). The East-West economic war will culminate in the military obliteration of the “great prostitute,” the city of Rome (called “Mystery Babylon”) by the ten-king federation that will hate her and burn her with fire, destroying her completely in a day’s time (Rev 17.16; 18.8). When Rome is destroyed by the Antichrist federation, it will be heads of state accustomed to living in luxury and merchants who had enriched themselves by her who mourn the demise of this economic center (Rev 18.9-13).

Ironically, it will be God who puts it into the heart of the ten kings to destroy this hub of human trafficking and every other kind of vice (Rev 17.18; 18.8; 19.1-4).

**The Antichrist And His Federation Will Then Initiate The Final Battle For Jerusalem, Commonly Known As The Battle Of Armageddon: Joel 3.1-17; Zechariah 9.13-17; 12.1-9; 14.1-5, 12-15; Revelation 16.12-16; 17.12-14; 19.19-21.**

The Antichrist and his federated armies will assemble in Israel's vast northern plain adjacent to Mt. Megiddo (from which the word *Armageddon* derives). They will then march south to Jerusalem, scorching the earth as they go (Joel 2.3). After they make initial inroads into the city (Zec 14.2), the LORD Himself will come and cause the invading armies to dissolve where they stand (Zec 14.12).

Antichrist and his armies, like Pharaoh and his army in an earlier time, will dare to attempt battle directly against God *in His visible form* (Rev 17.12-14; 19.19; cf. Psalm 2)! As Pharaoh's army was drowned in the Red Sea, Antichrist and his false prophet will be drowned in "the lake of fire" (Rev 19.20). All the invading militants, having been instantly killed by Christ's decree, will leave their bodies to the carrion birds (Rev 19.21).

So much for the *Antichrist man* and the *Antichrist federation*; what of the Antichrist spirit, the "son of Satan"? Scripture does not tell us explicitly, but we can assume that this evil spirit accompanies the human Antichrist into the lake of fire.

"In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever."

Daniel 2.44 (NASB95)

## Part 4

# So What?

**What does this tell us about Jesus?**

**What does this tell us about the Christian life?**

## Want To Continue Learning About This Topic?

Here are some recommended resources:

### A Few Articles By The Instructor

Graciano, Roderick. *The Antichrist In The Proto-Evangel.* [https://www.tmin.org/pdfs/ID\\_666\\_Appendix\\_1\\_v.2.pdf](https://www.tmin.org/pdfs/ID_666_Appendix_1_v.2.pdf)

— *Battling Babylons: The Vision Of “The Great Prostitute” And Its Startling Implications.* [https://www.tmin.org/pdfs/Battling\\_Babylons.pdf](https://www.tmin.org/pdfs/Battling_Babylons.pdf)

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