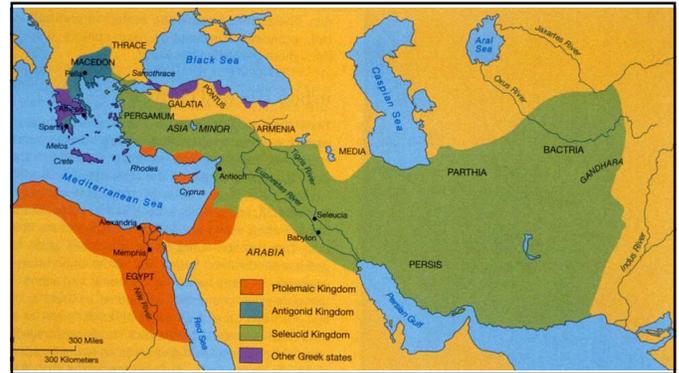


Who Is The Anti-Christ?



What Are the Clues?

- He will come from the 4th beast, of a 10 nation confederation -Dan.7:19,20,24
- He will come from the largest portion of division of the Greek empire - 8:9 Middle East context
- I believe he will be an Islamic leader
 - 87% Sunnis
- He will “put down or subdue” (7:24) 3 kings
- He will be a powerful, dynamic, charismatic leader 11:36; Dan.7:8; 2Thess.2:9;

What Are the Clues?

- He will be a king “a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise”(8:23), “shall seduce with flattery”(11:32) “Those who violate the covenant”
- His power will be great, but not by his own power 8:24; 2 Thess.2:9 Signs and wonders
- By his cunning, he shall make deceit prosper under his hand 8:25
- He will be “religious” and develop the trust of many Jews, Muslims and “Christians” 2Thess.2:3

The First 3.5 Years

- 9:27 – he will make a covenant allowing for the construction of a Jewish temple.
- This agreement will be start of the 7yr. countdown to the coming of Christ
- He will “exalt himself and magnify himself above every god” 11:36 shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant – talk before action
- He will speak words against the Most High 7:25; 11:36
- He grew great, even to the host of heaven 8:10-11
- This is Satan incarnate 2Thess.2:9; Isa.14:12-14

The Final 3.5 Years

- Satan is Cast out of heaven! Rev.12:13-13:6 cf. Job.1,2
- He will oppose and exalt himself against every god or object of worship 2Thess 2:4; In his own mind he shall become great Dan.8:24; Matt.24:10-14
- He will take his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. 2 Thess.2:4; Matt.24:15
- The regular offering will be stopped. The “wing of abominations”(9:27) shall intensify
- He shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. 8:24

The Final Battle

- Rev.13:7-10⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear: ¹⁰ If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

The End Of Time

- Rev.13 makes it clear we are NOT to take up arms, but to joyfully laydown our lives. We need to prepare for plundering, stumbling and death to show the Eternal value of life in Christ
- Dan.7:21,25,26; 8:19; 9:26b-27; 12:6b-7
- The Anti-Christ will lose favour with the King of the South and the King of the North and they will gather to attack him in the Holy Land. Rev.16:12-16; Zech.14:1-3

The Final Battle

- Zech.14:4-5,12; Dan.12:1a, Rev.19:11;
- These things take us to the END of Time. Dan.7:27; 8:19; 9:24; 11:35; 12:1b;
- The next event is the resurrection to judgment.12:1b-2
- Those who names are written in the book and are left alive will be raptured.12:1c
- Those who have died will be raised. Some to everlasting life, some to everlasting contempt.12:2
- We are called to shine 12:3

The Gathering Of The Saints

- The only place a gathering of the saints is mentioned is at the end. Nothing is mentioned at the beginning of the 7.
- 2Thess.2 deals with the coming of Jesus and the gathering of the saints. The gathering will not happen until 3 things happen.
 1. The falling away, apostasy, happens 3b
 2. The man of lawlessness is revealed 3c
 3. The lawless one takes his seat in the temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

What Do We Do?

1. Pursue your relationship with God, so that you are not a part of the falling away. 2Thess.2:3
2. Love Truth, so that you may discern between the activity of Satan and the Holy God. 2Thes.2:9-12
3. Pursue your knowledge of the word and understand the times so that your may be part of “the wise” who turn many others to righteousness and know what people ought to do. Dan.11:33,12:3,10