

DOCTRINE OF THE ANTICHRIST

- I. His titles include:
 - A. The Antichrist (1Jn.4:3).
 - B. The Beast (Rev.11:7; 13:3,4, 12).
 - C. Little horn (Dan.7:8).
 - D. Man of lawlessness/lawless one (2Thess.2:3, 8).
 - E. The Prince (Dan.9:26).
 - F. The son of destruction (2Thess.2:3).

- II. His origin.
 - A. He is a resurrected unbeliever (Rev.11:7 "*...the beast that comes up out of the abyss*"; Rev.17:8 "*The beast...is about (pres.a.i. μελλό, mello) to come up out of the abyss and to go to destruction*").
 - B. He is a king from the pre-Roman past (Rev.17:8 "*The beast that you saw (cp. vs.7, where an angel tells John the mystery of the beast with seven heads and ten horns) was (imperf. ἐμί, eimi) and is not (pre-Roman), and is about to come up out of the abyss. ...when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come (fut.m.ind. ἐρχομαί, erchomai)*"; Rev.17:9,10 "*The seven heads...are seven kings; five have fallen (Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Persia and Greece), one is (Roman Empire), the other has not yet come (revived Roman empire in western Europe); and when he comes he must remain a little while*"; Rev.17:11 "*And the beast which was and is not...is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction*").
 - C. He predates John's day, is a king among the seven, comes up from hell, and has a political future with the ten horns (kings), Dan.7:7,8; Rev.7:12.
 - D. This is the revived Roman Empire (cf. Dan. 7:7; 2:33-34, 40-43).

- III. His identity (Rev.17:7 "*mystery of...the beast*").
 - A. He is associated with the seven heads as a king. He must have been a leader of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, or the Revived Roman Empire (R.R.E.).
 - B. Since he predated the sixth "head" (Rome) associated with John's time, he must have had a history associated with heads one through five (Rev.17:8 "*was and is not*"; Rev.17:10 "*they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come*").
 - C. The most famous and qualified king of the ancient world is Alexander the Great, head number five.
 - 1. The pharaohs are disqualified from ruling the R.R.E.
 - 2. The Assyrian monarchs are not generally well known.
 - 3. The most famous Babylonian and Persian kings were believers.
 - 4. All these are to be rejected based on race.

- IV. Advantages of the selection of Alexander.
- A. He was the most famous king of antiquity, the most written about. His military feats were unmatched, and he was a prototype to subsequent leaders.
 - B. Race wise he is a European (cp. Dan.9:26).
 - C. He is well known among moderns and could easily prove his identity to the world especially if his mummy is found.
 - D. His rise and fall was an early subject of Old Testament prophecy (Dan.8:3-8; 11:3-4, 36-45).
 - E. He was a strong internationalist.
 - F. He believed himself to be a son of Zeus and was more arrogant in this area than most, Dan.8:8 "*Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken*".
 - G. His reappearance satisfies the Biblical data in Rev.13:1ff and Rev.17:7-18.
 - H. One of his successors, a Greek by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes, is singled out as a type of the Antichrist (Dan.8:23-26).
 - I. He justifies "the strong delusion" designation (2 Thess. 2:11).
- V. The time of his reappearance.
- A. It will occur at the Rapture of the Church (2Thess.2:3-8)
 - B. He will be on the earth for the entire seven years, Rev.17:10, 12 "*but they (ten kings) receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour*".
- VI. His relationship to the ten kings (horns or toes).
- A. The ten horns with diadems are ten European nations (kings) who arise out of the Roman empire in the fig tree generation (Rev.17:12).
 - B. Politically, economically, militarily, and religiously he uses them as his political base to conquer the world.
 - C. The ten under his orders (and divine direction) destroy the Catholic Church (Rev.17:13-18).
 - D. Three of the ten revolts, but he defeats them, leaving seven (Dan.17:8, 20).
 - E. This explains the phrase in Rev.17:11 that he is an "*eighth*".
 - F. He leads Europe's forces into Armageddon (Dan.11:40-45).
- VII. His relationship to Israel.
- A. He appears pro-Semitic.
 - B. He signs a seven year treaty with Israel in the middle of the Tribulation, guaranteeing military protection from her enemies in exchange for recognition as Israel's Messiah (Dan.9:27; Isa.28:15-22).
 - C. He murders the two witnesses at the midpoint (Rev.11:3, 7).
 - D. Satan possesses him at the midpoint (Rev. 13:2-5).
 - E. He will pursue true Jews into their hiding places, only to be thwarted (Rev.12:13-16).
 - F. He cannot touch the 144,000 (cp. Rev. 7 & 14).
 - G. At the very end, he lays siege to Jerusalem (Rev.12:17).

- VIII. His relationship to the false prophet.
- A. He will employ this individual to head up his cult (Rev.13:11-18).
 - B. The false prophet will set up Alexander's computer image in the Tribulational temple (Matt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; Dan. 12:11).
 - C. He will forbid buying and selling to anyone not possessing the implanted mark.
 - D. He will wage a genocide campaign against believers who reject his number and worship (Dan.7:21; Rev.15:2; 16:5,6; cp. 7:9ff).
 - E. He will be empowered to perform "*false* (lying) *wonders*" and miracles (2Thess.2:9; Rev.13:12-14).
 - F. This individual will also be a well known prophet from the past as this is consistent with his being cast into the Lake of Fire with the Antichrist at the 2nd Advent (Rev. 19:20).
 - G. He will be Jewish (Rev. 13:11).
 - H. A good candidate for this individual is Nostradamus.
 - I. God will bring back four men from the past and equip them to function in modern times.
 - J. Both individuals have spent time in hell, and both will be thrown into the Lake of Fire at the 2nd Advent (Rev. 19:20).
- IX. His enemies (Dan.11:40-45).
- A. King of the north (Russia).
 - B. Kings of the east (Red China).
 - C. King of the south (Egypt).
 - D. Believing Jews.
 - E. All who refuse the mark of the beast (Rev. 20:4).
 - F. The Lord Jesus Christ.
- X. Miscellaneous data paralleling Alexander and the Antichrist.
- A. Both claim to be God (2Thess.2:4; Dan.7:20; 11:36).
 - B. Both enjoyed military success (Rev.13:4).
 - C. Both have long hair (Deut.32:42).
 - D. Both are internationalists.
 - E. Both are capable of motivating people via oratory.
 - F. Both are geniuses.
 - G. Both die the sin unto death at the hand of the Lord.
- XI. His demise.
- A. Principle: As you sow, so shall you reap, and "anyone who kills by the sword he must be killed with the sword" (Rev. 13:10).
 - B. It is a part of the divine decrees (Dan.9:27).
 - C. It is by the Lord Jesus Christ personally at the Second Advent (2Thess.2:8; Rev.19:20).
 - D. He along with the false prophet are cast alive into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20; cf. 20:10).

- E. After the dissolution of the universe he will be resurrected and judged at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 21).

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