

THE ANTICHRIST
II THESS. 2:3,4

Introduction:

- A. In the "last days" a man will become the world dictator
 - 1. He is the Antichrist.
 - 2. His spirit is already at work. v7.

I. THE CHARACTER OF THE ANTICHRIST.

- A. "man of sin."
 - 1. Sin has absolute dominion over him.
- B. "son of perdition."
 - 1. perdition = destruction.
 - 2. Not so much his character as his doom.
- C. "He that opposeth."
 - 1. He is the opponent of Christ.
- D. "and exalteth himself."
 - 1. He seeks to establish himself as the exalted one.
 - 2. Self-exaltation is never from God.
- E. "above all that is called God, or that is worshiped."
 - 1. Every conceivable object that is connected with man's religious activity falls under his ban.
 - 2. The great religions will be banned.
 - 3. He will be completely ecumenical while coming to power, but will break his covenant with Jews and all religions.
- F. "so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God."
 - 1. He deifys himself.
 - 2. He has become so powerful that no one can resist.
 - 3. The temple is the temple that has been rebuilt in Jerusalem.
 - 4. He takes his seat, not in the outer courts, but in the Holy Place.

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- G. "shewing himself that he is God."
 - 1. "Parading himself as the very Diety."
 - 2. The very climax of human sin.

- H. This is an eschatological individual.
 - 1. Not a consummation of ideas.
 - 2. Not another name for Satan.
 - 3. Not the Roman Emperors.
 - 4. Not the Popes of Rome.
 - 5. Not Hitler.
 - 6. Not false religion.

II. IT IS POSSIBLE TO FORGET. V6

- A. There are reasons.
 - 1. Never comprehending.
 - 2. It isn't what we like.
 - 3. It is too frightening.
 - 4. It is in the distant future.
 - 5. It isn't important.
 - 6. It won't affect me!

III. MORE FACTS ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST.

- A. He will possess super intelligence.
 - 1. Dan. 8:23 "And that latter of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark sentences shall stand up."

- b. He will be a great orator.
 - 1. Dan. 7:20 "And a mouth that spake very great things."
 - 2. There is power in the human voice.
 - 3. Adolf Hitler. Churchill.

C. He will be a colossal politician.

1. Dan. 11:21 "And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the Kingdom; but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the Kingdom by flatteries."

D. He will be an economic wizard.

1. Dan. 8:25 "...and through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hands."
2. Inflation will have ruined the world.
Haggai 1:9 "Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. v6..."he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put into a bag with holes."

E. He will be a military genius.

1. Rev. 13:4 "And they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to make war with him?"

F. He shall control the world's commerce.

1. Rev. 13:17 "and he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name"
2. Hunger will be common.
Rev. 6:6 "and I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."
3. Each of these is enough to keep one man alive for one day.

G. He will work miracles.

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