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**ANTICHRIST = opposed or against Christ**

**FALSE CHRIST = deceiving, lying, imposter messiahs**

**1 JOHN 2:18** Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

**1 JOHN 4:3** and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

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**DANIEL 7:24-27** <sup>24</sup> As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. <sup>25</sup> He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. <sup>26</sup> But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. <sup>27</sup> And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

**Introduced to the antichrist figure.**

- He shall rise out of the revived Roman empire.
  - He shall take out three rulers/kings in the 10 state confederation (last form of roman empire).
  - He will be marked by his blasphemous mouth. 7:8, 7:11, 7:20, 7:25
  - During the second half of the tribulation (we'll see elsewhere) he will be opposed to the people of Israel and try to change their worship.
  - He will be destroyed in judgment from God.
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**DANIEL 9:27** And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

- Antichrist will make a strong covenant: many speculate this to be a peace treaty with Israel and its neighbors.
  - However halfway through the tribulation he will break his treaty and will defile the temple.
  - Until at last he is destroyed in judgment (we know this to be the return of Christ).
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**DANIEL 11:21-44** <sup>21</sup> In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. <sup>22</sup> Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant. <sup>23</sup> And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people. <sup>24</sup> Without warning he shall come

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into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time. <sup>25</sup> And he shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against him. <sup>26</sup> Even those who eat his food shall break him. His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain. <sup>27</sup> And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed. <sup>28</sup> And he shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against the holy covenant. And he shall work his will and return to his own land.

<sup>29</sup> "At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before. <sup>30</sup> For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant. <sup>31</sup> Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. <sup>32</sup> He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. <sup>33</sup> And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. <sup>34</sup> When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, <sup>35</sup> and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

## ANTIOCHUS IV EPIPHANES:

- A Seleucid ruler who outlawed [Judaism](#) in an attempt to Hellenize Judaea. Reigned from 175–164 bc. The [Maccabean revolt](#) arose in reaction to Antiochus' sacrificing to Zeus in the temple—an event known as the [abomination of desolation](#) ([Dan 11:31](#); [12:11](#); [1 Macc 1:54](#))
- Epiphanes = manifest. He considered and boasted himself a god(s) manifest.
- Antiochus would come into power after his brother was murdered and his son not old enough to take the throne. (*a contemptible person* to whom royal majesty has not been given)
- Antiochus would murder the high priest (*prince of the covenant*)
- Antiochus would attack Egypt and carry off great wealth.
- He tried to Hellenize (establish Greek culture) and hated the Jewish faith and laws.
- Antiochus dispatched Apollonius with 22,000 men and attacked Jerusalem on the Sabbath, resulting in the death of much of the male population. He banned all Jewish rights and rededicated the temple to Zeus. The people were no longer allowed to circumcise their sons or follow the Jewish law; they were also commanded to sacrifice swine to other gods, all under penalty of death. In December of 167 bc, a new altar was erected in the temple, and sacrifice for Zeus was offered on the altar. Daniel 11:31 identifies this offering as "the abomination of desolation"<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> H. Daniel Zacharias, "[Antiochus IV Epiphanes](#)," ed. John D. Barry et al., *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016).

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**MATTHEW 24:15** “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

- Jesus is saying that this figure and abomination is still yet to come.
- Antiochus is a type of antichrist... the antichrist is yet to come at the end of days.

<sup>36</sup> “And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. <sup>37</sup> He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. <sup>38</sup> He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. <sup>39</sup> He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.

<sup>40</sup> “At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through. <sup>41</sup> He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites. <sup>42</sup> He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. <sup>43</sup> He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his train. <sup>44</sup> But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction. <sup>45</sup> And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.

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**2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12** <sup>1</sup> Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. <sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- Rebellion (apostasy) comes first
  - **2 Timothy 3:1-5** But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not

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loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

- Man of lawlessness revealed – Currently being restrained.
  - Opposes and exalts himself against every so called god or object of worship
  - Abomination of Desolation: seat himself in the temple and proclaim himself to be god.
  - His coming will be by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders.
  - God sends them a strong delusion because they did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
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**REVELATION 13:1-18** And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> *And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast*, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup> And *the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words*, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It *opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God*, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> 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*, <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> If anyone has an ear, let him hear: <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup> And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. <sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, *to be marked on the right hand or the forehead*, <sup>17</sup> *so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name*. <sup>18</sup> *This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.*

- Satan gives the beast (antichrist) his power and authority.

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- Antichrist speaks blasphemy against the Lord.
  - Antichrist wages war against the people of God.
  - Antichrist will given authority over the nations.
  - The false prophet will arise, performing signs and wonders and makes the people to worship the antichrist.
  - The antichrist/false prophet will require all people to be marked on the right hand or forehead in order to buy/sell.
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**REVELATION 19:11-21** <sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

<sup>17</sup> Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup> to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup> And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

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