

SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTI-CHRIST

THE NEAR AND SUDDEN APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST
IN LIGHT OF SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTICHRIST AND THE IMMINENT RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTI-CHRIST” – PART 2

A look at the current global events concerning Bible prophecy and the analysis of these events as viewed in light of biblical eschatology. An update on current events as of 2023.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Perilous Times, Last Days, Rapture, Second Coming, Tribulation Period, Israel,

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

**Now, brethren, concerning (1) the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and (2) our gathering together to Him, (like bookends?) we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though (teaching) The Day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day (The Day of Christ) will not come unless the falling away comes first, (and) the man of sin is revealed, the Son of Perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; (underway) only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His (2nd) coming...
...9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

The Very Theme of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians
The Thessalonians had become upset

Because they had been taught by Paul in 1st Thessalonians that the Day of The Lord would not come upon them unless the Day of Christ came first.

What Triggers the Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

In The Process of Making Disciples – It is The Responsibility of the Church to always be Ready and to make His church ready!

And so - I have intentionally selected this topic, for The Stage is Being Set for a Seven (7) Year Period of Time That is one of the most documented events in all of biblical prophecy.

The 7 Years is an IOU from the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – the God of Israel

You Owe Me – The LORD

“Due to Israel’s disobedience to God in withholding the appropriate worship that the Jews were to offer to Him, God said I’m going to get from you what you should have offered willingly to me regarding this Land, (the church has no relationship with “this land”) thus 490 years were a required “escrow” for Israel. 483 of those 490 years have already been prophetically fulfilled.

Yet, Israel still has to finish the final portions of time – The Last 7 years known as the “Time of Jacob’s Trouble.”

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1 John 2:18 - John 2:22, - 1 John 4:3 - 2 John 1:7

For Israel – **The Day of the LORD** is Exhaustive
in scope, duration & description.

Malachi 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. and the day which is coming shall burn them up,” says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. 3 You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,” says the LORD of hosts. 4 “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. 6 and he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Isaiah 13:9

Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it.

Jeremiah 30:7-10

Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. 8 “For it shall come to pass in that day,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘That I will break his yoke from your neck, and will burst your bonds; foreigners shall no more enslave them. 9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. 10 “Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the LORD, ‘Nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid.

Back to Our Text

2 Thessalonians 2:6-12

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HE IS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE AS;
The Beast

Revelation 11:7

The Little Horn

Daniel 7:8

The Fierce Countenance

Daniel 8:23

The Willful King

Daniel 11:36a

The Idle or Worthless Shepherd.

Zechariah 11:17 – Revelation 13:3

“Woe to the worthless (idle) shepherd, who leaves (abandons) the flock!
(a specific action resulting in Israel’s great deception)

**A sword shall be against his (right) arm and against his right eye;
His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded.”**

Revelation 13:3

**3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded,
and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.**

HE IS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE AS;
The Son of Perdition

As far as I can tell, there are only two accounts in scripture where I see Satan
having entered into a human being...

John 17:12

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

The Upper Room Passover Betrayal

John 13:2

And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

Notice: Satan has the power to "Put (Things) into the heart" of any non-believer

Luke 22:3

Then Satan entered Judas.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day (The Day of the Lord) will not come unless the falling away comes first, (and) the man of sin is revealed, the Son of Perdition,

Note This;

That **The Day of the Lord** (a terrible time) is when the Antichrist is revealed.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that The Day of the Lord *(a terrible time)* (a) so comes as a thief in the night. 3 (b) For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then (c) sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And (d) they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

The Rapture of the Church (**The Day of the Lord Jesus Christ**) will trigger / start the time known as **The Day of The Lord** which initiates God's Wrath on earth.

A MUST UNDERSTAND.

#1 THE CHURCH IS NOT ISRAEL.

#2 NOT ALL SAINTS IN SCRIPTURE ARE THE CHURCH.

#3 O.T. SAINTS / BRIDE OF CHRIST / TRIBULATION SAINTS

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"Why are you guys upset about these false teachers?"

Stop and Ask yourself – "Why is Paul writing them and telling them to calm down and that they had not missed the "gathering together to Him?" Because Paul had taught them that they would be gathered together with Him before the Anti-Christ would appear. They feared that they had missed a pre-tribulational rapture."

Because The Day of Christ begins at the Moment the rapture Takes place.

In the meantime – what are our days showing us?

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1.) Destabilization among the nations.

Luke 21:25

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

Distress grk: sunoche
Unable to hold together, dismay or disarray.

Perplexity grk: aporeo
Having no ability, to be at a loss, be perplexed, no answers.

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2.) Increasing natural disasters.

Matthew 24:7,29-31

And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

3.) A time of wars and rumors of wars.

Context Set by Jesus Himself

(all things here yet future)

Matthew 24:3-6,8

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

4.) A global economic reset.

Here's How

Revelation 13:16-17

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here's The Clue

Revelation 13:18

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Most Likely the Number 666 will be an Added Numeric
or Code to an already existing Digital System of Identification.

Example.

Nearly every human being on earth has some form of physical identification (ie. birth certificate, social security # or national I.D.)

<https://www.newsweek.com/bidens-plan-digital-dollar-massive-threat-freedom-opinion-1688803>

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/03/11/tech/us-digital-dollar-cbdc/index.html>

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5.) Globally, Israel will increasingly become isolated.

Zechariah 12:2-3

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

6.) An exponential rise in the publicity of sin.

Romans 1:24-32

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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7.) Open cult and occult worship / the worship of nature.

The Coming Doctrines (Thoughts, Ideas, Plans) of Demons are Afoot

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

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8.) The deconstruction of the family.

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Matthew 10:21-22

“Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

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9.) Mankind’s attempt to create “gods” in his image.

This pursuit will be realized when AI becomes “useful”
And most likely possessed by demonic entities.

Revelation 13:11-13

Then I saw another beast (The False Prophet) coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast (The Anti-Christ) in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast (Anti-Christ), whose deadly wound was healed. 13 He (The False Prophet) performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

Revelation 13:14-15

And he (The False Prophet) deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast (Anti-Christ) who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

A World and The Church On The Brink

The Day of Christ = (The Deliverance)

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until The Day of Jesus Christ;

Philippians 2:16

Holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in The Day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

1 Corinthians 1:4-8

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in The Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Day of Christ = (a good thing)

Titus 2:13

Looking for (anticipating) the blessed hope (expectation) and glorious appearing (thrilling / exciting) of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Will then commence or launch The Day of The Lord = (a bad thing)

Joel 1:15

**Alas for the day! For The Day of The LORD is at hand;
It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.**

Isaiah 13:6

Wail, for The Day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Amos 5:18

**Woe to you who desire The Day of the LORD! For what good is The Day of The LORD to you?
It will be darkness, and not light.**

Obadiah 1:15a

“For The Day of The LORD upon all the nations (global) is near;

Joel 2:31

**The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,
before The Great and the Terrible Day of the LORD come.**

Joel 3:14-16

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for The Day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. 16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake:

Revelation 6:12-17

I John looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, (unbelievers) 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the Great Day of His Wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

1 Thessalonians 5:9

**For God did not appoint us to wrath, (The Day of The Lord) but to obtain
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

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10.) What’s on the horizon matters - Ezekiel 38

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