

10 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

There are more than ten... these are the most obvious.

1) He Claims to be God and is Worshiped

"Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God" (2 Thes 2:3-4).

2) He Will Blaspheme God

Revelation 13:6 says, *"And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven."*

3) He Will Display Miraculous Powers

Revelation 13:13 as he *"performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven, to the earth in full view of the people."*

4) The Anti-Christ Comes Back to Life

"ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived" (Rev 13:14). What a feat that will cause many to be motivated by the sight of this "fatal wound [that] had been healed"; so much so that many will worship him (Rev 13:12).

5) The Anti-Christ Rules in Full Authority

For three and a half years he *"was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation" (Rev 13:5,7).*

6) The Anti-Christ Will Control the World's Economy

"forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name" (Rev 13:16-17).

7) The Anti-Christ Desecrates God's Temple

Jesus: *"Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place' (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not to back to get his clothes. "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath, For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no nor ever shall be" (Matt 24:15-21).*

8) The Anti-Christ's Attempted Destruction of Israel

Satan and all of those under his rule have always sought the destruction of the Jews. The end times see this brought to fruition. In Daniel 11:40-41 is says, *"And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land [Jerusalem], and many [countries] shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, [even] Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon."* This happens after another treaty is broken. At first he promises to help be Jerusalem's savior but he, as always, is a liar and the truth is not in him (Dan 9:27). He breaks one treaty after another and makes one promise after another, breaking them all. It is obvious that his power comes from the father of lies, the Devil.

9) Causes Earth's Armies to Fight Against Christ

"saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army" (Rev 19:19).

10) Final Destiny in Lake of Fire

"And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone."