

# Don't be deceived!

2 Thessalonians 2:1- 12

## Characteristics of the antichrist's personality:

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Daniel 11:36 "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.

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Daniel 8:23 <sup>23</sup> And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise.

Revelation 17:12-13 <sup>12</sup> And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. <sup>13</sup> These are of one mind and hand over their power and authority to the beast.

4. He will be a \_\_\_\_\_ genius.

Daniel 11:43-45 <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.

Revelation 13:16-18 <sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>1</sup>

5. He will be a \_\_\_\_\_ genius.

Revelation 6:1 Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" <sup>2</sup> And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer. (this is the first seal that is opened)

Revelation 16:12-14 <sup>12</sup> The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. <sup>13</sup> And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. <sup>14</sup> For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.

6. He will be a \_\_\_\_\_ genius.

Daniel 11:37 <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.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 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

Revelation 13:3-8 <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, <sup>1</sup> that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. <sup>1</sup> 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 that was slain.

7. He will be a \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation 13:1 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.

8. He will emerge from a \_\_\_\_\_ empire.

Daniel 7:7-8 <sup>7</sup> After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. <sup>8</sup> I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

#### **Activities associated with the antichrist:**

1. He will appear in the time of the end of Israel's history. (Dan 8:17)
2. His manifestation will signal the beginning of the day of the Lord. (2 Thess 2:1-3)
3. His manifestation is currently being hindered by the "one who is holding it back." (2 Thess. 2:3-7)
4. His rise to power will come through peace programs. He will make a covenant of peace with Israel (Dan. 9:27). This event will signal the beginning of the seven-year Tribulation. He will later break that covenant at its midpoint.
5. Near the middle of the Tribulation, the antichrist will be assassinated or violently killed. (Dan. 11:45, Rev 13:3, 12, 14)

6. He will descend into the abyss. (Rev. 17:8)
7. He will be raised back to life. (Rev 11:7; 13:3,12,14; 17:8)
8. The whole world will be amazed and will follow after him. (Rev 13:3)
9. He will be totally controlled and energized by Satan. (Rev. 13:2-5)
10. He will subdue three of the ten kings in the reunited Roman Empire. (Dan 7:24)
11. The remaining seven kings will give all authority to the Beast. (Rev. 17:12-13)
12. He will invade the land of Israel and desecrate the rebuilt temple. (Dan. 9:27; 11:41; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 11:2)
13. He will mercilessly pursue and persecute the Jewish people. (Dan. 7:21, 25; Rev. 12:6)
14. He will set himself up in the temple as God. (2 Thess. 2:4)
15. He will be worshiped as God for three and a half years. (Rev. 13:4-8)
16. His claim to deity will be accompanied by great signs and wonders. (2 Thess. 2:9-12)
17. He will speak great blasphemies against God. (Dan. 7:8; Rev 13:6)
18. He will rule the world politically, religiously, and economically for three and a half years. (Rev. 13:4-8, 16-18)
19. He will be promoted by a second beast who will lead the world in worship of the antichrist. (Rev. 13:11-18)
20. He will require all to receive his mark to buy and sell. (Rev. 13:16-18)
21. He will establish his religious, political, and economic capital in Babylon. (Rev. 17:1-18)
22. He and the ten kings will destroy Babylon. (Rev 17:16-18)
23. He will kill the two witnesses. (Rev. 11:7)
24. He will gather all the nations against Jerusalem. (Zech.12:1-2; 14:1-3; Rev 16:16; 19:19)
25. He will fight against Christ when He returns to earth and will suffer total defeat. (Rev 19:19)
26. He will be cast alive into the lake of fire. (Dan. 7:11; Rev. 19:20)

**Matthew 24: 4** Then Jesus replied to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many.

Patterns in cults (according to Watchman Fellowship, Rick Branch)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word of God
2. \_\_\_\_\_ from the deity and/or humanity of Christ
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the requirements of salvation
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the followers' loyalty