

<u>The Identifying Marks</u>	<u>The verse(s)</u>
1.	Vs. 8
2.	Vs. 8
3.	Vs. 8, 24
4.	Vs. 8, 24
5.	Vs. 24
6.	Vs. 8
7.	Vs. 25
8.	Vs. 21, 25
9.	Vs. 25
10.	Vs. 25

### **So Who Is It?**

Only one entity fits all of the identifying characteristics given in the Bible. Only one qualifies. It is the \_\_\_\_\_. Is that shocking? It really shouldn't be. The Bible is so clear so as to be unmistakable on this point. As a case in point, every single protestant reformer from Wycliffe to Luther to Calvin to Wesley and beyond shared this same conclusion. Go to the library, see for yourself!

# —Unlocking Prophecy—

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The Actual, Definite, Certain,  
Unmistakable *Identity* of the Antichrist

Conjectures, opinions, and ideas about the identity of the antichrist abound. We are not interested in these. We want to know the truth; we want to know what the Bible *actually* teaches. This is, of course, a serious topic so we want to be sure to be honest and humble in our study. God will richly bless us if we seek to do this.

### **Simple Salvation**

Perhaps the simplest salvation text in all of the Bible is John 17:3: "And this is \_\_\_\_\_, that they may \_\_\_\_\_. You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." There it is, simple. Eternal life comes from "knowing" God. That is, having a faith relationship with Him. To know God, then, is to have salvation. To not know God is to fail of experiencing salvation. As we shall see, the thrust of Satan's attack (through the antichrist) is to prevent individuals from coming to know God personally and truly. Knowing who the antichrist is won't save anyone! Knowing Jesus Christ, however, will result in salvation.

### **The REAL Issue in Revelation**

According to the book of Revelation, the dividing issue at the end of time will be the issue of \_\_\_\_\_. The word \_\_\_\_\_ is mentioned 22 times. Satan uses the antichrist as a \_\_\_\_\_ in order to procure what he always wanted, namely, \_\_\_\_\_. We are looking for a religious figure who will obscure the true *place, power and person* of Jesus Christ, thus preventing people from coming to truly know Him. Amazing! Plainly, this is serious stuff!

### **The Apostle Paul and the Antichrist**

Paul wrote about the coming antichrist in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4. In v.3 Paul uses two names to refer to the antichrist, what are they?

- 1.
- 2.

What is the significance of that second name? Only one other person in the Bible is referred to by that name. Who was it? \_\_\_\_\_. In what text is that found? \_\_\_\_\_ Wow! What a discovery! \_\_\_\_\_ did not violently oppose Jesus Christ, rather he subtly betrayed Him. He came, not from the violent opposition of the Pharisees or the Romans, but from the very \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's followers, the disciples. He looked friendly, but secretly betrayed.

The antichrist will not appear as a \_\_\_\_\_, but as a \_\_\_\_\_. This is very important to grasp.

Note also that according to verse 4, the antichrist goes into "the temple", not to show that he is *against* God, but rather that he \_\_\_\_\_ God!

Another important text, taken from a sermon that Paul preached in Ephesus, is found in Acts 20:28-30. Here Paul says that these coming deceivers would arise from within the church. Just like Judas Iscariot, the conflict comes from inside (betrayal), not from outside (overt opposition).

### The Who?

The actual name "antichrist" is not used very frequently in the Bible. Only the author John uses it, and then only in his smaller epistles. The antichrist is referred to by a number of different names in the Bible. Here are most of them:

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| 1. the antichrist   | 1 & 2 John        |
| 2. the beast        | Revelation 13     |
| 3. man of sin       | 2 Thessalonians 2 |
| 4. son of perdition | 2 Thessalonians 2 |
| 5. _____            | Daniel 7          |

That last one, number 5, is found in the book of Daniel, chapter 7. Before we turn there to uncover the identity of the antichrist let's review Daniel chapter 2.

### Four, Frightening, Ferocious, Feral Creatures

God is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in the universe, and just like any good human teacher He uses the twin teaching techniques of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. In Daniel chapter 2 God showed King Nebuchadnezzar a great metal \_\_\_\_\_. That metal \_\_\_\_\_ was a timeline that continued from the time of Daniel down

to the second coming of Jesus Christ. It consisted of five different elements representing five eras, or epochs, of human history. They were:

1. Head of \_\_\_\_\_ represented **Babylon**
2. Chest of \_\_\_\_\_ represented **Medo-Persia**
3. Belly of \_\_\_\_\_ represented **Greece**
4. Legs of \_\_\_\_\_ represented **Rome**
5. Feet of \_\_\_\_\_ represented **Divided Rome**

This very same timeline is spelled out in Daniel 7, but this time instead of using a metal image, God uses four great \_\_\_\_\_. Are these beasts literal? \_\_\_\_\_. Note vs. 17 and 23. According to these two verses, what do these beasts represent? \_\_\_\_\_. This practice of referring to \_\_\_\_\_ as beasts is still common even today. For example, what modern nation is represented by the bald eagle? \_\_\_\_\_.

These four beasts retrace exactly the same timeline that the image of Daniel 2 did, but with more \_\_\_\_\_ thrown in to confirm historical correspondence. Fill in the following beasts:

- Beast 1. \_\_\_\_\_, **605 - 539 BC**  
 Beast 2. \_\_\_\_\_, **539 - 331 BC**  
 Beast 3. \_\_\_\_\_, **331 - 168 BC**  
 Beast 4. \_\_\_\_\_, **168 BC - 476 AD**

The fourth beast had \_\_\_\_\_ horns. According to verse 24 what do these horns represent? \_\_\_\_\_ Notice the perfect correspondence with the ten toes of the image of Daniel 2. But here comes some new information...

### The Little Horn that Balked and Stalked

According to verse 8 what comes up "among" the ten horns? \_\_\_\_\_ When he arose what did he do to three of the other horns? \_\_\_\_\_ There he is. That \_\_\_\_\_ is the antichrist. He is one and the same with the Beast of Revelation 13, as a comparison between the two quickly shows. So here he is, now we have to identify him. In order to do this, we are going to note 10 identifying characteristics found in this chapter, and then apply them to the only figure that could fit all 10 identifiers. Simple enough! Let's get started...