

The Most Evil Man In History

We now come to a Biblical portrait of the world dictator,
who will bring a suffering that has not been
since the beginning of the world.

Matthew 24:21

²¹ **For then there will be a great tribulation,
such as has not occurred since the beginning of
the world until now, nor ever will.**

As we study now *Daniel* 11:36 - 12:3 you need to know
three antagonists
in *the* period of The Tribulation.

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THE DRAGON • The Human • The False Prophet

THE DRAGON

Isaiah 27:1 **Leviathan**, piercing serpent, dragon

Revelation 12:9 **great dragon, serpent of old, devil, Satan**

The person we have been seeing all through *Daniel* of whom **Antiochus IV** was but an anti-type of has many names through scripture.

The human who sells himself out to Satan to oppose the Plan of God *and* set up man's perfect kingdom. He is in a long line of people starting with Nimrod at the Tower of Babel. He hates *the Jews* and seeks to destroy every one of them for the same reason Antiochus IV sought to destroy the Jews.

They are a stubborn people who insist on worshipping God *and* declared to be God's chosen people. They must be done away with, they are the enemy to man's perfect kingdom.

JUST LIKE CHRISTIANS TODAY IN AMERICA.
CHRISTIANS ARE CONSIDERED THE ENEMY,
BECAUSE THEY INSIST ON WORSHIPPING GOD *AND*
BELIEVING IN JESUS THE CHRIST, *AND*,
THEREFORE, ARE NOT FOR ALL THE EVIL OF
MAN'S PERFECT ENVIRONMENT.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT NAMES FOR THIS PERSON

1. **The Antichrist**-1 John 2:18 *and* 22. The Greek preposition *anti* presents two different ways of being understood: *opposition*, in opposed to Jesus Christ. The other is *substitution* –he presents himself as a substitute for Jesus.
2. **The little horn** *Daniel* 7:8, 9 *and* 19-26
3. **The prince** who is to come *Daniel* 9:26-27
4. **A despicable person** *Daniel* 11:21
5. **The king**, who does as he pleases *Daniel* 11:36
6. **The worthless shepherd** Zechariah 11:16-17
7. **The man of lawlessness** 2 Thessalonians 2:3
8. **The son of destruction** 2 Thessalonians 2:3
the son of destruction will take on the Son of God
9. **That lawless one** 2 Thessalonians 2:8
the lawless one will take on *the* one who fulfills the Law.
10. **The beast** Revelation 11:7;
Revelation 13:1-10; 14:9; 15:2; 16:2; 17:3; 19:20 *and* 20:10

HE IS ALSO NOTED BY VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS

1. Insolence *Daniel* 8:23
2. Skilled in intrigue *Daniel* 8:23
3. One who makes desolate-abomination that makes desolate
Daniel 9:27; 11:31; Matthew 24:15
4. He is the one who rises to power right after the rapture *and*
the beginning of *Daniel's* 70th week *Daniel* 9:27; 7:24-25

5. The feet of the image in *Daniel 2*: of whom it is said that he is the head of a confederation of western powers during The Tribulation
6. *Daniel 7:24* makes it clear he is a political leader-dictator: after *the* confederation of 10 nations, he assumes control by force
7. At mid-point of The Tribulation he will set up the abomination that makes desolate in the temple in Jerusalem
8. He assumes his power from the Dragon. Revelation 13
9. Like the dragon *and* like all those through history who have given over to the dragon, he will desire peace but always wages war to destroy those who do not agree with him
10. During his rise to power -1st 3 ½ years of The Tribulation *and* after he persecutes believing Jews, all those who he sees as a threat to his perfect kingdom
11. He often discussed question is, is he Jewish or Gentile *and* if Gentile from where?
Greece, Syria, Babylon, Egypt, etc.

He Is Gentile

- a. **typology**: Daniel 11 his type is Antiochus IV a gentile
- b. **imagery** Revelation 13—he will rise out of the sea
- c. *Daniel 10:26* the people of the prince who is to come—describing Romans. He will be of **Roman descent**

We now come to the third,

first **THE DRAGON**, second **the Human** *and* now. . .

The False Prophet

He is a Jew out of the land (Israel) (Revelation 13:11)

He teams up with the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire *and* deceives Israel to turn against the true God *and* to worship the dictator of Revived Roman Empire, called the antichrist.

Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost (Professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, who has written many books *and* who just recently went home to the Lord) on describing *the* false prophet describes him in 11 words, taken from Revelation.

All in his book: ***Things to Come***, pages 336-337

1. He is a **Jew** arising out of the earth-Palestine 13:11
2. He is **religiously** influential 13:11
3. He is **motivated** by Satan 13:11
4. He has a **delegated authority** 13:12
5. He promotes **worship of the first beast** 13:12
6. He **performs signs and miracles** 13:13-14
7. He **deceives** the unbelieving world 13:14
8. He **promotes idolatrous worship** 13:14-15
9. He has **power of death** over people who do not worship the beast 13:15
10. He has great **economic power** 13:16-17
11. He will establish the **mark of the beast** 13:17

Daniel 11:36–37

36 ***“Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.***

37 ***“He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all.***

We know there is a break between *Daniel 11:35 and 36* if we just follow *the* pattern already set forth in the book of *Daniel* itself

There is a break—**gap**—between *Daniel 2:43 and 44*

There is a break—**gap**—between *Daniel 7:23 and 24*

There is a break—**gap**—between *Daniel 9:26 and 27*

There is a break—**gap**—between *Daniel 11:35-36*

Note how verse 35 ends:

because it is still to come at the appointed time

and verse 36 begins with that appointed time.

These **breaks** or **gaps** are seen throughout the books of the Prophets of the Old Testament.

There is a break—**gap**—between Hosea 3; verse 4 *and* 5

Secondly, we know there is a great gap between verses 35 *and* 36 in *Daniel* 11 because all that is written in 11:1-35 has already happened. [*All the things about Antiochus IV.*] However those things written verses 36ff have not occurred as yet in history.

Nothing described in 36-45 ever happened to Antiochus IV.

All the events in these verses are yet to occur in history.

We have noted the **Great Gap** between verses 35 and 36
Now we come to direct *prophecy of things yet to come*. This describes what the angel in Daniel 10:14 prophesied.

¹⁴ ***Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.***

It shows what will happen to Israel in the last days. It did not concern the Gentiles and so skipped over the CHURCH AGE. Just under 40 years after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ Israel ceased to be a nation, In 70 AD the Roman Titus moved into and against Jerusalem and destroyed the city including the temple. Thousands were slaughtered at this time, yet multitudes moved into diaspora around the world. They ceased being a nation but but they did not cease being a people, with a promised future from God. But as referred to in Daniel 11:35 **time of the end** Israel was reestablished as a nation. This time gap –the CHURCH AGE was observed in Daniel 9 as between the 69th and 70th weeks We come to Daniel 36 thru 12:3, and this is divided easily into 3 sections.

1. **Verses 36-39** the rise of the Great dictator of the Revived Roman Empire, where he exalts himself above every man, every nation and every god.
2. **Verses 40-45** his movement for gaining dominion of the world and ends with his own destruction.(45)
3. **Chapter 12:1-3** The Great deliverance of the people of God from The Great Tribulation.

Daniel 11:36–37

³⁶ “Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.

³⁷ He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any *other* god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.

These verses are an expression of ultimate Pride—Arrogance which of course was the first sin of Lucifer in Eternity Past. In these verses we have what Louis Talbot **“the most complete portraits of this coming world dictator to be found in all the Word of God. Let us consider it, verse by verse, line by line”** He declares that he recognizes no authority or moral standard outside of himself: We are going to see the end result of **self will** of this man and of everyone who prefers **self will** over **God’s will**. Please remember the words of Daniel’s three friends and let them become your words;

Daniel 3:16-17

¹⁶ **Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.**

¹⁷ **If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.**

Think about these things as we read of one individual yet to appear in human history. Also what is said of this man goes far beyond what was said of Antiochus IV.

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Then there is no conjunction: then or and as in KJ; but as NIV **the king will do as he pleases** we have seen this said of others like Alexander the Great the big issue here is just “who” is being spoken of?

As we study through verses 36-37 we soon discover this is referring to **the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire** sometimes referred to as **the Antichrist**, of whom Antiochus IV was a type of, so we move from Antiochus IV Epiphanes in the second century B.C. to the beast in The Tribulation, now over 2000 years since Antiochus IV.

As to **his doing his own will, as he pleases:**

Daniel 7:25;

²⁵ ***“He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and***

he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12;

¹⁰ **and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.**

¹¹ **For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,**

¹² **in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.**

Revelation 13:5-7

⁵ **There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority**

to act for forty-two months was given to him.

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

⁷ It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

And as we have studied in Revelation once he gains full control, he will rule the world as he pleases, and moves to annihilate all Jews. He will not be restrained by a congress or council or judges. Not one of the ten subordinate kings will dare to stand against him. All this should not be all that difficult for us to comprehend. Not that long ago in WW II millions in Europe dared not even listen to a radio broadcast without permission from the dictator. Not to mention that none dare to even speak about politics or religion that went against what was politically correct or they would face imprisonment or torture or death or all of these.

and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god

First remember this was not said of the anti-type, Antiochus IV, who wanted the world to worship Zeus.

It is difficult to distinguish between **to exalt** and **to magnify**.
It would be easy if it meant *exalt himself over all mankind and
magnify himself above every god,*
but the structure here is that *he both exalts and magnifies himself
above every god.*

To grasp the importance of this phrase you have to remember that each nation's god was imbedded in that nation's culture. This man will set himself above all cultures throughout the world. He is not of any one nation but he is the leader of the world. He sets himself up above every nation, every culture and every god including the one true God.

**and will speak monstrous things against the
God of gods;**

The word translated *monstrous things*;

NIV *unheard of things*;

New Living Translation *even blaspheming the God of gods*;
English Standard Version *speak astonishing things.*

Now watch the **KJ**: *and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods.*

NET bible: *he will utter presumptuous things against God.*

Young's Literal Translation: *and against the God of gods he speaketh wonderful things*

I think you get the idea, what is going on here: from marvelous things against to monstrous things against .

The Hebrew word (transliterated) *pala* basically means **‘wonder’ ‘astonishing’** and is mostly used in describing the wonders of God in creation and all He did for Israel. But here the Holy Spirit moves Daniel to use this word as the strongest designation he can for what the Antichrist will say against the **True God** of gods. Today man uses Jesus Christ in a derogatory manner and even curses God in movies and art. But all this is nothing compared to the astonishing things this beast will say against the **True God**, the **Only God**, the **God of Scripture**.

This is partly referred to in the New Testament...

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4;

³ ***Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,***

⁴ ***who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.***

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10

⁸ Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

⁹ that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.

Note Daniel 8:19

¹⁹ He said, "Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.

This antichrist will have a limited time of apparent prosperity.

LIMITED BY GOD HIMSELF.

He will be permitted to execute Divine Discipline against Israel and the world; that is until the anger of the Lord against His people is accomplished. *Just as Nebuchadnezzar was allowed in the time of Daniel taking Israel into 70 years of captivity.*

Here, this antichrist in for 3 ½ years will become dictator of the whole world. And remember people all over the world will bow to him for he brings a pseudo peace and world prosperity to everyone who receives his mark. For three and one half years no one will be able to stop this man until Christ, the God-man comes and personally ends his rule—end of verse 45.

Please know something about future history and all through history.... The Antichrist of The Tribulation will prosper by Divine order, not because of his own intrinsic power, although he will think he is Great. God is working out His plan for history, and for all of us who study the Word of God to learn, that He is in control, for His own glory, and righteousness.

for that which is decreed will be done!

The anger of the Lord against His people is irrevocably *determined by God.*

From the time of **Nimrod and the Tower of Babel** man has been trying to usher in a utopia environment and government, **without God** We have seen this with the Medo-Persian Empire in Daniel 8:4.

⁴ **And I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power, but he did as he pleased and magnified himself.**

and again with Alexander the Great in Daniel 11:3.

³ **And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases.**

Just as we are doing today, this nation was founded on Biblical principles but man is trying to get rid of God and the Bible and these Biblical principles and form a utopia without God. It has never been accomplished and in this final scene of history God is showing man that it cannot be done.

Please let this be a lesson in *wisdom* to each one of you; people this applies to your personal lives. So many Christians try to make their own world wonderful, doing it their way, without God, only to find emptiness at the end. Man is trying to accomplish this with economic wisdom, with pleased goals, etc., only to find at the end of their journey... **emptiness.**

All this is prophesied in Matthew 24:21

²¹ ***For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.***