



Wednesday Night Service

"Questions About Prophecy – Part IV"

1. *Will the anti-Christ be a Jew?*

Many think the anti-Christ will be a Gentile, because in Rev. 13:1 it says, "The beast or the anti-Christ comes up out of the sea" (the sea is a symbol of the nations of the world). He is also believed to be a Gentile because he rules the Gentile Nations of the world.

Those who believe he is a Jew believe because of what is said in Daniel 11:37-38. (Read verses) This passage suggests that the anti-Christ is a Jew, because it again identifies him with "his fathers" that is regarding Jewish heritage. Lastly, the anti-Christ not only opposes Jesus Christ, but wants to be a substitute of Jesus, he would have to be a Jew like Jesus. So, the answer to the question is more than likely the anti-Christ will be Jewish. Most people hold to this view.

2. *How will the anti-Christ try to establish a false religion?*

First, he will make a mockery of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) by creating his own trinity Satan, Anti-Christ and the False Prophet. They are all mentioned in Rev. 20:10 (Read verse) Just as Jesus is the second person of the Godhead, the Anti-Christ is the second person of the unholy trinity.

Second, as Jesus performed miracles, the anti-Christ will perform miracles. (Read: Rev. 13:13)

Third, just as Jesus appointed apostles, the anti-Christ will have false apostles. (Read: II Cor. 11:13).

Fourth, just as God wants to put a mark on all of His servants (Read: Rev. 7:3), the anti-Christ will put a mark on his followers (Read: Rev. 13:16).

3. *Who will the anti-Christ be?*

Actually no one knows who he will be. As we said earlier some believe he will be a Gentile and others think he will be a Jew. But on the basis of Rev. 13:3 and 17:8, some believe that the anti-Christ will be a resurrected individual. Some think he will be resurrected, the one who betrayed Jesus. Others think he could be Nero, Hitler or Stalin, Saddam Hussein or Osama Bin Laden who were men who hated God and fought against Christians and/or the Jews.

But most think it will be someone entirely different.

4. *What will characterize the anti-Christ rule?*

The anti-Christ will be an intellectual genius. (Read: Dan. 8:23) The "King" here refers to the anti-Christ. He will be a political genius. (Read: Rev. 17:11-12). The "seventh kingdom" in verse 11 refers to the kingdom of the anti-Christ, likely the ten rulers of the world who will be allies to the anti-Christ. The anti-Christ will be a military genius. (Read: Rev. 13:4) The anti-Christ will be a religious genius. (Read: Rev. 13:8 and II Thes. 2:4)

5. *What is the strategy of the anti-Christ during the Tribulation?*

The anti-Christ will begin controlling the Western power bloc (the revised, Roman Empire) then will make a seven-year covenant with Israel and breaking it after 3 and a half-year. (Read: Rev. 17:12 and Dan. 9:27) The

“week (or seven days)” in the Daniel passage is symbolic of the seven years. According to Rev 12, the anti-Christ will try to destroy all of Israel. He will then set up a false religious system and use this system to give him authority. (Read: Rev. 17:17) Ultimately, the anti-Christ will set himself up to be God (Read: Dan. 11:36-37 and Rev. 13:5) the anti-Christ will be identified with the number 666 which is the mark of the beast. He will require people to have this number if they are to buy or sell. This mark will reflect a deep commitment to him. All who take this number will be cast into the lake of fire (Hell). There will be people saved during the tribulation. Those who refuse to take the mark. But refusing to take the mark will cost them their lives. But lastly, the anti-Christ will be crushed by the Lord Jesus Christ in the Battle of Armageddon. (Rev. 19) Then he will be thrown into the lake of fire. (Read: Rev. 19:20)