

I. The Timeline of Antichrist

1. His Background

Most likely Roman – Dan. 9:26, Rev. 13:1

2. His Actions

- i. After the Rapture, he confirms 7 year peace treaty with Israel and her enemies. Dan. 9:27
- ii. He would quickly rise to power
- iii. He arises out of a confederacy of 10 kings – Dan 7:20-24
- iv. He will have a fatal wound that is healed – Rev. 13:1-4,12
- v. He would defeat the Kings of the North and the South (Egypt and Syria) Dan 11:40-44
- vi. He makes Jerusalem and the Temple his headquarters after God destroys the nations of Gog and Magog with fire. (Turkey, Russia, Iran, Sudan, and Libya)
- vii. The Antichrist most likely takes credit for their destruction, and then claims that he is God, and makes the abomination of desolation in the Temple.
- viii. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. – Dan. 11:45
- ix. It is at this point (the mid-point of the tribulation) that he sets up the mark of the beast, and enforces his One-world religion (which was probably already in place. Rev. 13:16-18

II. The Meaning of “Antichrist”

“While the Greek prefix ‘anti’ generally means ‘against’ or ‘opposed to,’ it can also mean ‘in the place of’ or ‘a substitute for.’ The Antichrist will embody both meanings. He will oppose Christ while pretending to be Christ.”

Dave Hunt, Global Peace and the Rise of the Antichrist, Harvest House, Oregon. 1990. p.6

III. Background

1. Names of the Antichrist

- i. Beast—Revelation 13:1
- ii. King of fierce countenance—Daniel 8:23
- iii. Little Horn—Daniel 7:8
- iv. Man of Sin & Son of Perdition - 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- v. Vile Person—Daniel 11:21
- vi. Willful king —Daniel 11:36
- vii. The Wicked—2 Thessalonians 2:8

2. Character of the Antichrist

- i. Great speaking ability — Daniel 7:8, Revelation 13:4,5
- ii. Crafty political talents—Daniel 9:27; Revelation 17:12, 13, 17.
- iii. Strong physical appearance—Daniel 7:20
- iv. Military genius—Daniel 11:40-42, Revelation 13:4; 17:14; 19:19

- v. Appears to be a moral person – an angel of light
- vi. Materialistic and Power Hungry—Daniel 11:38
- vii. Blasphemer—Revelation 13:6
- viii. Against the law—2 Thessalonians 2:8
- ix. Selfish ambition—Daniel 11:36, 37; 2 Thessalonians 2:4.
- x. Tries to change prophecy and history—Daniel 7:25
- xi. Substitutes self for God—Daniel 11:36; 2 Thess 2:4.

3. Acts of the Antichrist

- i. Confirm a covenant with Israel – Daniel 9:27
- ii. Come into great power—Revelation 13:4
- iii. Break the covenant and defile the temple – Daniel 9:27
- iv. Deny fundamental truths about Jesus -2 Thessalonians 2:4, Daniel 11:36
- v. Become a self-appointed rival to God - 2 Thessalonians 2:4, Daniel 11:36
- vi. Make war against the lamb and God's people - Rev 17:14; 19:19.

4. Destiny of the Antichrist

- i. Destroyed at Christ's Second coming - 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- ii. Cast into the Lake of Fire – Revelation 19:20

III. Is the Antichrist Muslim?

1. The Islamic view of the Antichrist

- i. A Jew born in Iran
- ii. Born to parents childless for 30 years
- iii. Has only one eye
- iv. Claims to be a prophet
- v. Claims to be divine
- vi. Seeks to be worshipped
- vii. Deceives people by seemingly miraculous acts
- viii. Conquers the world (except for Mecca and Medina) with a large army
- ix. Reigns for 40 days, each day being like a year
- x. He is called the *Dajjal*

2. The Islamic view of the Messiah

- i. Called the *Mahdi*
- ii. A descendent of Muhammad
- iii. Rides on a white horse
- iv. Brings global deliverance from the reign of the Dajjal (Antichrist)
- v. Conquers and slaughters the Jews
- vi. Establishes his headquarters in Jerusalem
- vii. Reigns for at least 7 years.

3. The Islamic view of Jesus

- i. Was one of the foremost prophets of Allah
- ii. Was a lesser prophet than Muhammad
- iii. Was a sinless man who was a messenger of God

- iv. Was not the Son of God, or God in human flesh
- v. Was not crucified or resurrected but was raised directly to heaven by Allah
- vi. Was not a sacrifice to atone for the sins of mankind
- vii. Will come back to earth to the Mount of Olives, meet up with the Mahdi and submit himself to him, slay all those who do not accept Islam as the one true religion, kill the Dajjal, and see to the annihilation of the Jews
- viii. Will reign for 40 years after the death of the Mahdi, assume control of the Islamic global kingdom, bring global blessing, bring peace on earth, marry and have children
- ix. Will die and be buried next to Muhammad in Medina
- x. Will then be resurrected with all other men and women on the last day

4. The Argument FOR

- i. The Islamic Mahdi (Islamic Messiah) will be the Antichrist described in the Bible
- ii. The Muslim Jesus will be the false prophet of the Bible, who will render service to the Antichrist (Mahdi)
- iii. Both of these individuals will be destroyed when the true Biblical Jesus returns at the end of the Tribulation period.

5. The Argument Against

- i. Contradictory nature of Islamic Eschatology
- ii. Dependency of Islamic Eschatology
- iii. Muslim disagreements on the Mahdi
- iv. Antichrist will be a Roman
- v. The Antichrist's covenant with Israel
- vi. The Antichrist claims to be God
- vii. The Antichrist's domain in world-wide
- viii. The Ezekiel Invasion