

THE ANTICHRIST/THE MAN OF SIN/THE BEAST OF REVELATION CHAPTERS 13 AND 17

- Precursors to Antichrist:
1. Antiochus Epiphanes (Daniel 8:9-14; 11:21-35).
 2. The King of Babylon (Isaiah 13-14).

During latter part of the church age the man of sin will be living on earth but his identity will not yet be revealed (2 Thessalonians 2)

HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS
 Descriptive of Satan:
 Descriptive of the Beast:
 See Rev. 13:1; 17:3,7-13,16

THE TEN HORNS
 (see Revelation 17:12,13,16)
 The TEN HORNS are ten kings living contemporaneous with the beast, described also by the ten toes of Daniel 2:40-42 and the ten horns of Daniel 7:20,24.

THE SEVEN HEADS
 (see Revelation 17:9-11)

The SEVEN HEADS are seven mountains or governments (Rev. 17:9). These seven heads represent historic kingdoms which are not contemporaneous but which are subsequential (one following the other). Just as the four kings of Daniel 7:17 are actually four subsequential kingdoms; so also the seven kings of Revelation 17:10 are seven subsequential kingdoms, each of which had or will have direct bearing upon the nation Israel. Five of these kingdoms are fallen: 1) Egypt; 2) Assyria; 3) Babylon; 4) Media-Persia; 5) Greece. One existed as John wrote: 6) Rome. The other is not yet come: 7) Revived Rome. The eighth is the BEAST who comes out of revived Rome (Rev. 17:9-11).

Second Coming of Christ

The Lord will destroy that lawless one with the brightness of His coming (2 Thess. 2:8)

- The Counterfeit Trinity
 [See Revelation 16:13]
 1. The Dragon (Satan)
 [See Revelation ch. 12]
 2. The Beast (Antichrist)
 [See Revelation 13:1-10]
 3. The False Prophet
 [See Revelation 13:11-18]

THE TRIBULATION
7 Years

Events that take place in the middle of the tribulation:

- ← He confirms the covenant (treaty) for one week (seven years)-Dan. 9:27
- ← The devil is cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:7-12)
- ← Covenant or treaty with Israel is broken (Dan. 9:27)
- ← The beast's abominable image is set up (Dan.9:27; Matt. 24:15; Rev.13)
- ← Antichrist kills the two witnesses (Rev. 11:7)
- ← The Beast's Satan-empowered Reign of Terror Begins (Rev. 13)

The Rapture

- 1 Thess. 4:13-18

The Church

During this age:
 Many antichrists (1 John 2:18)
 The spirit of antichrist (1 John 4:3)

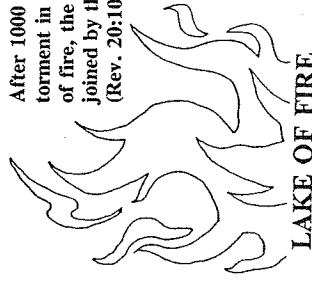
The Beast that was... and is not...and yet is

The Beast that was (Rev. 17:8,11)--This beast is the "little horn" of Daniel chapter 7 who in his rise to power subdues 3 kings of the ten nation confederation (Daniel 7:8,24,25). This is the same beast or ruler who confirms a covenant with many for one week (7 years) as we read in Daniel 9:27. He is a powerful ruler, but as we shall see, he is a mere MORTAL MAN.

The Beast that is not (Rev. 17:8,11)--What does it mean when it says that this beast "is not"? This is so stated because something happens to this man resulting in his physical death. Revelation chapter 13 explains what happens. He is "wounded to death" (13:3). It is a "deadly wound" (13:3,12), even "the wound by a sword" (13:14). He is mortally wounded. He dies.

The Beast that yet is (Rev. 17:8)--At one point he "is not," but at another point he "yet is." How can this be? How can he not be alive on earth and then suddenly be alive again? The answer is found in Revelation chapter 13. This man's "deadly wound was healed" (13:3,12). The one who had the fatal wound by a sword did live (13:14). The whole world witnesses this remarkable event (this "lying wonder"--2 Thess. 2:9) and marvels (Rev. 13:3). Following this great Satanic miracle, the Antichrist becomes Satan's "SUPERMAN," supernaturally empowered by the dragon/devil (13:2,4; 2 Thess. 2:9).

After 1000 years of torment in the lake of fire, the beast is joined by the devil (Rev. 20:10).



THE SON OF PERDITION:
 2 Thessalonians 2:3
 Revelation 17:8,11
LAKE OF FIRE

Cast ALIVE into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20)

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