

III. SOME PROPHECIES ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST

the Bible teaches...

A. THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL COME ON THE SCENE RIGHT AFTER THE RAPTURE (II Thess. 2:1-12).

1. Notice his appearance is associated with the Day of the Lord which will begin the Tribulation Period. When the church is raptured the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit will cease (II Thess. 2:7-10).
2. The Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. It will be ushered in with words of "peace and safety" and will overtake the world (I Thess. 5:2-4).

B. THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL MAKE A PEACE TREATY INVOLVING ISRAEL FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS (Dan. 9:24-27)

1. For the first 3 1/2 years he will come to power by peaceable means (Rev. 6:2).
2. During this time he will become the political leader over a ten nation confederation (Rev. 17:10-13).

C. THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL REVEAL HIS TRUE CHARACTER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

1. He will commit an abomination in the Jewish temple by placing an image of himself there and demanding worship (II Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:15).
2. This will be the fulfillment of what Daniel prophesied and came to pass under the Greek ruler Antiochus Epiphanes IV. The Lord Jesus warned the Jews of the tribulation which would come upon them when this happened (Matt. 24:15-22).

D. THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL UNITE THE COUNTRIES OF THE OLD ROMAN EMPIRE INTO A TEN-NATION CONFEDERATION.

1. This will be a fulfillment of Dan. 7:23,24 as he emerges as a political leader and unites Europe. Note Rev. 13:1; 17:12.
2. Notice he will gain control over this federation through peaceful means (Rev. 6:2-4; I Thess. 5:2,3).

E. THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL PERSECUTE THE JEWS AND BLASPHEME THE NAME OF GOD

1. He will unleash a flood of persecution against the Jews during the middle of the Tribulation Period (after 3 1/2 years). This will come about after the ministry of the two witnesses whom God will send (Rev. 11:3-12; 12:6,13-17).
2. This will fulfill Daniel's prophecy in Dan. 7:25 and transpire during the last 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation Period (Dan. 7:25,26).

F. THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL USE THE APOSTATE CHURCH AS A MEANS TO COME TO POWER BUT WILL THEN TAKE IT OVER (Rev. 17:15-18).

G. THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL BE JUDGED BY THE LORD JESUS AT HIS SECOND COMING

1. This judgment will come about at the end of the Tribulation Period (Dan. 7:24-27; 8:25,26; Rev. 19:19,20).
2. Notice the Antichrist will be cast into the lake of fire along with the False Prophet (Rev. 19:20; 20:10). One should note there is a thousand year period between Rev. 19:20 and 20:10. When the devil is finally consigned there the Antichrist and False Prophet will have been there for 1000 years suffering. So will those who took the mark of the beast or Antichrist.