
THE SECOND COMING GENERATION SESSION 5: THE COMING ANTICHRIST

- I. Our goal is to present a deep dive into the Word of God so that can become confident in God's plans and purposes for the End of the Age. This Biblical narrative gives us the foundational reality of where we are going as the Body of Christ.
- II. During the second coming generation, God will mature the body of Christ and the glory of Jesus will rest on the church. There will be a great harvest to occur for this reality to take place. The church will rise with great authority. This will all take place while God allows the antichrist to be raised up so that evil will also mature to its fullest.
 - A. Many are trying to interpret the times based on their emotional investment in 2020.
 - B. Daniel 7 declares how the antichrist appears on the scene and comes to power.
 1. **Daniel 7:7-8 — “After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.”**
 2. **Daniel 7:23-24 — “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.’”**
 3. **Daniel 7:21-22 — “I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.”**
- III. The Antichrist's Personality and Power (Daniel 8:23-35)

A. Daniel 8 emphasizes the Antichrist's activities in relationship to the Jewish people and the temple in Jerusalem (8:9-14), as well as the great cruelty of his reign of terror over the nations (8:23-25). He will emerge in the latter time (8:23) of the kingdom of the four kings mentioned in verse 22. The composite beast of Daniel 7:11 will express the evil, geography, and ethnicity of Greece.

Daniel 8:23-25 — “In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king [Antichrist] shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power [by demonic power]; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes [Jesus]; but he shall be broken without human means [by God's power].”

B. **Fullness of transgressors:** In the generation in which Jesus returns, sin will reach the greatest heights ever in history (Dan. 8:23; 12:10; Mt. 13:30; 1 Thes. 2:16; Rev. 9:20-21; 14:18; 17:4; 18:5).

1. **Revelation 9:21 — “They did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”**
2. **Isaiah 24:5 — “The earth is defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed...”**
3. **Romans 8:18-21 — “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**

C. **A king shall arise:** The Antichrist shall arise as a king when sin “reaches its fullness” (8:23).

D. **Fierce features:** The Antichrist will have fierce features (8:23). Some translations refer here to his bold or strong countenance—cruelty. He will be resolute in his cruelty, without any capacity for compassion or mercy. His most prominent name in Scripture is the Beast,

because he thinks like a wild beast. He is called The Beast thirty-six times in the book of Revelation to convince us that it will be impossible to negotiate with him for mercy. He will be the cruelest man to ever live.

- E. **Sinister schemes:** He will discern the evil motives of men and solve complex problems (8:23). This will include the spiritual realm (occult) and the natural realm of politics, war, economics, etc. He will solve complex problems by receiving supernatural, demonic insight. One of the greatest untold stories of Hitler's Germany was the access to the occult.
- F. **Mighty power:** The Antichrist's power shall be mighty (8:24). The Antichrist's source of power will be satanic (Revelation 13:2). He will not be limited to human power and abilities.
1. Satan will give power and great authority to the Antichrist to do great miracles.
 - a) **Revelation 13:2 — “The dragon [Satan] gave him [Antichrist] his power, his throne, and authority.”**
 - b) **2 Thessalonians 2:9 — “The coming of the lawless one [Antichrist] is...with signs, and lying wonders.”**
 - c) **Revelation 11:7; 17:8 — “...He will ascend from the bottomless pit... The beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war....The beast...will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition.”**
- G. **Destroy fearfully:** He will destroy in a fearful way and on an unprecedented level (8:24). Here the Hebrew word for fearfully includes the concept of unique, as in uniquely fearful. He will use unique ways to kill in large numbers and will use fearful methods to produce terror. **Daniel 7:23 — “...fourth beast shall...devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.”**
- H. **Destroy the mighty:** He will not be afraid to kill the mighty—the most prominent world leaders (politics, finances, science, etc.)—and beloved public figures (8:24).
- I. **Destroy the holy people:** He will kill Jewish people as well as members of the Body of Christ (Dan. 7:21, 25; 8:24; 11:33-35; 12:7, 10; Rev. 6:9-11; 7:9, 14; 9:21; 11:7; 13:7, 15; 16:5-7; 17:6; 18:24; 19:2; 20:4; cf. Mt. 10:21-22, 28; 24:9; Lk. 12:4-7; 21:16-19; Jn. 15:18-16:4).

Revelation 13:7 — “It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.”

- J. **He shall destroy many in their prosperity:** The Antichrist shall destroy many rich people (8:25). He will not be afraid to kill the rich, because he will not need their favor to succeed like most politicians do. The rich should not place their confidence in their wealth to protect them from the Antichrist, for he has no capacity for kindness or mercy.

Revelation 17:16 — “The ten horns...on the beast...hate the harlot...and burn her with fire.”

- K. **Cunning:** His propaganda will be cleverly devised to deceive multitudes. Cunning is the crafty use of special skill or knowledge that is characterized by trickery. Deceit and cunning will be his weapons. He may use the arts, media, and music to make his message more convincing. He will present himself as a man of peace, but will cause many wars and great destruction.
Daniel 8:24-25 — “He shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive...Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity.”

- L. **Deceit to prosper:** He will convince the multitudes with lies that are backed up by demonic signs to confirm them (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).

- M. **Prosper and thrive:** The Antichrist shall prosper and thrive (8:24). He shall temporarily thrive politically, militarily, and financially, even while doing evil and destroying people. His power and wealth will increase as his armies conquer more nations. What he does will seem to be blessed by God. Many will assume that prosperity is a sign of God's blessing on him. This will give them confidence to join him. He will seem totally invincible to the people in the nations.
Revelation 13:4 — “They worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

- N. **He shall exalt himself:** The Antichrist will have an unholy boldness in his wisdom. He will have no fear of consequences for his ruthless attacks on the nations. Even the boldest leaders in history have had some fear of the consequences of their actions. Paul made reference to Daniel's prophecies of the Antichrist exalting himself as God (8:11; 11:36) by claiming to be God (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

2 Thessalonians 2:4 — “The man of sin [the Antichrist]...exalts himself above all that is

called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

- O. **Rise against Jesus:** The Antichrist will stand against Jesus as the Prince of princes (8:11, 25).
1. **Daniel 8:25 — “He shall even rise against the Prince of princes [Jesus].”**
 2. **Daniel 8:11 — “He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host.”**
 3. **Daniel 11:36 — “The king shall... speak blasphemies against the God of gods.”**
 4. **Revelation 13:6 — “Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name.”**
- P. **Defeated and broken:** The Antichrist will be destroyed in a supernatural way (8:25). He will be broken without human intervention. No man’s hand will be involved in destroying the Antichrist. His army will be destroyed by the sword from the mouth of Jesus (Rev. 19:20-21).
Daniel 8:25 — “...but he shall be broken without human means.”
- Q. Daniel described the Antichrist’s judgment four times, prophesying that he will be consumed, destroyed, and broken without human means (by divine intervention), and that no military alliance will be able to help him, support him, or rescue him from God’s judgment (7:11, 26; 8:25; 11:45).
1. **Daniel 7:11 — “I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.”**
 2. **Daniel 26 — “...They shall take away his [Antichrist’s] dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.”**
 3. **Daniel 11:45 — “...yet he [Antichrist] shall come to his end, and no one will help him.”**
 4. **2 Thessalonians 2:8 — “The lawless one [Antichrist] will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”**
 5. **Revelation 19:20 — “The beast was captured...cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.”**

R. **Summary:** The Antichrist will be the most powerful political leader in history:

1. Military genius (tactics/strategy) – Dan. 8:24, 25; 11:38-39; Rev. 6:2; 13:2, 16
2. Oratorical genius (moves masses of people) – Dan. 11:32, 36; 8:23
3. Political genius (diplomacy) – Dan. 7:23; 2 Thes. 2:4; Rev. 13:8, 12; 17:11-12
4. Commercial genius (prosperity) – Dan. 8:9, 24; 11:36, 43; Rev. 13:16-17
5. Religious genius (doctrines and history of world religions) – 2 Thes. 2:4; Rev. 13:4, 8, 12
6. Intellectual genius (science, math, technology, languages, etc.) – Dan. 7:25; 8:23
7. Occult genius (demonology, miracles, human sacrifice) – Dan. 8:24; 11:39; Rev. 13

IV. God's limitation of the Antichrist:

Revelation 13:4-10 — “They worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?” There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 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. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.”

A. **Abomination of Desolation:** The antichrist commits the abomination of desolation that Jesus talks about in Matthew 24 half way through the WEEK (7 years).

Daniel 9:27 — “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

1. Paul's timely warning about the Abomination of Desolation
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 — “Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of**

our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 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, 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. Image of the beast standing where it should not be.

Mark 13:14 — “But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.”

3. Abomination will include image of the beast.

Revelation 13:13-18 — “He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”

4. When they are saying peace and safety.

1 Thessalonians 1-6 — “Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.”

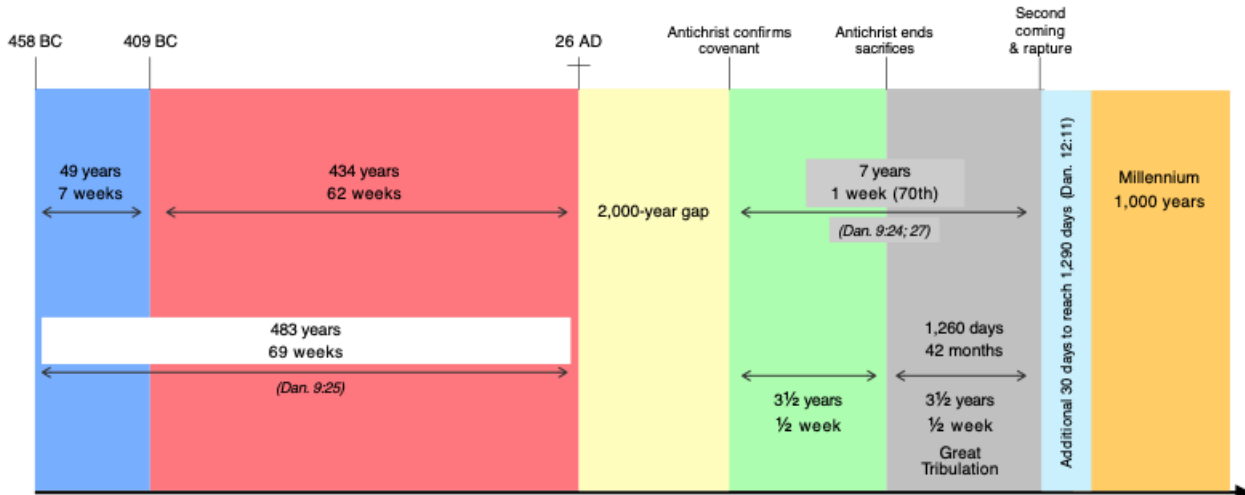
5. Jesus' warning

Matthew 24:15-16 — “Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), **16** then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. **17** Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. **18** Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.

B. The power behind the Antichrist:

Revelation 12:7-17 — “And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.” And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Daniel's 70 Weeks
Daniel 9:24-27



The 2,300 Days
Daniel 8:14

