

Characteristics of Anti-Christ in the words of Scripture.

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1. His moral characteristics are these.

Isaiah 14: 14 . . He shall say in his heart, I will be like the Most High.

Dan. 8: 25 . . He shall stand up against the Prince of princes.

Dan. 11: 36 . . He shall exalt himself above every god.

2 Thess. 2: 4 . . He shall exalt himself " above all that is called God."

2 Thess. 2: 4 . He shall show himself that he is God.

1 John 2: 22 . . He shall deny both the Father and the Son.

Rev. 13: 6 . . He shall open his mouth in blasphemy against God.

Rev. 17: 3 . . He shall be full of names of blasphemy.

2. *The extent of his power.*

Isaiah 14: 16 . . He shall make the earth to tremble, and shall shake kingdoms.

Isaiah 14: 17 . . He shall make the world as a wilderness.

Dan. 7: 25 . . Times and laws shall be given into his hand.

Dan. 8: 9 . . He shall wax exceeding great.

Dan. 8: 24 .. His power shall be mighty.... He shall destroy wonderfully.

Dan. 11: 36 . . He shall do according to his will

Dan. 11: 40 . . He shall enter into the countries and overflow.

Dan. 11: 42 . He shall stretch forth his hand upon the countries.

2 Thess. 2: 9 . . His coming shall be with all power.

Rev. 13: 7 . . Power shall be given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Rev. 17: 13 . . The ten kings shall give their strength and power unto him.

3. *His power will be supported by miracles.*

2 Thess. 2: 9 . . His coming shall be after the working of Satan, with all power, and signs, and lying wonders.

Rev. 13: 12 . . He that ministereth in his presence shall do great wonders, so that he shall make fire come down from heaven on the earth, in the sight of men, and shall deceive them that dwell upon the earth by means of these miracles which he shall have power to do.

Rev. 13: 15 . . He shall have power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast

should speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

4. His reception on the earth

Rev 13: 8 . . All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life.

Rev. 13: 15 . . Whosoever will not worship the image of the beast shall be killed

Rev. 17: 8 . All whose names are not written in the book of life shall wonder.

John 5: 43 . . If another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

5. The place of his manifestation in blasphemy.

Isaiah 14: 13 . . He will sit on the mount of the congregation, on the sides of the north.

Dan. 8: 11 . . He will take away the daily sacrifice.

Dan. 11: 45 . . He will plant the tabernacles of his palace on the glorious holy mountain.

2 Thess. 2: 4 . . He will sit in the temple of God.

6. He is named-

Isaiah 14: 12 . . "Lucifer," as blasphemously assuming Christ's character of " the morning star."

Isaiah 14: 4 . . "The King of Babylon."

Isaiah 10: 5 . . "Asshur," or "Assyria," as being king over that country.

Dan. 7: 20 . . "The Horn that has eyes," as denoting intelligence and strength.

Isaiah 30: 33 . . "THE KING," for whom Tophet is prepared.

These are his principal names in the Old Testament, where he is always referred to in connection with the Jews. In the New Testament he is called, in contrast to the holiness which is the Church's character, the Man of Sin, or the Wicked One. In Isaiah also he is called the Wicked One-"By the breath of his lips He (the Lord) shall slay the Wicked One." Isaiah 11 (quoted in 2 Thess. 2) In John he is called "the Antichrist," in his special character of opposition to Christ. In the Revelation he is called the Beast, as denoting his moral estimate in the sight of Heaven.

7. He will be destroyed by no mere human agency.

Dan. 8: 25 . . He shall be broken without hand.

Isaiah 11: 4 . . . The Lord with the breath of his lips shall slay the wicked one.

2 Thess. 2: 8 . . The Lord shall consume him with the breath of his lips, and with the brightness of his coming

Rev. 19: 15, 20. When He cometh forth who shall tread the — wine-press of wrath, the Beast is taken, and cast alive into the lake of fire.

The following connections may also be found useful:

1. Between Daniel 8. and 9.

8: 25 . . . By peace he shall destroy many.

9: 27 . . . He (the Prince that shall come) shall confirm the covenant with many.

8: 11 . . . He shall take away the daily sacrifice.

9: 27 . . . He shall cause the sacrifice to cease.

8: 19 . . . He shall prosper in the latter end of the indignation.

9: 27 till that determined is poured on the desolator.

2. Between Dan. 8 and 11.

8: 9 He waxes great towards the pleasant land.

11: 41 He enters into the glorious land.

8: 17 At the time of the end shall be the vision.

9: 40, 41 . . . At the time of the end shall he enter.

8: 19, 24 . . . He prospers in the last end of the indignation.

11: 36 He shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished.

3. Between Dan. 7 and 11.

7: 25 He shall speak great words against the Most High.

11: 36.... He shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods.

7: 25 He shall change times and laws.

11: 37, 38 . . . He shall not regard the God of his fathers, but honour another.

7: 22 He shall continue until the saints possess the kingdom.

11: 36 he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished.