

1. (*anti*----'against' and 'in place of'.

The *Parousia* of the Lawless One

- a. 2 Thess. 2:10 "When He shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all that believe..."

*'elthe'* – *'he shall have come'* Subjunctive mood and second aorist tense.

["When the Spirit of Truth is come" (*elthe*) "shall have come."]

The Lord will be first glorified in His saints according to 1 Thess 4. This will take place before that judgment shall be revealed. This is a specific indication if the timing of the Rapture of the body of Christ.

2. *Parousia* means both the arrival and the stay of the coming person.

3. Events to precede his appearing

- a. A general apostasy from any recognition of the true God;

(1) Seen in the world at large. Psalm 2:1-3. "Why do the nations rage, and the peoples imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, Let us break their bands sunder, and cast away their cords from us."

(2) Also among those who profess to be followers of the Lord Jesus.

2 Thess. 2:3. "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come the falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed."

1 Timothy 4:1-3. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that, in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron, for bidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving by them that know and believe the truth."

2 Timothy 4: 3-4. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but, after their own lusts, shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

- b. This will be intensified by Satan and his angels being expelled from his as yet tolerated presence and influence in the world above and their being restricted to the earth as their sphere of operations. Rev. 12:1-12.

It will be a repetition upon a vaster scale of that ancient irruption of evil angels ("sons of God") which so aggravated wickedness among men that it brought the flood. (Genesis 6:1-8; 1 Peter 3: 19, 2; Jude 6)

This coming irruption will again ripen wickedness and compel judgment. The days of Noah and of lot will be repeated. (Luke 17:26-37; Matthew 24:36-42; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

- c. The whole world, political and religious, will have been carefully prepared for co-ordination of government and domination by one Ruler. Satan's authority includes all peoples and nations (Luke 4:5-7; 1 John 5:19), and this universal dominion, which Christ refused, he will bestow upon the Antichrist. The centralizing movements of modern times are obviously tending in this direction.

#### 4. The Ruler Himself.

1. Daniel's Foreview. a. The Fourth Wild beast. (Dan. 7: 7,8,19,20,23-25.)  
b. The Little horn of the he-Goat.  
c. The willful King. (Dan. 11:36-30.)
2. Paul's Foreview. (2 Thess 2:3-12)
3. John's Foreview. (Rev. 13:1-7)
4. In character he will be lawlessness personified, the Lawless One, owing no superior other than the devil, His god (Daniel 11:38).
5. He is designed as the Antichrist. (1 John 2:18).
6. He is the Beast. (Rev. 13:4).
7. The man of lawlessness and the son of destruction. (2 Thess. 2:3).
8. Gog. (Ezekiel 38:2).
9. The little horn. (Daniel 7:8).
10. An extremely powerful and ungodly king. (Daniel 11:36).
11. The destroyer and the executioner. (Isa. 16:4).
12. The head of the house of evil. (Hab. 3:13).
13. He will pose as a great humanitarian, the friend of men, and especially the friend of the Jewish race. Whom he will persuade that he has come to usher in "The Golden Age" as pictured by the prophets, and who, will receive him as their Messiah.
14. He will eventually suppress all religions (especially that of the God of gods) and enforce the worship of himself alone. (Daniel 11:36-37); 2 Thess. 2:4;) Rev. 13:11) Emperor worship and the worship of Satan combined will alone be legal. Modern philosophical blending of all religions into one is tending in this direction.
15. He will abolish all political and legal institutions and seek to establish a new system of human life. (Daniel 7:25)
16. He will claim to be God incarnate. (Dan. 11:36; 2 Thess. 2:3-4).
17. He will be an extremely powerful and ungodly military leader. (Ezek. 38:4,8,9; Daniel 11:38).
18. He will be given the diabolical power of Satan himself. (Rev. 13:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:9).

19. He is killed by a fatal wound to the head. (Rev. 13:3) with a military weapon or sword. (Rev. 13:4).
20. He will receive the absolute allegiance and worship of the world when they recognize who he is, a dead man brought back to life. (Rev. 13:12; 17:8, 11).
21. A man with Japhetic (Roman) lineage who probably will come from the ancestral line of Magog. (Gen. 10:2; Ezekiel 38:2). In seeking to identify the antichrist we can, therefore, eliminate, all those who are not from the ancestral line of Magog. This therefore eliminates the leaders of
  - a. The Egyptian Empire (Mizaraim);
  - b. The Assyrian Empire (Asshur);
  - c. The Babylonian Empire (Nimrod);
  - d. The Medo-Persian Empire (Madai-Tiras); and
  - e. The Greek Empire (Javan) ---

because none of these leaders were of Japhetic lineage, with Roman ancestry.;

22. Antichrist will be a notorious anti-Semite (Matt. 24:15-21; Rev. 12:13-17)
23. Daniel describes the blasphemous actions of Antichrist by predicting that he “will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god, and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished”. (Daniel 11:36.
24. Paul describes him as “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 Thessalonians 2:4)
25. Christ describes him as the personified “abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place”. (Matt. 24:15).

## 5. His Rise to Power.

- a. A terrific tempest of strife will convolute the Mediterranean area and a series of conflicts between Assyria, the king of the north, and Egypt the king of the south will erupt. (Daniel 11:5-35)
- b. The fourth wild beast will apparently arise in the eastern end of the Mediterranean and will be a combination of ten kingdoms.
- c. Within the area of these ten kingdoms and insignificant person will assert himself and will overthrow three of them. (Dan. 7:8).
- d. His first conquests will be towards the south (Syria and Egypt), the east (Mesopotamia and Persia), and the Holy Land. (Ezekiel 20:6, 15; Daniel 8:9). This may indicate that his own original seat of power will be north of Palestine and west of Mesopotamia, therefore, possibly, Armenia.
- e. He will forge ahead until he has been accepted as supreme ruler of the ten (Rev. 17:12-13), i.e. the whole fourth beast.
- f. This will be the Lawless one, the Antichrist. (1 John 3:18,22).
- g. By virtue of the force of his character and the weight of his confederacy he will trample upon the three other ‘Mediterranean’ beasts and will gain mastery over the *whole earth*. His rule will for a

short time universal, covering the full human sphere of the Prince of this World, the Devil. It will be by the craft and energy of Satan that he will succeed. (Dan. 8:23, 24; 11:38; Rev. 13:2-4).

- h. Israel, the Jewish State, will enter into a league and covenant with the beast, the King of Assyria, the Antichrist. It will be for seven years (Dan. 9:27; Isa. 28:14, 18). This league, however, will seem at first to be a security to their State and religion, while to the beast-Antichrist it will open Jewish wealth and ability and make them a buffer on his south-western frontier.
- i. The co-ordination of all the world under one authority and one system of life and government and currency system, a veritable United Nations, will seem to secure universal peace. The people of the world will say, "Peace and Safety." (1 Thess. 5:3)
- j. After the Jerusalem Campaign has secured the temple for Antichrist's use *"they [the unbelieving world] worshiped the dragon [Satan] because he gave his authority to the beast [Antichrist], and they worshipped the beast saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him? And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for 42 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. And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and every authority over every tribe and people and tongue.'" (Rev. 13: 4-7).*

K. In a parallel passage, Daniel does on to say that Antichrist

*"Will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time." (Daniel 7:25).*

It is not clear what alternation of times and laws means. Possibilities include:

- a. Making judicial activism normative. Judges will make law according to eisegesis of the constitution.
- b. He may attempt to revise the modern calendar, eliminating all Jewish and Christian observances (such as Passover, Christmas, and Easter). Happy Christmas is already not politically correct!
- c. He may attempt to overturn commonly accepted codes of ethics and morals that is already occurring in our own country.

## 6. THE TRIBULATION, THE GREAT ONE. (Rev. 17:14; Matt. 24:21; Daniel 12:1; Joel 2:2).

Dissent from Emperor worship will be made a capital offence. (Rev. 13:15).

The first world emperor, Nebuchadnezzar, attempted to force on all his subjects a State religion, the worship of his god. The penalty of non-compliance was death. (Daniel 3).

In the second century B.C. the king of Syria, Antiochus Epiphanes, endeavored to force his kingdom to worship his god, Jupiter. Godly Jews resisted and suffered.

Under the Roman emperors a further stage was reached. Not merely the god of the emperor was to be worshiped but the emperor himself, as the human embodiment of deity. At that time the Jewish religion was sanctioned officially, it was a legally recognized cult, but Christians were put to death.

By the Antichrist, however, there will be no such toleration. It will be "the time of Jacob's trouble. (Jer. 30:7; Rev. 13:7; 14:12.)

Enforcement of the legal religion will be in the hands of a Minister of Religion, the False Prophet. He will be

- a. In nature a second wild beast;
- b. In manner a lamb, suave and gentle;
- c. In speech a dragon, fearful when provoked;
- d. In practice a wizard, working signs to deceive, if possible, even devout Messianic Jews. (Matt. 24:25);
- e. In repressive measures against dissenters he will be cunning and ferocious (Rev. 13:11-12).
- f. Detection will be assured by a publicly worn mark signifying that one is a worshipper of the Antichrist, the Lawless One. Without this being produced trading and procuring food will be illegal. Trade union cards, identity cards etc, are familiarizing the public in many places for the final measures of state intolerance and persecution.
- g. In his magical deceits he will be aided by a wide irruption of demon forces working through his false prophets under the supervision of the False prophet. (Matt. 24:23-26; 2 Thess. 9,10.)
- h. There will be angelic warning against compliance with the Emperor's demands and the worship of his image. (Rev. 14: 9-12.)
- i. Very many faithful Messianic Jews will resist, even unto death (Matt. 24:8,9; Rev. 6:9-11; 14:12), and will thus secure special blessing and recompense in the coming Millennial kingdom. (Rev. 14:13; 20:4).
- j. This valiant testimony, even unto martyrdom, will have the effect of a universal preaching of the good news of the imminent coming of the Millennial Kingdom and a reminder that the Consummation lies ahead. (Matt. 10:16-23; 24:14; Mark 13: 9-13).
- k. A small group of Jewish Messianic Christians, living in Israel at that time, will know the truth and will use every opportunity to warn their countrymen of their tragic mistake. They will warn Israel of the impending disaster about to occur and their need to flee Israel and go to a safe place of hiding.
- l. The duration of the Tribulation, the Great One, will be limited by God to three and half years (Matt. 24:22; Rev.11:2,3; 13:5).

#### 7. THE CLOSING STAGE OF THE ANTICHRIST, THE LAWLESS ONE.

1. In the middle of the seven year period he will violate the seven years' contract or covenant with Israel. Dropping all pretence he will proceed to extreme measures to enforce the worship of himself. (Dan. 9:27).
2. The godly traditional Jews of Israel will have built a temple and will have reestablished divine worship. (Rev.11:1,2; 2 Thess. 2:3,4).

3. His statue will be placed there making the sanctuary abominable and desolate (Daniel 9:27; Matt. 24:15).
4. Resistance by the Jews will result in the destruction of their sanctuary and the city. (Dan. 9:26). This will not be the temple built by Messiah after his return to the earth, but will be Jews prior to that return.
5. While peace and prosperity will for a time assure wide contentment with his rule, there will come some dissatisfaction and revolt.
6. Egypt will rebel and will be invaded by the forces of Antichrist personally led by himself, and, with adjacent north African territory, will be crushed. (Dan. 11:40-43).
7. While engaged in these geographical areas the Antichrist will receive disquieting news from the eastern and northern sides of his home base (Dan. 11:44). This may well be the attack on his capitol Babylon, which will commence the judgments of God which will be completed in the final overthrow of that city. (Isa. 13:17; Jer. 51:11).
8. Filled with fury (Dan. 11:44) he will destroy many and will stimulate a conspiracy of the descendants of Ishmael, Esau and Lot to blot out Israel (Psa. 83). Probably it is because these Trans-Jordanian Arab peoples will be joined with him against Israel that their lands will not be ravaged by him (Dan. 11:41). The ancient hatred of these races against Israel will erupt in a last attempt to destroy everything Israeli.
9. To complete the destruction of Israel and Jerusalem, and to be ready for the final impending invasion of his empire by the arrival of Christ and the armies of heaven, the beast-Antichrist, secretly aided by demonic agencies, will mobilize the whole of his forces and invade the Holy Land. (Ezek. 38 and 39). Jerusalem will be sacked, half the survivors will be dragged into captivity, and the remnant will be left there. (Zech. 14:1-2; Luke 21: 20-24), in fear of a holocaustic extermination (Joel 2:12-17).
10. At the very hour when Satan's plan to ruin the plan of God, exterminating all followers of the Messiah, both Jews and non-Jews, the great Antichrist Beast and his armies will be destroyed by the outshining of the glory of the Messiah at his descent to the mount of Olives, accompanied by all of his angels (Joel 2:18; Zech. 14:3,4,12-15; Matt. 24:29:31).
11. Thus "he shall come to his end and none shall help him" (Dan. 11:45), that end being and he and his False prophet shall be consigned to the lake of fire for the eon. (Rev. 19:20).
12. And here is the end of all international schemes and combinations. (Isa. 8:9-15; Psa. 2).

#### 8. THE PAROUSIA TO THE EARTH

1. The Lord has been absent from the earth since His ascension. At the moment appointed by His Father (Psa. 110:1; Acts 1:7) He will return, which will be his *parousia*, presence, on the earth.
2. This will commence with his descent from the throne of God to the clouds, (Dan. 7:13; Matt. 26:64; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Rev. 1:7).
3. This event will be instantaneous, like a flash of lightning (Luke 17:24) And visible, "every eye shall see Him," including those who pierced him (Rev. 1:7). The Lord will be accompanied by all the angels. (Joel 3:11; Matt. 25:31; 1 Thess 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:14).
4. This will be the Apocalypse, the unveiling, and the epiphany, the forth shining, of his *parousia*. (2 Thess.2:8)
5. At the moment of his descent to the clouds there will be a resurrection of those of the dead of all ages of time who are accounted worthy to attain the coming of the millennial age. (Dan. 12:13; Isa. 26:19; Luke 20:34; Rev. 20:4-6). These will reign with him in the Millennial Kingdom (Luke 22:28-30) as the over-comers (Rev. 14:14-16; 20:4-6).

9. **MILLENNIUM**

1. From the Latin words 'Mille' and 'Annum' meaning 1000 years.
2. This is the answer to the prayer "Thy kingdom Come."
3. It is the Paradise promised to the thief on the cross.
4. Satan, also called Dragon, Serpent, and Devil) will be bound and thrown into the abyss. (Rev. 20:1-3)
5. The First Resurrection will occur. (Rev. 20:4-6)
6. The Sheep and the goat judgment will occur. (Rev. 20:4; Matt: 31-46).
7. Beheaded martyrs will be resurrected. (Rev. 20:4).
8. The creation of the new heavens and new earth will occur. (Rev. 21:1).
9. The new Jerusalem will come down from heaven to earth over Mount Zion. (Rev. 21:2)
10. It will be a theocracy. (Luke 1:30-33; Isaiah 24:23).
11. The seat of government will be in Jerusalem. (Luke 21:24).
12. Living waters will go out from Jerusalem. (Ezek. 47:8-12).
13. A Temple will be constructed in Jerusalem. (Ezek. 40:1; 44:31).
14. The Holy Land will be revived. (Joel 3:18.)
15. There will be changes in the animal kingdom. (Isa. 11:6-9).
16. Human life will be prolonged. (Zech. 8:4).
17. There will be a sevenfold increase of light. (Isa. 20:36).
18. At the end of the 1000 years Satan will be loosed out of his prison. (Rev. 20:7-8).
19. Once loosed Satan will find many still willing to believe his lie and to serve and obey him. (Rev. 20:8-9).
20. The great White Throne judgment will Occur. (Rev. 20:11-15).