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When Will the Antichrist rear his Destructive head?

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Remember the conclusions we are drawing are not from commentaries but are based on careful repetitive observation of the text. 1 John tells us there are many antichrists in the world now but there is one specific antichrist coming. The Jews were expecting the

Promised One, the Messiah, but the antichrist opposes or steps in the place of Christ.

What was the Christ to be?

Mt 22:42 "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "The son of David."

The Christ was to be the Son of David and He was to rule over Israel and the World.

Jn 7:31 "But many of the multitude believed in Him; and they were saying, "When the Christ shall come, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?"

The Christ would perform signs that would testify that He was from God.

Lu 24:46 Jesus "said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day."

When Christ came He was to suffer on Calvary, to die and be raised on the 3rd day.

John 12:34 "The multitude therefore answered Him, "We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

When the Christ came and rose from the dead He would remain forever.

In Daniel 2 (click Kay's lecture on Daniel 2) we see an overview of world history from the perspective of Israel until the setting up of Messiah's kingdom. The dream describes 4 kingdoms and a Stone (Messiah) that would come and hit the statue on its feet and it would become a "*mountain*" (synonymous with "*kingdom*") and God would rule on the earth. Remember also that kingdom and king are synonymous.

In Daniel 7 (click Kay's lectures on Daniel 7:part 1, part 2, part 3, part 4) the prophet Daniel has a vision of 4 beasts that come up out of the sea: lion, bear, leopard, and a dreadful & terrifying beast (the 4th beast = the "DT" beast). The DT beast has 10 horns and in the days of those 10 horns there is another horn, a LITTLE HORN, that arises and conquers 3 of the other horns, becoming the ruler until his kingdom is taken away and given to the saints of God.

Review of Dates

605BC Babylon (lion) conquered Israel

539BC Medes & Persians (bear) conquered Babylon & ruled over Israel

339BC Greece (Alexander the Great, leopard) conquered Medes & Persians and when Alexander died his kingdom split into 4, with the northern (Seleucid Kingdom) and southern (Egypt or Ptolemies) kingdoms being those that exerted power/rule over Israel. Initially the Ptolemies ruled over Israel and it was a "good" rule (e.g., the Greek translation of the OT, the Septuagint, LXX, was written during this time). The Seleucids however eventually took over rule and Antiochus Epiphanes (means "manifest" or "splendid") exerted power over Israel, setting up the "abomination of desolation" by setting up a statue of Zeus in the Jewish Temple and sacrificing a pig on the altar. His rule ended with the Maccabean revolt.

165BC The Maccabeans ruled Israel.

63BC The 4th "DT" kingdom (of iron) came into power conquering the leopard with 4 heads (symbolizes the 4 kings that arose when Alexander died). So Rome ruled when Jesus Christ was born.

So the Bible has laid out clearly that there will only be **4 major kingdoms** until the Messiah returns and sets up His kingdom. Yes there have been many world powers but there have been no power dominating over Israel since the Roman Empire.

WHERE THE ANTICHRIST COMES FROM & WHEN

1). He must come out of a political entity: This entity has to be identified somehow with the 4th kingdom of iron and clay bc we know that during the days of the 10 toes is when the Stone cut without hands comes and crushes the statue in the 10 toe stage. We also know from **Daniel 7** (all that God says will come to pass... not a single word can be altered) that in the days of the 10 kings there will arise a LITTLE HORN. (See Kay's 4 Lectures on Daniel 7: LECTURE 9, Lecture 10, LECTURE 11, LECTURE 12)

2). This political entity must be from the 4th kingdom (Dan 2) and the 4th beast (Dan 7).

3). He will come out of a confederation of 10 horns, as a LITTLE HORN, making 11 horns until the LITTLE HORN conquers 3 horns leaving 8 horns at that time (see Dan 7 below).

Da 7:7 "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; (this is what happened as the Roman empire trampled the surrounding nations) 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.

Da 7:11 "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which **the horn** was speaking; I kept looking until **the beast** was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. 12 "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time... 16 "I approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: 17 'These great beasts, which are **four** in number, are **four kings** who will arise from the earth. 18 'But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.' (So he is showing us that at the end of these 4 kingdoms the saints take over and reign... this parallels the statue & Stone of Daniel 2) 19 "Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the **fourth beast**, which was different from all the others, exceedingly **dreadful**, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet, 20 and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, **that horn** which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts, and which was larger in appearance than its associates.

To summarize: We have **a beast with 10 horns** out of which arises a **Little Horn** who becomes larger

Da 7:21 "I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints (those who will eventually take over the kingdom... and the Little Horn overcomes them) and overpowering them 22 until (time phrase) 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. (So in the days of the 4th beast, the 10 toe stage is when saints take possession) 23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. 24 '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.

So you know that there has to be some sort of **revival of this 4th beast**, the 4th kingdom and this may be the characteristic that makes this beast different than the others which never revived. So we know that the ANTICHRIST can only arise after we see this 4th kingdom be revived and 10 horns come up out of it. So when you see a kingdom with 10 kings you need to watch.

Da 7:24... and another will arise after them , and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. (it does not say that he will annihilate him... it might be that when the other 7 see what he does to the 3 that they simply capitulate to his rule and lead.) 25 'And **he** will speak out against the Most High (God) and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they (the saints) will be given into his hand for a **time, times, and half a time**. (So when 10 horns--horns mean power--and the Little horn arises, he will make war with the SAINTS--Jews here because Daniel is a Jewish book-- and they will be given over for 1260 days). 26 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his (the Little Horn's) dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. 27 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; (correlates with the Stone striking the **10 toe stage** of the statue) His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

1). First the Kingdom comes, then 10 Horns (kings), then the Little Horn (Antichrist).

2). The Antichrist must be in power for 3 1/2 years.

3). Antichrist's rise to power can be seen in Rev 6:1 as the First Seal of the Sealed Scroll is broken by the Lamb Who alone is worthy to do so. Then one on a white horse goes forth conquering (present tense = continuous action) and to conquer (aorist = at a point in time, but it does not specify when)

A NEW TIME PHASE IN THE REVELATION

Rev 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse, (white horse = symbol of a conqueror, donkey like Jesus rode = peacemaker) and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown (stephanos, a victor's crown, not a diadem at this point) was given (aorist passive = so it was something bestowed on him) to him; and he went out conquering, (present tense) and to conquer.

The breaking of the seals begins a **new time phase** in the Revelation. In Rev 2 & 3 Jesus is telling the churches how to stay pure. In Rev 4 we begin this new phase: 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Bowls culminating in Jesus Christ's return and conquering the Beast setting up His Kingdom in the days of the 10 toes.

So we have a kingdom or **political entity** on earth at that time. Kay assumes that this one in Rev 6:2 is an **individual** ("he" singular) and that by the time of the breaking of the first seal there is in place a kingdom, not necessarily ruling world wide but still an entity that would equate with the 4th Kingdom. At this time the **LITTLE HORN** is "making his move" coming up from the 10 HORNS but **HE IS NOT YET IN POWER**. At this time, he is simply making his move so that he will later be shown to be the **antichrist**. At this time the covenant is signed with the many (Dan 9:27). So at the FIRST SEAL we would have Dan 9:27. In Dan 9:24-27 during the rule of the BEAR, the Medo-Persian Empire (445BC) a decree goes forth to restore and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. From that time 483 years follow up to the time of Jesus Christ entering Jerusalem on a donkey to bring peace. After the 483 years Messiah is cut off or crucified (Roman Empire, 4th Beast) and Jerusalem destroyed in 70AD by the same empire.

DANIEL'S PROPHECY OF 70 WEEKS

Dan 9:24-note "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. 25-note "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26-note "Then after the 62 weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come (the ANTICHRIST) will destroy the city and the sanctuary. (ROME IN 70AD) And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27-note "And **he** will make a **firm covenant** with the many for **one week**, (7 YEARS) but in the **middle of the week** he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; (which means we have a temple) and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, (ANTICHRIST) even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

(Click here for Kay's Lectures on Daniel 9: Lecture 14, Lecture 15, Lecture 16; Click for additional notes on Daniel 9:24-27: Part 1 and Part 2)

So when the first seal is broken it **could possibly** correlate with the FIRM COVENANT in Dan 9:27 made for 7 years. If that covenant is broken then you have 2 periods of 3 1/2 years and at the end of the second period the "one who makes desolate" is destroyed. **Why would the 1st seal correlate with the covenant?** For one thing this brings the final judgment upon the earth when Christ our Redeemer is redeeming the earth and His people. But there is another reason:

4). At the time of the first seal, a covenant is signed with the many: So somewhere around this first seal we have a Temple being built, because the sacrifices and offerings are stopped 3 1/2 years after that covenant is made.

5). From the first seal up to the 6th Trumpet Kay believes we have the ministry of the 2 witnesses. When the 6th Trumpet is blown, the 2nd woe is over and there is one left.

Rev 10:7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

Rev 11:1 And there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Rise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. 2 "And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for 42 months. (So you know that by this time, probably after the 6th Trumpet, you have a Temple and Jews are worshipping there. The Gentiles trodding the HOLY CITY Kay feels points to the last 3 1/2 years).

Rev 11:3 "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1260 days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if anyone desires to harm them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if anyone would desire to harm them, in this manner he must be killed. 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, in order that rain may not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, (we see water and blood in the seals) and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. 7 And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

Abyss refers to where demons are kept and where the dead are. So in Rev 6:1 the Antichrist goes forth conquering and to conquer, somewhere near the 3 1/2 years the Antichrist has a mortal wound and dies but is resurrected from the dead. He is then able to put to death the 2 witnesses that have been troubling the earth. The **2 witnesses** would have freedom bc there is a **peace covenant** with the Jews and a temple... so it seems at that time that the Jews are on the "winning team".

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified... 11 And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and 7000 people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly. 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." ... 17 saying, "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign. (NOTE: That when God begins to reign the reaction is that the NATIONS are enraged.)18 "And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

SETTING FOR THE "CONFLICT OF THE AGES"

Kay believes that the ANTICHRIST comes forth from the 10 kings, is conquering, dies, is resurrected from the dead, puts the two witnesses to death causing the entire world to be amazed at the beast and to give him their power. At that point the **power** that raises him from the dead and gives him his power to rule is from the **DRAGON**. Thus here we see the **CONFLICT OF THE AGES** culminating in the **last 3 1/2 years** with the CHRIST defeating the ANTICHRIST. Since the ANTICHRIST wants to be like the CHRIST, and he wants to rule (conquering and to conquer... to rule over Israel... to rule over the world) and these various RULES begin in the last 3 1/2 years. He performs signs including putting to death the TWO WITNESSES. From this point on you have the ANTICHRIST fully manifested for who he really is.

THE BEAST WHO IS CARRYING BABYLON

Rev 17:7 And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I shall tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 "The beast that you saw was and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss (in other words the beast was EXISTING at the FIRST SEAL and he is about to come out of the abyss... at the 7th Trumpet, the middle of Daniel's 70th week) and to go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth will wonder, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come. 9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, 10 and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. 11 "And the beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.

THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

7 HEADED BEAST = the one that "is" was ROME but it would come back as the REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE. The 8th is one of the 7 but when the 8th comes the 7th only remains a little while so in the last days of the 10 horns, in the days of the Antichrist, there is a Revived Roman Empire ("revived 4th Beast"). That Revived Beast with 10 horns gives rise to the LITTLE HORN, who is one of the 7, and when he comes out he is an 8th. He takes over the Roman Empire at the middle of the 7 years and at that time he is the only power and all the others, including the 3 that he has conquered and the rest look at him and give him their kingdom and rule with him until the very END. But he is supreme.

'Remain a little while' = When Rome is revived it remains only a little while. The 5 that are fallen are (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and the one that "is" as John writes Revelation in 70AD, Rome, then Revived Rome which gives Israel the right to rebuild their Temple and also gives rise to the Antichrist who is one of the 7 but is the 8th and he is the final power. That's what we see in Rev 13 and that is what we will look at next week when we look at "Beauty and the Beast".