

## Prophecy Sermon #4

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Matthew 24 & Revelation 13

The Man of Sin Will Come – the Antichrist – Satan’s superman will come

Christians are not to be looking for the Antichrist; we are to be looking for Jesus Christ

Jesus we will meet in the air and He will have raptured us out of the world

Chaos will reign

Then the Antichrist – 7-year covenant – treaty which begins the Tribulation period

The man of sin will break the treaty with Israel – at the 3½-year mark with an episode called the Abomination of Desolation – which will take place in Jerusalem on the Temple grounds

Disgusting - Wasteland

I’ve entitled today’s message “The Man of Sin Will Come, Part II”

Matthew 24 – let us stand for the reading of God’s Holy Word

Matthew 24:15    Revelation 13

Let us pray

You may be seated

“The Man of Sin Will Come”

“There *was* to be a warning sign of *this* calamity: when ‘you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel’

Now an abomination of this sort had happened before in the temple by Antiochus

Epiphanes in 168 B.C. Antiochus erected an altar to Zeus over the altar of burnt

offering and sacrificed a pig on it,

sprinkling its blood in the Holy Place

This was the worst possible affront to Judaism, a true ‘abomination.’ But Jesus was not referring to this past event in Matthew 24. He was referring to something like it that would happen when Antichrist and his armies come to Jerusalem

Antichrist will proclaim himself as God – sitting in the Temple

He will be worshiped and he also will have a statue set up in the Temple to be  
worshiped

More about this later

In Revelation 13 we are going to see this abomination and

The Agenda of the Antichrist and his prophet

The Antichrist may be alive today, but even if he is not

The Bible says he's coming

Out of the sea – the sea is understood to be the masses of the people

He is a man

The Antichrist is an individual that actually sits in the Temple

Vs. 1 – Revelation 17

10 kings ruling at the time – give power unto one man – the man of sin

#### 1. He is a peacemaker

He is a leader – political ruler

Receives blessing from other leaders – given position – just like Hitler

Certainly, this man will be on the scene before the rapture of the church.

He will be a peaceful political leader who unites 10 nations into a strong power block  
(see Rev. 17:10-13). He will bring a brief time of peace to the world.

Daniel 11:21 – teaches us that he will come peaceably and obtain the kingdom by  
flattery

Vs. 2 – three animals of Daniel

They represent the kingdoms of Babylon, Medeo-Persia and Greece

With strength, brutality, and swiftness

The Antichrist will have some of all these animal kingdoms in him

He is given power in verse 2 – also again in verse 4 – by the dragon, old serpent, the  
Devil

Great as this man will be, he is actually only an agent or tool of Satan

So notice first of all

Satan's empowerment of this beast

The Beast/Antichrist is Satanically energized

He truly is Satan's superman

Since Antichrist will be energized by Satan, it is no surprise that he will seek worship; for

Satan has always wanted the worship of the world.

He wants to be worshiped and obeyed instead of Christ.

Satan has always wanted to be worshiped and served as God.

The devil said in Isaiah 14:14, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

Luke 4:5-8, "And the devil, taking Him [Jesus] up into an high mountain, shewed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto Him, 'All this power will I give Thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If Thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be Thine.' And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Get thee behind Me, Satan: for it is written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'"

And all of God's people say, "Amen"

The man of sin will oppose everything that belongs to any other religion, true or false. He will organize a world church that will, by worshiping him, worship Satan.

Vs. 3 – notice he has some type of resurrection

The man of sin is the resurrected counterfeit christ that the devil will work through

The world wonders after him – the world will stand in awe

The world did not believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ but they will believe in the resurrection of the Antichrist

Now let us see the four activities of the Beast out of the sea – the Antichrist

The Bible gives us the details of his activities

## 1. The first activity of Antichrist is that he blasphemes God (vs. 4-6)

He was given the ability to speak (vs. 5)

This does not mean he was given a mouth but rather was given what to say

So the Antichrist is Satanically motivated

What is he to say?

First of all (vs. 5) – great, haughty things

As the world sees this man speak, they do not understand that he is but the machinery of Satan – the mouthpiece of the evil one

Secondly (vs. 5) – blasphemous things

This means he will be a big mouth fellow – big talker – like the roaring of a lion (vs. 2)

This is found in Daniel 11:36, “And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that which is determined shall be done.”

He shall speak marvelous things against our God

First, he is given the ability to speak

Second, he is given the authority to be active 42 months (3½ years) – vs. 5

This reflects the period of the Antichrist’s dominion

The only good news of this passage is that the Antichrist will only be reigning 42 months – and then his career will be done

Daniel 7:25, “And he shall speak great words against the most High . . .”

Vs. 6 – the use of the Greek phrase means that he is speaking in a formal and official manner (capacity) as a world leader

He blasphemes God’s name (vs. 6)

This is a clear violation of the third commandment

Exodus 20:7, “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.”

He blasphemes God’s dwelling (literally, the residents in God’s dwelling) the church people – that’s us – and the holy angels

There will be a continued barrage (volley) of slander by the slanderer

On earth, these will be words of intimidation!

Obscenities, defaming words

His first activity is to blaspheme God

## **2. The second activity of Antichrist is his actions against God's people (vs. 7a)**

He is permitted to fight against and to conquer God's people

Daniel 7:25, “. . . and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.” – 3 ½ years – 42 months

Daniel 7:21, “I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them.”

The Antichrist is allowed to persecute the people of God and many of these saints will be beheaded for their faith

Revelation 20:4, “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

These saints are the Tribulation saints – many will suffer martyrdom for their faith

While Satan's superman is establishing his world empire, he must put down those who resist him

When God's people rise up and stand for the faith in defense of God, they will be the special object of Antichrist's wrath and hatred

Daniel tells us – he will wear out the saints of God

#1 – Blaspheme God

#2 – Kill God's people

### **3. The third activity of Antichrist is that he has worldwide authority (vs. 7b)**

Over every tribe, people, language, nation except for those who have been redeemed  
in vs. 8

Man will believe him

They will believe his lies – they will follow him

II Thessalonians 2:9-12

The career of the Antichrist is described

Nobody on earth will be able to overcome the Antichrist and his forces, for he is  
energized by Satan.

Satan will enable his false messiah to perform “power and signs and lying wonders”

The purpose of Antichrist’s miracles will be to lead people to believe his lies.

The lying wonders persuade people to believe Satan’s lies.

How much better it is to follow the example of the Thessalonian believers who received  
the Word of God “not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God”

They received the truth and were saved.

Have you received the truth?

He has worldwide authority

He will be the first man who is able to exercise rule over all people

Napoleon tried

Hitler, too

The Antichrist will have better success

Revelation 13:16, “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and  
bond, to receive a mark in their right had, or in their foreheads.”

Satan will vent his wrath against God’s people.

He will so control the world’s economic system that citizens must bear “the mark of the  
beast” to be able to buy and sell (vs. 17)

## C.C. Illustration

In order to better control the activities of the people—of the world

Each person is required a brand which will identify him as a loyal citizen of the world  
kingdom

Registration is universal

Everyone must register, there are no exceptions

From the Greek word, we know that this mark will be something like an etching  
or a tattoo which, once implanted, cannot be removed

There is a company listed on the American Stock Exchange – Digital Angel

Here is what their press releases say about the company:

“Digital Angel™ technology represents the first-ever combination of advanced sensors and Web-enabled wireless telecommunications linked to Global Positioning Systems (GPS). By utilizing advanced sensor capabilities, Digital Angel is able to monitor key functions—such as ambient temperature and physical movement—and transmit that data, along with accurate emergency location information, to a ground station or monitoring facility. The company also invented, manufactures and markets implantable identification microchips the size of a grain of rice for use in humans, companion pets, fish, and livestock. Digital Angel Corp. owns the patents for its inventions in all applications of the implantable microchip technology for humans and animals.”

The most important development in recent years from Digital Angel is one that is still in the development stages, but on the verge of introduction. It is a medical recording device for real-time monitoring of patients. It will integrate biosensors and envirosensors, wireless communication, and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology.

Inserted under your skin

Will be able to read your heart rate, temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and blood  
chemistry

Is networked by the Internet and GPS, your information will be sent instantly to your  
doctor wherever you are

VeriChip will be implanted beneath your skin

The chip has been approved by the FDA

VeriChip is a miniaturized, implantable radio frequency identification device (RFID) that has the potential to be used in a variety of security, financial, and other applications

About the size of a grain of rice

Unique verification number

The verification number is captured by briefly passing a proprietary scanner over the VeriChip.

Radio frequency energy passes from the scanner energizing the dormant VeriChip, which then emits a radio frequency signal transmitting the verification number

An instrument smaller than an insulin syringe will inject it under your skin.

It will be extremely difficult to survive at all without the mark

No one will get employment, conduct any business

Won't be able to put gas into your car

No mark—no merchandise—no seal—no sale

People will be unable to use any money or possessions in Satan's market place

– only in the black market

No transactions of any kind will be legal without the mark

How will God's people survive? – secret communities

but it will be dangerous and hard

Antichrist activities:

1. Blasphemes God
2. Killing spree – God's people
3. Worldwide authority

#### **4. The fourth activity of Antichrist is that he receives worship**

He is worshipped (vs. 8)

This is the abomination of desolation

Worldwide worship

They believe that Satan's superman is greater than God

Adoration – this speaks of his international (fame) rule of the world

He is the one-world ruler

II Thessalonians 2:4, "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Satan in Matthew 4 – offered Jesus the world – Jesus refused it

But not this man – Satan will get for him and give to him the worship of the world

Vs. 4 – who is like the beast? He is unique

He is mighty

Who is able to fight against him?

Men will have to worship the beast or suffer/die

This is the abomination of desolation

Daniel 9:27, "And he (the Antichrist) shall confirm the covenant (treaty) with many for one week (seven years): and in the midst of the week (middle – 3 ½ years) he shall cause the (animal) sacrifice (of the Jews) and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, . . . "

What is oblation? Daniel 9:27

Overspreading – wings

Hulking statue – overspread arms

Standing in the Holy Place

Vs. 11 – like a lamb – imitation of Christ, but he is a wolf in sheep's clothing

Like a dragon – he is like his father, leader – Satan

The aim of this second person is to promote the worship of the first

This false prophet will wed together religion and business – vs. 12-15

Vs. 15

The (statue) image speaks convincingly, intelligibly, remarkably

Some kind of spirit is imparted by the false prophet – possibly a high-ranking demonic angel

As it was in Daniel's book – you bow or you die

The fourth activity of Antichrist – he is to be worshiped

Revelation 13:18, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six."

Is to help people identify the Antichrist – the man of sin

Two key teachings here:

1. Number of a man

This beast is not a kingdom – he's a man

Count the number of the beast

This could mean count his name

Roman letters also have numbers – they represent V X L C and so does the Greek alphabet

In the Greek language, each letter has a number affixed to it as well

Alpha – I am the first

Beta –

The number 666 is significant

6 is one short of 7

7 is perfect number

The number 6 is associated with the number of a man because he is imperfect

This number is a clue by which to recognize him as he slinks onto the world

Stage

One in 10,000 people if you transfer their name into Greek letters and count it will add up to 666

I would suggest that we not waste our time trying to identify a person by this number. Instead, we need to present Jesus Christ that we might reduce the population of those who have to go through the Tribulation Period and who will therefore know what the number of the Beast is.

Here is wisdom – for Christians to recognize the beast before the world does

It will cost dearly to trust Christ and live for Him during that time. Believers will refuse to bow down to the beast's image and will be slain. They will refuse to wear his mark and thus be unable to get jobs or make purchases.

The Tribulation time will be the darkest hour in the history of the world – and the Church, thank God, will not be here for it

We will not be here under Antichrist – we will be in Heaven under Christ

We are not looking for the Antichrist – we looking for Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ whipped Satan at the cross and on Easter Sunday

The angels of God whipped Satan and threw him out of Heaven (Revelation 12) and God is going to whoop him again later in Revelation

I'm not worried about what Satan can do

God tells us in this Bible of the future job description of Satan's superman, but I tell you that even today the devil and his demons are doing all they can to blaspheme God and His people; to oppose God and His people; to distract and deflect the worship of God

But in Revelation 19:19-20, Satan and his workers get their wings clipped

Revelation 20:10

And everyone who resists and stands in defiance of God will meet the same demise as Satan and his workers

You are either on God's side – Satan's side – no in-between

There is a greater war/battle – we best stand up and be counted for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ

Let us stand for closing invitation

Every eye closed

Are you on God's side?

There is only one way to get there, and that is to believe on Jesus Christ – the real Messiah

He bled and died on the cross for our sins – was buried and rose again in victory over  
sin and death

We first must recognize ourselves as sinners

Secondly, must recognize Jesus Christ as the Savior

Then repent or turn from our sins and turn to Jesus Christ – believing and confessing  
Him as Lord

Won't you do that today? Right now?

You can pray – not to me, but to God

“O, God, I know I am a sinner . . .

Believers, do you recognize the greater war of the world?

Understand that we are soldiers of the cross?

Cast away any sin that slows us down or distracts us

Proclaim the Gospel and the love of the truth to people

Point them to the Savior

God, help us to be about Your business

**Outcome:**

- Keep looking for Jesus Christ
- Do not be distracted with prophetic curiosity such as who the Antichrist is and what his number means
- Urgency to reduce the number of those who go into the Tribulation by winning the lost today