

## **Study Guide: The Fall of the World-Lesson 4**

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This study guide provides a comprehensive review of the historical and prophetic conflict between God and Satan, specifically focusing on the attempts to thwart the Messianic line and the eventual rise of the Antichrist.

### **Part I: Short-Answer Quiz**

**Instructions:** Answer the following questions in two to three sentences based on the source text. Do not refer to the answer key until you have completed the quiz.

1. What is the primary purpose of using Adolf Hitler as an example at the beginning of the lesson?
  2. According to Genesis 3:15, what specific promise did God make that Satan has spent history trying to prevent?
  3. Describe the method Satan used in Genesis 6:2 to attempt to corrupt the human race and stop the line of the Messiah.
  4. In the account from 2 Chronicles, how was the royal line of David preserved when Athaliah attempted to destroy all the royal heirs?
  5. What specific event in the book of Esther led to the preservation of the Jewish people and the Messianic line?
  6. Explain the sequence of events in Revelation 12 that leads to the beginning of the Great Tribulation on earth.
  7. What is the specific goal Satan hopes to achieve by raising up a man of "tremendous power" during the Tribulation?
  8. The source identifies six specific areas of brilliance or leadership the coming Antichrist will possess; list and briefly define three of them.
  9. Define the "times of the nations" and state when this period began and when it is expected to end.
  10. What are the primary differences between the "little horn" mentioned in Daniel 7 and the one described in Daniel 8?
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## Part II: Answer Key

1. The purpose is to demonstrate that while Hitler was a "maniac," the coming Antichrist will be far worse, representing a demonic magnification of Hitler's evil. He is used as a precursor to show that the final ruler will be a totally demonic "super-man."
2. In Genesis 3:15, God promised that a seed of a woman would come to bruise the serpent's head. This prophecy foretold the coming of a man, Jesus Christ, who would ultimately destroy Satan.
3. Satan attempted to create a corrupt kind of humanity by having "the sons of God" (demons) cohabit with the "daughters of men." This produced a race that was beyond the redemption of a God-man, leading God to destroy the race through the flood while sparing Noah.
4. When Athaliah slaughtered the royal seed, Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, stole the infant Joash away and hid him with his nurse in a bedroom. Joash was hidden in the house of God for six years until he could be rightfully established as king, preserving the line of David as the Lord had promised.
5. The Jewish people were saved because a king could not sleep one night and ordered the Scriptures to be read to him. God used this moment to turn the king's heart, leading to the sparing of Israel and the preservation of the Messianic line.
6. A war occurs in the heavenlies where Michael and the holy angels fight against Satan and his demons. The holy angels win, and the demons are thrown down to the earth, converging with the bound demons released from the pit to begin the Great Tribulation.
7. Satan wants to raise a ruler so strong that he can gain a grip on the world that Jesus Christ cannot unlock upon His return. He seeks to reverse the plan of God by ensuring the kingdom cannot be wrested from this "strong man" during the Second Coming.
8. The Antichrist will be an intellectual genius (symbolized by "eyes"), an outstanding orator with a commanding personality, and an economic wizard who builds a materialistic empire. He is also described as a master politician, a military genius, and a religious leader who demands world worship.
9. The "times of the nations" refers to the specific period during which Jerusalem is trodden down by outside powers. This period began approximately 600 B.C. and will continue until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
10. The "little horn" in Daniel 7 refers to the future Antichrist who rises from a ten-nation confederacy, while the "little horn" in Daniel 8 refers to Antiochus Epiphanes. While Antiochus was a historical figure who desecrated the temple, he serves as a prophetic picture of the final Antichrist.

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### Part III: Essay Questions

**Instructions:** Use the provided source text to develop detailed responses to the following prompts.

1. **The Conflict of the Ages:** Analyze the historical war between God and Satan as presented in the text. Discuss how Satan's "five 'I wills'" initiated a rebellion that has targeted God's people and the promised seed throughout redemptive history.
2. **The Preservation of the Seed:** Compare the various methods Satan used to destroy the line of the Messiah—from the corruption of the human race in Genesis to the decrees of Pharaoh and Herod—and explain how God intervened in each instance to protect His plan.
3. **The Profile of the Beast:** Detail the characteristics of the "super-man" described in Revelation 13 and Daniel 7. How do his skills as a politician, economist, and military leader serve his ultimate goal of religious deception?
4. **The Revived Roman Empire:** Explain the significance of the "ten-nation confederacy" and the "ten horns" mentioned in Daniel and Revelation. How does this political alignment facilitate the rise of the Antichrist?
5. **Types and Shadows of the Antichrist:** Using the example of Antiochus Epiphanes, discuss how historical figures serve as "pictures" of the final Antichrist. Contrast the duration and nature of their respective reigns as described in the book of Daniel.

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### Part IV: Glossary of Key Terms

- **Ancient of Days:** A title used in Daniel 7 to refer to God as He takes His seat for tribunal judgment.
- **Antichrist:** The final "little horn" and "beast" who rises from the ten-nation confederacy to capture the world and oppose Jesus Christ.
- **Athaliah:** The mother of Ahaziah who attempted to destroy the entire royal house of Judah to cut off the Messianic line.
- **The Beast:** A term used in Revelation 13 to describe the Antichrist, depicted as rising from the sea with seven heads and ten horns.
- **Great Tribulation:** A period of unprecedented trouble on earth beginning when Satan and his demons are cast out of heaven and the demons are released from the pit.
- **Jehoiada:** The priest who, with his wife Jehoshabeath, hid the infant Joash for six years and later led the covenant to restore him to the throne.

- **Little Horn:** A symbolic term used in Daniel 7 to refer to the Antichrist and in Daniel 8 to refer to Antiochus Epiphanes.
- **Messianic Line:** The royal and procreative lineage, specifically the house of David, through which Jesus Christ was prophesied to be born.
- **Revived Roman Empire:** The final form of the fourth kingdom described in Daniel, characterized by a ten-nation confederacy in the territory once occupied by Rome.
- **Times of the Nations:** The period from approximately 600 B.C. to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ during which Jerusalem is controlled by Gentile powers.

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Part V: Greek Terminology

The following terms or names found in the source context are derived from Greek:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Phonetic Pronunciation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Epiphanes</b> [ <sup>1</sup> ]	eh-PIF-uh-neeZ	A title meaning "God Manifest" or "The Illustrious One," adopted by Antiochus IV.
<b>Seleukos</b> [ <sup>2</sup> ]	seh-LOO-kuhs	The name of one of the four generals of Alexander the Great; refers to the Seleucid dynasty.

[<sup>1</sup>]: Used in the source to describe the self-identification of Antiochus, who set himself up as a god to be worshiped. [<sup>2</sup>]: Identified in the text as the general from whose kingdom the "little horn" of Daniel 8 (Antiochus) emerged.