

## **Briefing Document: The Fall of the World-Lesson 4**

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### Executive Summary

The source context outlines a perpetual, historical, and cosmic conflict between God and Satan. This rebellion, which began with Satan's "five 'I wills'" in an attempt to usurp God's throne, has manifested as a focused effort to destroy the "promised seed" of the Messiah. Historical analysis reveals a pattern of satanic attempts to thwart the birth and mission of Jesus Christ through the corruption of humanity, the slaughter of royal heirs, and state-sponsored genocide.

The document identifies the current era as a time of satanic infiltration within the church, leading toward a future "Great Tribulation." This period will be characterized by a celestial war, the convergence of demonic forces on Earth, and the rise of a global dictator—the Antichrist. Rising from a ten-nation European confederacy (a revived Roman Empire), this figure will possess unparalleled intellectual, political, and military genius. The briefing concludes that despite the Antichrist's temporary dominance and his efforts to capture the world's worship, the narrative ends with the intervention of the "Ancient of Days," the total destruction of the satanic system, and the establishment of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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### The Historical War Against the Promised Seed

The central theme of redemptive history is the conflict established in *Genesis 3:15*, where God promised a "seed of a woman" would destroy the serpent. Recognizing this threat, Satan has historically employed various devices to prevent the arrival or fulfillment of the Messiah's mission.

### Early Attempts at Sabotage

- **Corruption of Humanity:** In *Genesis 6:2*, the text indicates that *the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose*. This is described as an attempt to create a race beyond redemption, which God countered through the flood.
- **The Bondage in Egypt:** During the Exodus, Pharaoh attempted to destroy the procreation line of Israel by slaughtering baby boys.
- **The Slaughter of Royal Heirs:** In *2 Chronicles 21:4*, *Jehoram killed all his brothers with the sword*. Later, in *2 Chronicles 22:10*, *Athaliah arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah*. The line of David was preserved only through the concealment of the infant Joash in the house of God for six years.
- **Genocide and Infanticide:** The book of Esther records a wholesale attempt to destroy the Jewish people, while Herod later attempted to kill the young Messiah by slaying the infants of Bethlehem.

## Resistance to Christ's Ministry

Satan's opposition continued through the life of Jesus via:

- Direct temptation in the wilderness.
  - Inciting crowds to violence (e.g., the attempt to push Him off a cliff in Nazareth).
  - The crucifixion, which Satan viewed as a victory, but God overturned through the resurrection.
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## The Nature and Characteristics of the Antichrist

The source indicates that the coming "Beast" or Antichrist will be a magnification of past dictators, specifically described as "Hitler magnified to the extreme." He is Satan's climactic effort to hold the world so that Christ cannot return and reclaim it.

### The Six-Fold Profile of the Global Dictator

1. **Intellectual Genius:** Symbolic "eyes" denote his superior intelligence and insight.
  2. **Outstanding Orator:** He will be a commanding personality with extraordinary persuasive speech.
  3. **Master Politician:** He will utilize "flatteries" and peaceful maneuvers (the bow without arrows in *Revelation 6:2*) to consolidate power.
  4. **Economic Wizard:** He will build a world materialistic empire and a commercial fortune unlike any in human history.
  5. **Military Genius:** According to *Daniel 7:23*, he *shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.*
  6. **Religious Leader:** He will eventually demand global worship, setting himself up in the temple as the sole deity.
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## Prophetic Framework: The Revived Roman Empire

The rise of this dictator is linked to the "times of the nations," a period beginning around 600 B.C. where Jerusalem is trodden down by outside powers.

### The Ten-Nation Confederacy

The Antichrist emerges from a final form of the Roman Empire, described in *Daniel 7:7* as a *fourth beast, dreadful, terrible, exceedingly strong, with huge iron teeth*. This empire culminates in a ten-nation confederacy, symbolized by "ten horns." The Antichrist is the "little horn" that rises directly from this European coalition.

### Historical Typology: Antiochus Epiphanes

The document draws a parallel between the future Antichrist and the historical figure Antiochus Epiphanes (the "little horn" of Daniel 8).

- Antiochus rose from the Grecian Empire (the Seleukos dynasty).
- He identified himself as "God Manifest" and desecrated the Jewish temple.
- While Antiochus held power for 2,300 days (approximately six years and 110 days), the final Antichrist is prophesied to rule for "a time, times, and half a time," or three and a half years.

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### The Great Tribulation and Final Judgment

The "Great Tribulation" begins when a celestial war results in Satan and his demons being cast down to Earth. This convergence of demonic forces leads to a final attempt to destroy Israel.

### The Motivation of Satan

Satan raises the Antichrist to gain such a firm grip on the world that the plan of God is reversed. The goal is to create a stronghold that Jesus Christ cannot "unlock" or "wrest" away upon His return.

### The Divine Conclusion

The period of the nations and the reign of the Beast ends in the "Ancient of Days" tribunal.

- **Judgment:** The court is seated, the books are opened, and the Beast is slain.
- **Destruction:** The body of the Beast is destroyed and *given to the burning flame (Daniel 7:11)*.
- **The Kingdom:** Immediately following the destruction of the Antichrist, the kingdom of Jesus Christ is established.

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### Linguistic Reference Guide

<b>Greek Word</b>	<b>Phonetic Pronunciation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Epiphanes<sup>[^1]</sup></b>	<b>Eh-pi-FAH-neeZ</b>	<b>"God Manifest" or "Illustrious." A title used by Antiochus IV to claim divinity.</b>

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[^1]: This title was adopted by the Seleucid king Antiochus IV, who served as a historical type of the future Antichrist by desecrating the temple and demanding worship.