

Briefing Document: The Fall of the World Lesson 5

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Executive Summary

This briefing document synthesizes the theological and eschatological findings presented in "The Fall of the World," Lesson 5. The analysis centers on the transition from earthly gentile empires to the eternal Kingdom of God, primarily through the lens of the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation.

Key takeaways include:

- **The Identification of the Antichrist:** The source identifies a central end-times figure through various biblical titles, including the "Little Horn," the "King of the Angry Face," and "The Beast."
- **Character and Origin:** The Antichrist is depicted as a gentile leader emerging from a revived Roman Empire (a ten-nation confederacy). He is characterized by blasphemy, military prowess, and a desire to alter the course of history and law.
- **The Mystery of Iniquity:** The period preceding the Antichrist's rise is marked by a "fullness of transgression," where sin reaches its peak in human history.
- **Supernatural Resolution:** The document concludes that the Antichrist's reign is finite and permitted only by divine sovereignty. He will be defeated supernaturally by Jesus Christ and cast into the Lake of Fire, making way for an everlasting kingdom possessed by the "saints of the Most High."

Biblical Profiles of the Antichrist

The source identifies the Antichrist through a series of specific designations found throughout Scripture. Each title highlights a different aspect of his character and role in the end-times narrative.

The Little Horn (Daniel 7)

The "Little Horn" emerges from a ten-member confederacy. This figure is distinguished by:

- **Pompous Speech:** He speaks "pompous words" against the Most High.
- **Persecution:** He makes war against the saints and prevails for a designated time ("a time and times and half a time").
- **Subjugation:** He rises to power by subduing three of the original ten kings in the confederacy.

The King of the Angry Face (Daniel 8)

Also referred to as a king of "fierce countenance," this designation emphasizes:

- **Intimidating Presence:** A "fierce" or "scary" look that reflects a mean-spirited nature.
- **Sinister Intelligence:** An understanding of "sinister schemes" derived from the kingdom of darkness.
- **Satanic Empowerment:** His power is mighty, but it is not his own; he is explicitly empowered and prepared by Satan to confront Jesus Christ.

The Prince Who Is to Come (Daniel 9)

This title connects the Antichrist to the historical Roman Empire. Because the "people of the prince" destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in 70 A.D., it is concluded that the Antichrist must be a gentile arising from the revived Roman/European region.

The Willful King (Daniel 11)

The "Willful King" is defined by absolute self-exaltation:

- He acts according to his own will, regarding neither the gods of his fathers nor the "desire of women."
- He magnifies himself above every god and honors a "god of fortresses" (military power) with wealth and precious stones.

The Man of Sin and Son of Perdition (2 Thessalonians 2)

The New Testament refers to him as the "man of lawlessness," signaling his rebellion against divine law. The title "Son of Perdition" signifies his destiny as a "son of hell."

The Beast (Revelation 13)

In the Johannine vision, the Antichrist is "The Beast" rising out of the sea.

- **Symbolism of the Sea:** The "sea" represents the gentile nations or the Mediterranean region.
- **Hybrid Power:** He possesses the characteristics of previous empires—leopard, bear, and lion—representing a consolidation of all historical gentile power into one final authority.

Key Themes and Theological Framework

The Conflict of History

A primary objective of the Antichrist is to "change times and law." The source posits that Satan's ultimate goal is to disrupt the divine plan for history. By attempting to change the "times," the Antichrist seeks to knock God's prophetic timeline off its wheels.

The Mystery of Iniquity and the Falling Away

The rise of the Antichrist is predicated on two conditions:

1. **The Falling Away:** Identifying this as the Rapture, the source argues this event must occur before the "man of sin" is revealed.
2. **The Fullness of Transgression:** A theological state where sin reigns at its highest possible rate, comparable only to the days of Noah.

Gentile Origin

The source argues against the theory that the Antichrist is of Jewish origin, citing three primary evidences:

- **Historical Precedent:** Antiochus Epiphanes, the biblical "forerunner" of the Antichrist, was a gentile.
 - **Prophetic Connection:** He is associated with the people (Romans) who destroyed Jerusalem.
 - **Symbolic Origin:** He rises from the "sea," a biblical symbol for gentile nations (*Revelation 17:15*).
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The Consummation and Eternal Kingdom

The document outlines a specific sequence for the end of the Antichrist's reign and the establishment of God's kingdom.

The Defeat of the Beast

The Antichrist is not defeated by human means but supernaturally. According to *Revelation 19*, when Christ returns, the Beast and the False Prophet are captured and cast alive into the Lake of Fire. They are noted as the first two occupants of this place of eternal punishment.

The Nature of the Eternal Kingdom

Upon the destruction of the fourth and final gentile empire, the Kingdom of Christ is established.

- *Daniel 7:14: Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.*
 - The saints will possess this kingdom "forever, even forever and ever" (*Daniel 7:18*).
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Contemporary Context and Community Observations

The briefing concludes with relevant contemporary observations and community concerns that align with the themes of global tension and spiritual mission:

- **Global Tensions:** Note is made of ongoing conflicts involving Israel and Iran, with prayers for a swift resolution.
 - **Military Movements:** Recent observations include significant movement of military equipment (armor) on domestic rail lines, coinciding with heightening international tensions.
 - **Missionary Efforts:** Active mission teams are currently navigating government permissions for overseas work, aimed at the spread of the Gospel.
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Scripture References

The following scriptures provide the foundation for the analysis within this document:

- *Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*
- *Daniel 7:13: I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.*
- *Daniel 7:14: Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.*
- *Daniel 7:18: But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.*
- *Daniel 7:21: I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them.*
- *Daniel 7:22: until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.*
- *Daniel 7:25: He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.*
- *Daniel 7:27: Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.*

- *Daniel 9:26: And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.*
- *Daniel 11:36: Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.*
- *2 Thessalonians 2:3: Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.*
- *Revelation 13:1: Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.*