

Study Guide: The Fall of the World – Lesson 5

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This study guide focuses on the prophetic descriptions of the Antichrist and the ultimate triumph of the Kingdom of God, primarily as revealed in the books of Daniel and Revelation. It explores the various names, origins, and characteristics of the coming world leader of the "time of the nations" and his eventual supernatural defeat by Jesus Christ.

Quiz: Understanding the End Times

1. Describe the emergence and early actions of the "little horn" as presented in Daniel 7.
 2. What are the specific characteristics of the dominion given to the Son of Man in Daniel 7:14?
 3. Explain the meaning of the phrase "a time and times and half a time" in relation to the persecution of the saints.
 4. What does the "mystery of iniquity" or the "fullness of transgression" signify regarding the timing of the Antichrist's rise?
 5. How does the description of the "king of the angry face" in Daniel 8:23-25 characterize the Antichrist's source of power and his eventual end?
 6. According to the study of Daniel 9:26, why is the Antichrist linked to the Roman Empire?
 7. What are the symbolic meanings of the "sea" and the "horns" in the context of the Beast's appearance in Revelation 13?
 8. Why does the text argue that the Antichrist is likely a Gentile rather than a Jew?
 9. Describe the identity and fate of the first two occupants of the Lake of Fire.
 10. What is the significance of the "seven heads" as they relate to the location of the Antichrist's initial throne?
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Answer Key

1. The "little horn" rises out of a ten-member confederacy and subdues three of the original kings. He is described as having eyes like a man and a mouth speaking pompous words against the Most High, making war against the saints until the Ancient of Days arrives.
 2. The Son of Man is given dominion, glory, and a kingdom that includes all peoples, nations, and languages. Unlike earthly empires, His dominion is everlasting and shall never pass away or be destroyed.
 3. This phrase refers to a period of three and a half years. During this specific timeframe, the Antichrist is permitted to wear out the saints and attempt to change the times and the laws before his dominion is taken away forever.
 4. These terms describe a point in history when sin and lawlessness reach their maximum capacity or "fullness," similar to the conditions in the days of Noah. It is at this peak of human rebellion that the Antichrist is permitted to arise.
 5. The Antichrist is described as having fierce features and understanding sinister schemes; his power is mighty, but it is granted by Satan rather than his own strength. He is eventually broken "without human means," signifying a supernatural destruction by God.
 6. Daniel 9:26 refers to the "people of the prince who is to come" as those who destroyed Jerusalem and the sanctuary. Since the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD, the prince (the Antichrist) is expected to emerge from a revived form of the Roman Empire in Europe.
 7. The "sea" is a biblical symbol for the nations, peoples, and tongues of the Gentile world. "Horns" are symbols of power and military strength, indicating the Antichrist's regal dominion and forceful authority.
 8. The text cites three reasons: the historical archetype (Antiochus Epiphanes) was a Gentile, the Antichrist is identified with the Roman people, and he is seen rising from the "sea," which represents the Gentile nations rather than Israel.
 9. The Antichrist (the Beast) and the False Prophet are the first two occupants. Following the battle of Armageddon, they are captured and cast alive into the Lake of Fire, which is the final place of damnation.
 10. The seven heads represent seven mountains or hills, which is a well-known designation for the city of Rome. This suggests that the Antichrist will initially establish his center of power and throne in Rome.
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Essay Questions

1. **The Continuity of Prophecy:** Analyze the parallels between the visions in Daniel 7 and the descriptions in Revelation 13 and 19. How do these scriptures collectively validate the "fantastically accurate" nature of biblical prophecy?
2. **The Character of the Willful King:** Discuss the theological implications of the Antichrist's attempt to "change the times and the laws." How does this reflect Satan's desire to disrupt God's plan for history?
3. **The Identity and Origin of the Antichrist:** Evaluate the scriptural evidence provided for the Antichrist's origin from a "revived Roman Empire." Why does the text reject alternative theories regarding his identity?
4. **Sovereignty Amidst Tribulation:** Reflect on the statement that the Antichrist "will only reign because You [God] will allow him to reign." How does the concept of God's sovereignty provide comfort to the "saints of the Most High" during times of persecution?
5. **The Nature of the Eternal Kingdom:** Compare the four earthly empires mentioned in Daniel to the final kingdom set up by God. Focus on the differences in their origins, their power, and their ultimate duration.

Glossary of Key Terms

Term	Definition
Ancient of Days	A title for God the Father, representing His eternal nature and His role as the ultimate Judge over earthly kingdoms.
Antiochus Epiphanes	A historical Gentile ruler who serves as a "forerunner" or prophetic archetype of the Antichrist due to his desecration of the temple.
Armageddon	The site of the final great battle where the armies of the world, led by the Beast, gather to make war against Jesus Christ.
Beast, The	The primary New Testament title for the Antichrist, emphasizing his fierce, predatory nature and his rise from the nations.
Day of the Lord	A prophetic period involving the second coming of Jesus Christ and the subsequent judgments upon the earth.
False Prophet	The associate of the Antichrist whose primary role is to perform miraculous signs to validate the Antichrist's authority and deceive the world.

Little Horn	A title for the Antichrist in the book of Daniel, describing his rise to power from a ten-member confederacy and his boastful rebellion against God.
Mystery of Iniquity	A theological concept referring to the hidden progression of sin and lawlessness that will reach its peak just before the revelation of the Antichrist.
Saints of the Most High	Believers in God who face persecution during the tribulation but are ultimately destined to receive and possess the eternal kingdom.
Son of Man	A title for Jesus Christ, used in Daniel to describe Him coming with the clouds of heaven to receive His everlasting dominion.
Son of Perdition	A title for the Antichrist (also used for Judas Iscariot) signifying one who is destined for destruction and is a "son of hell."
Willful King	A designation for the Antichrist highlighting his extreme self-exaltation and his rejection of all gods in favor of his own desires.

Scripture Memory Verse

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV): "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."