

I John Chapter 2&4

1. In John's day there were many Antichrists. – 2:18
2. The spirit of Antichrist had been foretold and was already in the world in John's day. – 2:18; 4:3
3. The last time had already begun in John's day. – 2:18
4. Antichrists arose in the church and went out from the church. – 2:19
5. Antichrist is one who denies that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) or who denies the Father and the Son. 2:22
6. The spirit of Antichrist denies the incarnation of Jesus in human flesh. - 4:3

2 Thessalonians Chapter 2

1. The 'Man of Lawlessness' (final Antichrist manifestation) arises as a result of an apostasy ('falling away') from the faith. – v.3
2. Christ will not return before this apostasy and Antichrist is revealed. v.2
3. Paul refers to this Antichrist as the "son of perdition" – the same name Jesus gave to the traitor Judas. – v.3 (see John 17:12)
4. This Antichrist exalts himself above all that is Divine or worshipped as Divine. – v.4
5. Antichrist "sits" in the "temple (gk. 'naos') of God." – v.4. For New Testament Christians the "temple of God" on earth refers primarily to the church. (see Acts 7:48; 17:24; 1 Cor.3:16,17; 6:19; 2 Cor.6:16; Eph.2:21; 2 Pet.2:5).
6. Antichrist displays himself to be God. – v.4
7. The Antichrist iniquity was already at work in Paul's day. – v.7
(Paul warned the Ephesians with tears for three years that "grievous wolves" and men twisting the truth would arise from within the church causing great harm. See Acts 20:28-31)
8. The final revelation of the Antichrist will have all Satanic power of lying miracles and the ability to deceive. God will allow people to be strongly deluded and to believe these lies if they do not love the truth. - v. 9-12 (Satan and his angelic and human agencies are in the business of masquerading in a religiously righteous or heavenly/divine appearance – see 2 Cor.11:13-15).
- 9, This Antichrist will be around for the 2nd coming of Christ – at which time it will be destroyed. – v.8

Daniel Chapter 7

1. The Antichrist is referred to as ‘The little horn’ and “The Beast” – v.11 (beasts represent kings/kingdoms – v.23)
2. This ‘little horn’ arises out of the fourth beast or kingdom. v.7, 8
3. Three other kingdoms that arise from the fourth beast must be removed for this Antichrist kingdom to arise to power. V.8
4. This Beast speaks ‘great things’ or ‘pompous things’ (blasphemies) against God. – v.8, 20
5. Even though it is referred to as the ‘little horn’ it grows to be greater than all the other kingdoms or divisions arising from the fourth beast. - v.20
6. This kingdom is different than the other kingdoms. – v.24
7. This Antichrist persecutes and prevails against true Christians. – v.21, 25
8. This power prevails over Christians for a time/times/and ½ time.
(This prophetic time period is mentioned 7 times in scripture in 3 different ways – all apparently referring to the same event lasting 3 and ½ prophetic years, forty two prophetic months or 1260 prophetic days.)
see – Dan.7:25; 12:7; Rev.11:2; 11:3; 12:6; 12:14; 13:5
9. This power thinks to change the times and laws (of God?) – v.25
10. This Antichrist and his kingdom will be destroyed by God when God’s kingdom is finally given to His people. v.11,26,27

Revelation 13

1. This Antichrist is also called “The Beast” – v.4
2. It rises up out of the sea – the sea represents a populated area- Rev.17:15
3. This Beast wears the name of blasphemy and royal/divine crowns – v.1
4. This Beast accepts worship – v.4, 12
5. It has worldwide influence. – v.3
6. The “Dragon” (same as fourth beast of Daniel 7) gives this Beast (same as little horn Beast of Daniel 7) it’s power, authority and seat (throne or capitol). – v.2
7. The Beast blasphemes God’s temple in heaven. v.6
8. This Beast speaks “great things” and “blasphemies.” – v.5 (see Biblical definitions of blasphemy Mark 2:7; John 10:33).
9. This Beast is the same as the Beast of Daniel 7 – likewise this Beast persecutes Christians for the same amount of time. – 13:5
10. The Beast will be thrown in the lake of fire at the final judgment. – Rev.19:20; 20:10

“Babylon” of the Old & New Testament

Ancient Babel

1. A power in direct conflict with the commands and promises of God. – Gen.9:1,15; Gen.11:1-4
2. A power that glorifies the work and name of man. – Gen. 11:4

Ancient Babylon

1. A center of idolatry – Is.21:9; Jer.50:1,2
2. A power that likewise glorifies man. – Dan.4:30

Spiritual Babylon of Revelation

1. Babylon is the code word for Rome. The “great city that reigns over the kings of the earth.” – see 1 Pet.5:13; 17:18
2. Rome sits on seven hills and so does Harlot Babylon. – 17:9
3. A woman is used as a metaphor in the Bible to represent the church. - 2 Cor.11:2; Eph.5:25-27 (Ez.16:8-14 etc.).
4. When God’s people joined themselves to idols and pagan peoples He refers to them as a harlot. – see Ex.34:15, 16; Lev.17:7; 20:5,6 Num.14:33; 15:39; 25:1,2; Dt.31:16; Judg.2:17; 8:27,33; 1Chr.5:25 2Chr.21:13; Ps.73:27; 106:39; Is.1:21; Jer.2:20; 3:1,2,3,6,8,9; 13:27; Ez.6:9; 16:15,16,17,20,25,26,28,31,33,34,35,36,41; 20:30; 23:3,11,14,17,18,19,27,29,30,35,43,44; 43:7,9; Hos.1:2; 4:10,11, 12,13,14,15,18; 5:3,4; 6:10; 9:1
5. A pure woman should represent the pure church. – Rev.12:1-6
A fallen woman would represent the fallen church – Rev.17:1-6
6. The Great Harlot has joined in an illicit union with the ‘kings of the earth’ (political powers). The “wine” of this union has made the people of the world intoxicated – Rev.17:2
7. She herself is drunk with the blood of Christian martyrs – she is therefore a persecuting power. She is responsible for the deaths of prophets, saints and multitudes of people. Rev.17:6; 18:24
8. She clothes herself in the garments and colors of royalty. She holds forth a golden cup filled with abominable things. – Rev.17:4
9. She is the Mother of other Harlots. – Rev.17:5
10. She seeks to glorify herself rather than God. – Rev.18:7
11. Spiritual Babylon will receive the destructive wrath of God during the seven last plagues. She who held the cup of abominations that made the world drunk, and who was herself drunk with the blood of Christian martyrs – will be given the cup and wine of God’s wrath to drink. 16:19; 18:7,8,10,21; 19:2