

The Rise and Fall of the Antichrist

Three things we learn of the antichrist in Daniel 11:36-45:

1. His perverted character. 11:36-39
2. His global conquests. 11:40-44
3. His personal catastrophe. 11:45

How we know the King described in Daniel 11:36-45 is the end times global despot known elsewhere as the Antichrist or the Beast (Revelation 13), and not Antioch Epiphanies or any other ancient king:

1. The prophecies of 11:36-45 are not true of Antiochus but of an end time ruler:
 - a. Antiochus did not exalt himself above every god (vv. 36–37), or reject “the gods of his fathers,” or worship “a god unknown to his fathers” (v. 38); on the contrary, he worshiped the Greek pantheon, even building an altar and offering sacrifices to Zeus in the Jerusalem temple.
 - b. Daniel predicted that this king “will come to his end” in Palestine (v. 45), but it is a matter of historical record that Antiochus IV died at Tabae in Persia.
 - c. Verse 40 reveals that this king’s activities will take place “at the time of the end” (cf. 10:14), and the “time of distress” mentioned in 12:1 is best understood as the same “distress” (the tribulation) predicted by Jesus Christ in Matt 24:21 as occurring immediately before his second advent. (Matt 24:29–31; cf. Rev 7:14)
2. Daniel 11:36-45 perfectly corresponds to descriptions elsewhere of the end time global dictator who is the antichrist
 - a. Daniel previously this person in 7:17-27; 9:26-27) who is the “little horn” of Dan. 7 and “the ruler who will come” of Dan 9:26. He is known in the New Testament as “the man of lawlessness” (2 Thessalonians 2:3–12), the “antichrist” (1 John 2:18), and the “beast” (Rev. 13:1–18).

His perverted character. Dan. 11:36-39

1. He is A Lying, peace maker. Dan. 9:26-26 breaks his peace treaty with Israel. Jesus warns of those who in the last days cried ‘peace, peace’ (1 Thess. 5:3)
2. He is a Ruthless global despot. 11:36-36 “He does as He pleases” – absolute control of the earth. See Revelation 13
 - a. Controls money. rev. 13:16-18 - the mark of the beast
3. He is prideful. 11:36 He exalts himself as God.
 - a. READ 2 Thess. 2 – sets up image of himself in the temple
 - b. READ Rev. 13
4. Atheistic Anti-god agenda. 11:37
5. Anti-family. He disparages family, traditions or any past allegiances to gods.
6. Anti-marriage. He has No desire for women. Disparages marriage and normal family affection. No capacity or desire for the normal affection for a wife, mother, sister.
7. Materialistic. Worships gaining power and possessions to gain power. 11:38
8. Satanically empowered. He conquers with the help of an unknown god. Satan. Dan. 7:23 Rev. 13:2-4
9. He is a global hero because he appeals to the sinful self-gratification of the world v. 11:39
 - a. His perverted, anti-god, anti-morality; anti-family; self-exalting lover of power and things agenda is embraced by the world. It is desired and heroic to them in the last days. 2 Tim. 3:1-5;

Revelation 16:9 - They blasphemed God for the plaques and would not repent; Rev. 9:20-21 They did not repent of worship of demons, idols of gold etc. nor of their murders, sorceries (drug use) nor of their immorality or thefts. The world loves and endorses the antichrist because they love his sinful agenda.

- i. He bribes the world through riches, power and his teaching. 11:39 He is embraced and popular globally – prospers gives great honor to those who follow him 11:38-39. Satan offered Jesus all the power, riches and glory of the world if He would worship him. Jesus refused (Matt. 4:7-11). Satan offers the same thing to the world and they gladly embrace him. They gladly worship him in return for the prosperity he offers them for apart from him they will not be able to buy and sell. The world thinks they are prospering, but are about to experience shocking loss when Christ returns.

His global conflicts

1. He rules a European confederacy of nations located where the Roman empire was (Daniel 7:14-27).
2. He makes a Covenant to protect Israel, and then breaks it 3.5 years later (Daniel 9:26-27).
3. He fights against an Invasion of Israel by King of the north (Probably Russia – Ezek. 38-39) and King of the south (perhaps an Arab confederacy of nations) 11:40
4. He defeats Russia and Arabs. 11:40 Russian and southern collation are destroyed by fires Ezek. 38:22; 39:5-8
5. He breaks his peace treaty and invades Israel setting up an image of himself as god in the temple. 11:41 See 2 Thessalonians 2;1-11
6. He plunders Egypt and Arab nations. 11:42-43
7. He hears of invasion plans from the east. (This invasion perhaps is described in Revelation 9:13-19 as an army of 200,000, perhaps china and Asian countries.) also an invasion from the North. This coming of last days armies from around the world into Israel is described many places in scripture
 - a. Man’s plan for the invasion: to vie for world conquest and possession of Israel. All nations gathered against her. Zech. 12:1-3
 - b. Satan’s plan for the invasion: to bring the nations together to fight against Christ. **Rev. 16:13-16**: The dragon and beast send demons to perform signs to the worlds rulers to gather them.
 - c. God’s plan for the invasion:
 - i. To draw all nations into Israel to battle. Zech. 14:1; Joel 3:1-2,12,16
 - ii. God does this to purify and preserve 1/3 of Israel. Zech. 13:8
 - iii. God does this to rescue and redeem Israel.
 1. Deut. 4:27-31 – Israel will be scattered but return in the last days and when in distress return to the lord and listen to his voice.
 2. Zechariah 14:7,9,11; Joel 3:15-17: When they see Christ return, Israel will know He is the Lord your God; Jerusalem will be holy. Zech. 12:10
8. Antichrist will return and set up his headquarter in Israel 11:45
9. He will seek to commit genocide against Israel. 11:44 Rev. 12:13-17

His personal catastrophe

1. **Jesus will deliver Israel at His 2nd coming. Zech. 14:1-6; Joel 3**
 - a. Jesus will destroy the Antichrist and world’s armies by himself. Isaiah 63:1-6; Zech. 14:3,12; Rev. 19:19-21
 - b. Jesus will leave corpses for 200 miles throughout the length of Israel. Isa. 63:1-7; Rev. 14:19-20
2. Israel will miraculously be preserved from genocide and repent and believe. Zech. 14; Dan. 12:1-2