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"The Coming Antichrist"
Daniel 7 - 8
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The Bible predicts that a political, charismatic world leader will come onto the world scene known in Scripture as "The Antichrist" (1 John), or "The Beast" (Revelation), or "The Man of Sin" (2 Thessalonians 2). He will unite the world under his influential leadership with a temporary peace plan, only to break it and demand that everyone worships him as God. But the Lord Jesus Christ will return and overthrow him by the splendour of His coming and throw the Antichrist into the Lake of Fire along with the False Prophet. In today's message, Pastor Gary shares a message about some of the signs of our times that Daniel prophesied about concerning the Antichrist.

Historical Background

- 1. Daniel 1-6 provides a historical narrative on Daniel's life and his ministry, which lasted about 65+ years.
- 2. Daniel 7-12 is often described as being a prophetic journal of times and events that have yet to take place.
- 3. The book of Daniel is often called "The Little Revelation of the Bible."
- 4. Daniel 7-12 does not provide accounts that are in chronological order.
- 5. The things Daniel saw caused him to be physically ill.
 - a. Daniel 8:27 "And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it."
- 6. Daniel 7-8 describes a New World Order and the coming of the Antichrist, which are future events.

- 7. In one of Daniel's visions, which is recorded in Daniel 7, he saw four great beasts, which represent kingdoms that are represented by four kings.
 - a. Daniel 7:17 "Those great breasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth."
 - b. Daniel 7:21-27 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 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. 'Thus he said: "The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. 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. But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. 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." ' "
 - c. These are not successive world powers, like we see in Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2:14-45.
 - d. These kingdoms are concurrent when the Antichrist comes into power.
 - e. The Lion
 - i. The lion represents a British-USA alliance.
 - ii. Daniel 7:4 "The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it."
 - iii. It's interesting to note that the national symbol of Great Britain is the lion standing on its hind legs and the national symbol of the USA is an eagle.
 - iv. Many Bible scholars see the symbolism of the eagle and wings as being a reference to the USA, which separated from Great Britain in the American Revolution 1765–1783.

f. The Bear

- i. The bear represents Russia.
- ii. The bear has been the national symbol since the 16th century.
- iii. Daniel 7:5 "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' "

g. The Leopard

- i. The leopard represents an alliance of four Islamic States, either in Central Asia or the Middle East.
- ii. Daniel 7:6 "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it."

h. The Beast

- i. The beast with ten horns represents a 10 Nation European Confederation.
- ii. There will a time when the world will be divided into ten sections, represented by ten kings or dictators of some kind.
- iii. Pastor Gary said, "There is a movement afoot that is playing right into the 10 Nation Confederation that is going to happen in the world. It's going to be, let's just get rid of national borders and let's divide the globe into these ten geographical regions. It's not just Jean-Claude Juncker who is suggesting these things. Even in the United States we are hearing some politicians and former politicians saying things along these lines."
 - 1. "Borders are the worst invention ever made by politicians." Jean-Claude Juncker ¹
 - 2. Mr. Juncker has used the term "anti-nationhood" and he is in favor of moving the European Union toward "globalization."
 - 3. "My dream is a hemispheric common market, with open trade and open borders." Hillary Clinton ²
- iv. Daniel 7:7-8 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them... and there, in this horn [speaking of the Antichrist], were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words."
- v. Revelation 13:5-6 "And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven."

¹ https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/national-borders-are-the-worst-invention-ever-says-ec-chief-jean-claude-juncker-a7204006.html - Mr. Juncker is the president of the European Commission.

² https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/newt-gingrich-hillarys-dangerous-dream-of-open-borders

The Mission Of The Antichrist

- 8. The mission of the Antichrist is to rule the world and to establish "peace" under his unifying leadership, and his peace plan will include making Jerusalem a central place of worship again for the Jews.
- 9. Pastor Gary said, "The Jewish people, in particular those who presently do not believe that Jesus is the Messiah, are still looking for a Messiah. And one will come onto the world scene who [will be a] very charming, political, charismatic, geoglobal leader. [The Jews] are going to believe that [the Antichrist] is the Messiah, and they are going to love the fact that he provides a peace plan. [The] Antichrist is going to do just that. Currently, on the temple mount, there is no temple for the Jewish people. Since 70 A.D. [there hasn't] been a Jewish temple, [because] it was destroyed by the Romans. The only temple or sacred places on the temple mount are two Muslim sanctuaries, the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. ... In comes the Antichrist who will initiate a seven-year peace treaty, [bringing together] Muslims and Jews. He will allow and convince [everyone] that it's good for the sake of ecumenical unity for the Jews to rebuild their temple right alongside the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. In fact, there's enough room presently on the temple mount for the Jewish temple to be built without disturbing the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque.
 - a. Daniel 9:27 "Then he [the Antichrist] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate [speaking of the Antichrist]."
 - b. In 1967, at the end of the Six Day War, a peace deal negotiated with Jordan, gave administrative control of the temple mount to Muslims, which is why the Jewish temple has not been rebuilt.
 - c. Zionists who are part of the Temple Institute in Jerusalem have made all of the articles of the temple and the priestly garments in preparation for the return of the sacrificial system of the Old Testament.

The Ambition Of The Antichrist

- 10. The ambition of the Antichrist is to be worshiped as God, and Satan, who empowers him, has had this same ambition since he was thrown out of heaven by God.
- 11. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 "... the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

The Condemnation Of The Antichrist

- 12. The Antichrist will be taken captive and cast into the Lake of Fire.
 - a. Daniel 7:11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame."
 - b. 2 Thessalonians 2:8 "And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming..."
- 13. Revelation 19:11, 16, 19-20 "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True [speaking of Jesus], and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ... And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. ... And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone."
- 14. The Kingdom of our Lord will reign forever and ever!
 - a. Daniel 7:13-14 "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man [speaking of Jesus], coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 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."

^{*} Unless noted, all Scriptures quoted are from the New King James Version (NKJV)