

Understanding the Antichrist

Daniel 7

We don't know who the Antichrist is, but we know what he is.

The names of the Antichrist:

- "little horn" Daniel 7
- "a fierce-looking king" Daniel 8:23
- "the ruler who will come" Daniel 9:26
- "the willful king" Daniel 11:36
- "the man of lawlessness" 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- "the antichrist" 1 John 2:18
- "a beast coming out of the sea" Revelation 13:1

The composition of the Antichrist:

- Deceptively insightful and eloquent (Daniel 7:8, 20)
- Disregard for God and His people (Daniel 7:25)
- Replacing God in word and deed (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)
- Demonic ruthlessness (Revelation 13)

Practical applications:

- Don't look for the Antichrist, look to Jesus Christ.
- Allow the presence of evil to reinforce your vigor in sharing the Gospel.
- Know where you stand.

Other Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 13, Revelation 19:19-20; John 3:16

Further Study

Read: Daniel 7 in your group or with at least one other person.

- 1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
- 2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
- 3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

- 1. What does the passage reveal about God?
- 2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

- 1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
- 2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.