



# **Rise of the World Ruler**

## **Truth about the Antichrist**

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The Bible speaks of the rise of a leader who will unite the world in an effort to establish peace and financial stability. This man will have a charismatic ability to powerfully influence people. The scriptures give him several names like “son of perdition” or the “man of lawlessness.” Like the plot of a Stephen King thriller, the Bible lays out end time events which center upon the evil Antichrist.

His coming will climax a strong delusion of error. “For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness,” 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12. The man of sin will speak great things as he conquers the world through peace. Many will accept him as the Christ, the Messiah, sent from heaven to rescue the world from pain. His words and deeds will promise hope as he establishes himself as “anti” or “in the place of” the true Messiah.

Daniel 8:23-25, “In the end time, when evil men are at their worst state, a ruler with a fearsome face and who is able to understand mysterious sayings, shall rise up. And he will have very great power, but his power is not from himself: and he shall destroy terribly, and shall be successful, and accomplish, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall spread deceit; and he shall exalt himself in his own heart, and in the name of peace he shall destroy many. He shall also stand up against Christ; but he shall be destroyed by Him and not by human hands.”

We can learn from Daniel 9:27 that the Antichrist will broker a peace agreement with Israel for seven years. This agreement will include the start to the rebuilding of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and a promise to end war. This is indeed the start of the “Great Tribulation.” Half way through this peace deal, the Antichrist will be empowered by demons. “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws,” Daniel 7:25. The Antichrist will use demonic powers with lying signs and wonders as he leads a final world war.

The phrase “antichrist” is only found in two chapters of the entire Scriptures. Here, Bible writers emphatically declare his presence. “The spirit of antichrist, of which you have heard is

coming, is now already in the world." 1 John 4:3. Who is this man of sin? Some have suggested that he is Prince Charles of Wales, President Barack Obama, or even the Catholic Pope. His identity will be made known only to those living in truth. All others will believe his lies. Those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of Life will not fall prey to the deception.

Prepare now for the rise of the antichrist by living a faith of truth. Compare your beliefs to the whole of scripture and question tradition. Don't believe the strong delusions of humanism or religion. As you follow the truth you will know exactly who the man of sin is while the rest of the world follows after the beast of Revelation. In Luke 21:8 the Savior said, "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them."