

FUTURE SHOCK: What in the World is Going On?

THE RISE OF ANTICHRIST

Revelation 13:1-18 Jeff Schreve

*Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that
the Antichrist is coming 1 John 2:18*

What does the Bible tell us about the coming of Antichrist?

1. He is revealed after the rapture.

*For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains
will do so until he is taken out of the way. And then that lawless one will be
revealed 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8*

A. He comes from the stormy sea of Gentiles.

*And he stood on the sand of the seashore. And I saw a beast coming up out of
the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten
diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I
saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth
like the mouth of a lion. Revelation 13:1-2*

*The waters which you saw ... are peoples and multitudes and
nations and tongues. Revelation 17:15*

B. He comes with incredible ability.

*When the end is near for those kingdoms, there will be a very bold and
cruel king who will be very tricky. This king will be very powerful, but
his power does not come from himself. Daniel 8:23-24a ESV*

C. He comes as Satan in the flesh.

*And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great
authority. Revelation 13:2*

2. He will rule the whole world.

A. The people will be amazed by him.

*And I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was
healed. And the whole earth was amazed Revelation 13:3*

B. The people will be deceived by him.

*This king will be very smart and tricky. He will use his wisdom and lies to be
successful. He will think that he is very important. Daniel 8:25 ERV*

And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Revelation 13:11-14

C. The people will follow him.

And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Revelation 13:3-6

3. He will declare himself to be God.

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

A. He will break his covenant with Israel.

"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." Daniel 9:27

B. He will demand to be worshiped.

"And he will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all." Daniel 11:37

C. He will require everyone to receive a mark.

And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the

number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six. Revelation 13:16-18

D. He will murder by the millions.

And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. Revelation 13:7

And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people. Daniel 8:24b

Will you choose Christ or face Antichrist?