

Will The Antichrist be a Jew

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Transcript

We're going to continue on our series, The Heavens Rule, and although these are the appendix, really, that I've added on here, this is still our theme, that the heavens rule. In the two previous weeks, we've looked at the two biggest religions in our world. We looked last week at Roman Catholicism.

The week before, we looked at, and the week before that, we looked at Islam. These are the two biggest religions, and in both of those messages, we looked and we saw how there's going to come an end to those two religions before the rise of Antichrist. I believe Islam is going to fall on the mountains of Israel in Ezekiel's war.

I believe Roman Catholicism is going to be destroyed by the 10 world leaders that are going to arise in a revived Roman Empire. This is going to leave the way open for a devastating hour in human history, but here tonight, please turn with me to Daniel chapter 11, and this is our 17th message. My title here tonight, Will the Antichrist be a Jew? Will the Antichrist be a Jew? Reading from Daniel chapter 11 and verse 36, and it says there, and the king shall do according to his will, and he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every God, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished, for that that is determined shall be done.

Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any God, for he shall magnify himself above all, but in his estate shall he honor the God of forces, and a God whom his fathers knew not, shall he honor with gold and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strongholds with a strange God, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory, and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. Will you pray with me here tonight as we come to this Bible study? Father, we thank you for this precious book, the Bible, tonight.

Lord God, it's a revealer of secrets and hidden things. It tells us the past, a past that no man can know. They can't dig up the evidence of it.

Lord God, we have a perfect history of eternity past, and not only eternity past, but creation itself, and all that happened in the Garden of Eden. We have a remarkable book that looks into the future and tells us just what is about to happen. But my God, more than that, it's a revealer of men's hearts.

It's a revealer of the very secrets of their mind. Even here tonight, you're a God that knows the hearts of all men. You probe the hearts of all men.

Even as we look at these practical things, these things of prophecy, and what is going to happen in our world, yet you still probe the hearts of men, challenging them about the new birth, about their walk with God, where they will spend eternity. Lord God, thank you for this remarkable book that searches our hearts. Lord God, that unveils things that are hidden from our natural eyes and makes us wise unto eternal salvation.

We bless you tonight. Let Christ be glorified in this last hour of human history. Be exalted above Islam.

Be exalted above Catholicism. Be exalted in the nations. Bring to naught every device of world government, of man's plan.

Lord God, we know what's going to happen. Lord God, we have a book that predicts it, reveals it, that gives us the details of it. And my God, it shows us what is going to happen beyond that.

In Jesus' name, bless this time together. Amen. My message here tonight, will the Antichrist be a Jew? Last week, we looked at, will the Antichrist be the Pope? The week before, will the Antichrist be Islamic? You may ask, why am I dealing with these things? It's because if we don't, there is confusion.

This is an hour where people are aware dramatic things are happening. There are a thousand teachers that will rise up to teach some newfangled angle on truth. And so we must deal with these things to bring an end to error.

You see, if you're looking for an Islamic Antichrist, or if you're looking for a Catholic, peepish Antichrist, or if you're looking for some other kind, and it's not true, you're going to be looking in the wrong direction. There will be a consequence of that. As we've already said, there's about 1.8 billion Muslims in our world.

That's about 24% of the world's population. In other words, one out of four people will probably be a Muslim, even if it's only born that way. Then we also saw that 1.3 billion people in the world claim association with the Catholic church, with its headquarters in the city of Rome.

That's about 18% of the world's population, or one out of five people in our entire world. Please don't tell me that we're dealing with things that don't affect us here tonight. They do in a very real way.

And we want to evangelize in this hour. We want to do the will of God in this hour. And it's essential that we understand these things.

Never has the world's population been so big. We are now approaching 8 billion people in our world. Do you realize in my lifetime alone, the world's population has doubled in size.

Never has the harvest field been so great. Never has the size or the amount of those that are going to quickly go to hell be revealed like in this hour. Never has the opportunity to see so many want to Jesus Christ being available to us as this hour.

Do you realize if we see revival right now in the church, we will win more to Jesus Christ than any other revival in human history. But if we don't, the consequences are terrible. No revival, no great missionary movement, no great evangelism of the lost, no piercing of darkness with the light.

Do you realize that 8 billion people, most of them will go fast on their way to hell. I do want to assure you, the stakes are so high tonight. Our world is hanging on a thread and we must seek Jesus Christ.

Your life is limited. You're here for a short time and then you're gone. You're off the scene of time.

This church will not be here in 70 years time. I mean you sitting here. Our chance to reach this world is over.

We've got a short opportunity. Our days are numbered. The days are numbered.

I want to show you tonight that we want to go a bit further and look into the person of Antichrist. I've rarely touched on this in 30 years of preaching. I've been a preacher 30 years almost in churches and on street corners.

But I want to tell you this is the first time I've dealt with the Antichrist like this. So don't think I'm laboring it or that I should be ignoring this. I need to teach this in this hour and at this time.

But our message tonight from Daniel 11, will the Antichrist be a Jew? As we look at the size of Catholicism and Islam, Judaism is very small. There are less than 15 million Jews in the world. Less than 15 million.

The nation of Israel that claims to be their national homeland is only a third of the size of Southern Ireland. In fact, it's actually smaller than our province of Munster in Ireland. It's smaller than this.

This is their only homeland in the entire world. And there's 15 million Jews that claim some sort of connection to that little bit of land. What a remarkable thing.

Only 9 million people live in that small land of Israel. And yet only 6 million of them claim to be Jewish. Of those Jews, 49 percent, almost half of them claim to be secular, atheist, not believing in God, not believing in the Bible or prophecy or anything else.

And yet they've been gathered to that small land. About 10 percent of the Jews within Israel are of the radical Orthodox persuasion. They really believe their Old Testament.

Now the Bible says, and we've read it in Daniel over these weeks, in Daniel 9 and 24, concerning the 70 weeks, it says 70 weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city. It's not talking about any other city in the world, not Berlin, not London, not New York. These prophecies that are given in Daniel

were specifically about a certain group of people, a certain nationality, the Jews, the people of Daniel's race, and also a specific city, the city of Jerusalem.

It also says in Daniel 10, 14, now I am come, this is the angel Gabriel speaking to Daniel, now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days. Notice that Gabriel came to speak about thy people, the Jewish people, and what will happen to them in their latter days or at the end of history, for the vision is yet for many days. So we see that in the book of Daniel there's many prophecies about the city of Jerusalem, about the Jewish people, and about the last days.

All these things, all these things point to a certain time and to a certain place, to a certain city and a certain people. Since we cannot lose that the Bible specifically reveals something about the future history of the city of Jerusalem and of the Jewish people. They are a very small people, they have a very small bit of ground, and yet they're such a significant people in the entire world.

It is remarkable that amidst eight billion people that the finger is placed on them, amidst their small tiny little bit of land, yet God predicts more about that little bit of land than any others. The name Israel occurs about 2,600 times in the Bible. Who are these Jews? They are the direct descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

That's who a Jew are. It's not just a religion, it's an ethnic group within the population. Those that go directly back to Abraham via Isaac and Jacob are a people that are specifically spoken about in the Bible.

The city Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times in our Bible. Do you know how many times it's mentioned in the Quran? Not even once. Not even once is Jerusalem mentioned in the Quran.

We know that Jerusalem is the third holiest site for Muslims. They claim it as their city. They want to possess it.

That's why they built the Dome of the Rock. They're claiming it for themselves. They say that Muhammad ascended from Jerusalem to heaven on the back of a horse, and yet in their holy book it's not even mentioned one single time, and yet our Bible, the Jewish Bible, the Christian Bible, it is mentioned time after time.

The Bible prophesied about Jerusalem in the end days. It says in Zechariah chapter 12 and verse 2, Behold, and this is God speaking, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto the people round about, and they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. What a remarkable thing.

God speaking specifically. Chapter 12 to chapter 14 is in the context of the last generation or the last days. He goes further in the next verse and says, In that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people.

All the burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. What a remarkable thing that these prophecies concerning a little small city called Jerusalem and a little small bit of land called Israel and a small group or population within the world called the Jews, and yet the Bible has connected prophecy to them in such a unique fashion that if they were annihilated, our Bible would be proved to be untrue. No wonder the devil has thrown everything against this small ethnic group.

They're not believers in God. Most of them reject a knowledge of God. The Orthodox Jews reject the Lord Jesus Christ, and yet the Bible speaks specifically about them.

I would not defend all that Israel does. I would not defend Judaism, but I want to tell you they're God's chosen people and that's his physical land. Almost 4,000 years ago, God spoke to Abraham and he said, I have given you this land.

For almost 1900 years from the year AD 70, Israel was scattered across all nations. Almost half of their entire history, they were scattered, persecuted, downtrodden, and yet in 1948, they restored themselves as a nation with a national identity, religion, culture, language, and the same DNA code and that people gathered out from all nations. Today, Israel is the most multicultural and multilingual country in the entire world.

That's remarkable, but here tonight, as we begin to look at the Jews, Jerusalem, and Israel, my question is, will the Antichrist be a Jew? With the Jews being so central to the Bible prophecy, will he be a Jew? It's not a strange question. It's an important question. From about five weeks ago, I started to get a few messages on YouTube and by other means, people send me videos.

I had to respond to it. These videos said that Rabbi Ben David, a Jewish rabbi who was from Spain, had been pronounced the Messiah in Israel. They said on the 27th of March this year, on Passover, that the Jewish Messiah had been revealed, the one they were waiting on.

Much talk went on this all over the internet. Videos have gone up and 50,000 people have watched one, 80,000 another, 100,000 another. People are putting out videos saying this 33-year-old rabbi has been proclaimed, anointed, and he's about to be crowned as the new Jewish Messiah.

The Christians have been saying, actually, this is the Antichrist. The Jews are about to receive him and he'll begin to do signs and wonders. He is going to bring in these last days that the seals are being opened up.

It took me about five minutes to find out. You see, most people who spread these ideas do not research. They don't even ask questions.

They don't know how to go to their Bibles. They prove themselves very ignorant. I'm sorry if you believe this, but there's no other word for it.

To get caught up in these things, videos start going out on YouTube and you listen them and give them some credence. I'm afraid it's your own fault if you get deceived by these things. No one should be that ignorant.

That's just one reason why I must deal with it tonight. Will the Antichrist be a Jew? It took me five minutes to research it and to find out how ridiculous it was what they were saying. It took me five minutes to find out it was an absolute lie what these Christians were saying about this rabbi called Ben David.

Absolutely ridiculous. Be very careful what people say in this hour. See, already in our studies, we've come to believe that the Antichrist will emerge from a revived Roman political economic system, but he won't be Italian.

He'll arise in the Middle East and be an Arab, but he won't be a Muslim. He'll probably be drenched in Greek education and thinking in a Western manner of thinking and education, but he won't be Greek by birth. He will be intimately connected with Israel, but I do not believe that he's going to be a Jew.

And this is what we're going to look at tonight. You see, if you go back in church history from about the second century through to the fifth century, a number of early Christian writers actually taught, and that's a very early point, they actually taught that the Antichrist would be a Jew, that he would be from the tribe of Dan within Israel, that he would present himself to the nation of Israel as their messiah in the last days, and that he would then initiate the great tribulation. It's not only early Christian writers that thought this, but more recent ones.

There's a great Bible teacher called A.W. Pink, now dead, who wrote many books. He actually taught that the Antichrist would be a Jew. Another Bible teacher, Grant Jeffrey, that's taught much in Bible prophecy, he also has taught the same thing.

And a third man called Chris White has been the most predominant in recent years in spreading this idea that the Antichrist will be a Jew. Now, A.W. Pink was a great Bible teacher, but listen to what he says when he comes to teach that the Antichrist would be a Jew. And I'm going to quote from him here.

This is what he says, quote, it should, however, be pointed out that there is no express declaration of scripture that says in so many words that this daring rebel will be a Jew. Nevertheless, the hints given are plain. The conclusions which must be drawn from certain statements of holy writ are so obvious and the requirements of the case are so inevitable that we are forced to believe he must be a Jew.

Now, that was a great Bible teacher, and yet he admits himself, there's no explicit verse or teaching that the Antichrist is Jew, a Jew, or will be a Jew, but he goes on to teach it. No explicit verse, but I'm going to show you tonight, in fact, the opposite is true. There are other verses that totally contradict the idea that the Antichrist will be a Jew.

Many people are spreading this in this hour, and we do want to deal with it. I want to give you seven reasons tonight why I believe that the Antichrist will not be a Jew. And to prove this, I'm going to take seven of their best statements, and I'm going to give you a response to it.

Seven reasons why I don't believe it. And all it is is an answer to seven of their claims saying that the Antichrist will be a Jew. Do you know why this is so dangerous? Because the Bible prophesies that Israel, Jerusalem, and the Jews will be the center of controversy in this hour.

They will be the center of persecution. They will be the very focus of all of Satan's attack. And so we need to be very, very careful of what is said on this front.

Let me give you the seven comments they make, and I'll respond to them. Number one, he will worship the God of Abraham. The Antichrist will worship the God of Abraham.

They actually teach that the common Antichrist is going to be a worshiper of the God of Israel. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are the God of the Old Testament. They actually say that will be his religion, his worship, his system that he brings in when he is first revealed.

Listen to this. Daniel 11, where we read tonight. Daniel 11, verse 37.

It says, Neither shall he, the Antichrist, or the little horn, regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any God, for he shall magnify himself above all. Those that teach this, the reason they say he will worship the God of Abraham is because of this first sentence. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers.

This statement, the God of his fathers, listen to what they say. They say the word God here is Elohim. It is the term used for God.

We know it was the first name of God used in Genesis. When you go to the book of Genesis, the first name ever for God, where we read there, in the beginning, God, that is the name Elohim. It is the name of God himself, the first revealed name of God in Genesis.

This name Elohim is a plural name, yet it can be used in the singular. It is plural, yet singular. That's what Elohim means.

It can mean an individual person or a number of persons. That fits in with our understanding of who God is. He is plural, yet he is singular.

Now that name, God is one, but he's also more than one. That name Elohim is used 2,601 times in the Old Testament, but it's not only used for God. It's also used for false gods at times as well.

It depends on the context. What they say is the God of his fathers. So the Antichrist is going to worship, or he's going to come with this religion of his fathers.

What is the God of his fathers? They say it's Elohim. This term God of his fathers is only used five other times in the Old Testament. Each time it talks about the God of Abraham.

On the basis of this scripture, they say the Antichrist's religion will be Judaism, that he will be a Jew, that his parents will be Jewish. That will be his religion. They say that the God of his fathers is Elohim.

Now what do I believe about this? The God of his fathers, his ancestors, is different than the God of heaven. Let me show you this. Remember when we looked at Daniel 11, we've seen there's five things that talks about God concerning the Antichrist.

You remember we give five clear statements. This is only one of them. He will not regard the God of his fathers.

In the verse before, it talks about this being different than the God of heaven. So the God of heaven is not just the same as the God of his fathers. There are five statements given here concerning his gods.

It says he shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods. That's who the real God is. Antichrist is going to speak against the God of gods.

He will not be a Jew or a Christian or a Muslim. The God of his fathers is different and distinct from the God of gods. Elohim is often used of a general name for the gods, the gods worshipped by the Gentile nations or any God specifically.

If he is a Middle Eastern Arab or if he is from Syria or Iraq, it means he won't serve the God of Islam. If he was a Jew, and I don't believe he will be, I'm going to prove it in my other points. If he was a Jew, he will not follow Judaism.

He will not in any way or at any time promote Judaism. Do you notice there, it actually says he will not regard the God of his fathers. If he was a Jew, he'll never claim to be a Jew.

He'll never practice Judaism. He'll have no respect for the God of the Bible. You see, they say that when Antichrist comes, he's going to come as a Jew, worshipping the God of Abraham, promoting the keeping of the law, and that's how he's going to deceive the nation of Israel.

But in fact, this Bible says the direct opposite. When Antichrist comes, he will not respect, if he was a Jew, he would utterly reject Judaism. So the Jews wouldn't accept someone rejecting Judaism.

There's no way he would do that at all. In the light of this, we are told that he will not regard, he will not consider, he will not gain knowledge, he will not promote, he will reject the worship of his own family and his culture. He will reject Islam if he was from an Islamic culture.

He would reject Judaism if he was a Jew. He would reject Christianity if he was a Christian. And notice that if he was a Jew, he will never claim to practice Judaism.

He's going to speak against the God of God. So we see that he will not promote himself as a false Jewish Messiah. That's utterly impossible.

Now, just hold that. That's not all my argument. That's only the one.

They say he will worship the God of Abraham. I say that's utterly against scripture. Second of all, they say he will be from the tribe of Dan.

The early Christian writers often said this. They said he will come out of the 12 tribes. He will come out of the tribe of Dan.

Now let's look at their best argument on this point. It won't take me very long, I assure you. In Genesis 49, we have Jacob prophesying over each of his 12 sons.

Listen to what he prophesies over Dan. Dan shall judge his people. In other words, the other tribes of Israel.

As one of the tribes of Israel, Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path that biteth the horse's heels so that his rider shall fall backward. I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord. First of all, the reason that the old writers and some contemporary ones believe that the Antichrist will be a Jew or from the tribe of Dan is because of this verse.

Because it mentions that he's going to be like a serpent in the way, like an adder biting the horse's heels. But notice this verse isn't condemning the tribe of Dan. The verse before it says, he shall judge his people.

When did Dan ever judge the other tribes of Israel? It was when Samson arose as an anointed man of God. He was one of the judges of Israel. And in fact, he judged all of the tribes as a judge.

This was a fulfillment of this. So in other words, this prophecy about Dan being a serpent isn't a bad thing. You'll remember from a few weeks ago, we said that Christ actually instructed us, we sheep going forth in the midst of wolves, we need to be as wise as a serpent.

You can't take this prophecy about Dan concerning him being like a serpent whenever there's no condemnation of him. Because the verse after says, I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord. It seems to be the heart cry of Dan.

Now as well, they also say when you get to the book of Revelation and you go there to chapter seven, you see the 144,000 from the tribes of Israel. But an interesting thing is the tribe of Dan is not mentioned there. Not at all.

Joseph is split in two and becomes a 12th, his two children, but Dan is not there. So from this, they say Dan is an apostate, an idolatrous tribe. It's a tribe rejected and the Antichrist will arise.

Now I hope you realize for those that teach that the Antichrist will be a Jew and he'll be from the tribe of Dan. The Bible doesn't say that. There's no way you can prove that.

These two bits of evidence they provide say nothing of the cert about Antichrist. There's no mention of Antichrist here. Also the old writers say that he'll be born in Babylon.

There's no verse for that. Can I challenge you? When men start making YouTube videos pointing at some poor rabbi called David, 33 years old, and claiming that something is happening when it's not, you need to be very careful. We need to wake up as a church and begin to judge righteously.

Don't make false accusation. I wouldn't even falsely accuse Pope Francis. I'm going to check everything out.

Someone puts a video up, I check it. I never just post it afresh. I never go giving out the information.

If I don't research it, if there's not solid evidence, I'm not going to falsely accuse Pope Francis. I'm not going to falsely accuse Benny Hinn. I've got no time for Benny Hinn.

He's not a friend of mine. But I want to show you, I will not falsely accuse those men. And so we've got to become very, very careful.

If you hold a belief, you better be able to defend it from scripture. You've got no right to spread ideas that you've picked up in YouTube videos. And yet there's no biblical evidence for it.

Please, I beg you, as we come down to the end of this series, be very careful what you believe, what you listen to, what you spread, what impresses you. When people say the vaccine is the Antichrist, please be very careful. That is not true.

I'm not going to take the vaccine. I'm against the vaccine. But I want to assure you, it is not the mark of the beast.

As soon as you start going down that line, you're going to make mistakes. You can reject a thing without trying to fit it into scripture. My third point here, they claim the Jews will accept them.

When the Antichrist comes, they say Israel as a nation, the Jewish people, the Jewish religion are going to accept them. Where do they get that? They base it on one scripture, John 5, verse 43. And this is Jesus teaching his disciples.

He says, I am come in my father's name, and ye receive me not. If another shall come in his own name, him ye shall receive. They say this is a prophecy about Antichrist, but it doesn't mention Antichrist.

They're assuming it. They're applying it, but it doesn't say that. Look what it says.

Jesus said, I've come in my father's name, but you receive me not. You will not accept me. You don't accept me as the Messiah.

You don't receive me, my authority, my teaching, my doctrine. You've rejected me. But he then does make a statement.

If another, and him saying, if another come, is not him saying, when the Antichrist comes, we cannot add to scripture. You cannot add an entire theology to a statement like this. You've got to be very careful.

Where the scripture is silent, be silent. Where the scripture speaks clearly, then speak clearly. But don't add to it.

Don't add presumption. Don't just use logic. Allow the scripture to speak loudly.

You see, there's some teachings in the Bible which are explicit. There are other ones we have less information. Then be very, very careful.

But you can't pull out a scripture like this and build a theology on it, or make this a key scripture. One of seven points have proven that the Antichrist would be a Jew. This is one of their main arguments, that the Antichrist will be a Jew, and that the Jews will accept him.

They base it on this scripture. Jesus said, if another shall come, another, another means one totally different from me. That word another means not another like me, not one common like me.

The word another there means someone radically different than me. You will receive him. Isn't it true? There's many who have come to abuse the nation of Israel in their history.

I mean, men, not with the heart of Christ, and they've received them. They tolerated politicians, great men, great leaders. They were not like Christ.

They were utterly different than Christ, but they received those men. It's happened all through church history. This verse has nothing to do with Antichrist.

It's not even talking about the last days. Christ does not apply it. He's not making a prophecy.

He's making a general statement. You reject the real Messiah, the one that loves you, the one that's going to die for you. But all through your history, you'll receive men that come in their own name, in their own authority, with their own teachings, with their own ideas.

That's my third point. I do not believe the Jews will accept the Antichrist. I don't believe they'll accept him at all.

I don't believe they'll receive him at all when he comes. And yet some are dogmatic that the Jews, that the Orthodox Jewish believers will accept the Antichrist as Messiah when he comes. Point four, they say he will present himself as the Jewish Messiah.

Not just that he'll be received, but he presents himself, that he claims to be the Messiah, the Jewish Messiah, the one prophesied in the scriptures. Now, where do they get this? Look at Daniel chapter 9, 27, and it speaks, we know this is about Antichrist, and he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week. And in the midst of the week, he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abomination.

Now, we've already taught that when the Antichrist does come, he will confirm a covenant, a seven-year covenant, a contract, a legal political agreement with many, with many in the nation of Israel. Now, who are these many? So Antichrist, when he comes, he's going to make a covenant with many. I believe the context reveals exactly who they are, because this many has a connection to the re-establishing of blood sacrifice in Israel, Jerusalem, and in the third rebuilt temple in Jerusalem.

It says he will make a covenant with them, but listen, in the midst of the week, or three and a half years into it, he, that same person that confirms the covenant, shall cause that the sacrifice and oblation cease for the overspreading of abomination. In other words, the abomination comes in at that point. So here you have the Antichrist.

He signs a covenant for seven years. Halfway through, he's going to break it, and when he breaks it, at that three and a half point, he stops the blood sacrifice in Israel. Amongst the Orthodox Jews in the temple in Jerusalem, he'll stop the blood sacrifices and the oblations that they offer up.

Now, it's very obvious from this that the Antichrist, when he comes, he's going to be a political leader. He's going to have negotiations with Israel. He is going to have a strong alignment with Israel and with the Jews.

He's going to speak with them. He's going to sign a covenant with these religious Jews, and I believe he's going to be the person that somehow politically allows them to rebuild the third temple. It is for sure that this seven year covenant is connected to the initiating of blood sacrifice in the temple.

In other words, when he confirms that covenant, written in that covenant is going to allow Israel to start their blood sacrifices again, I believe, in the third temple. And because of this, many actually teach that he will present himself as the Jewish Messiah, that he's going to actually proclaim himself as the Messiah. Also, they point to 2 Thessalonians 2, verse 3, talking about the Antichrist, the man of sin being revealed.

How are we going to know when the Antichrist reveals himself? It says there in verse 4, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Now what they say is this Jewish Messiah is going to be connected to the seven year covenant and to the re-initiating of blood sacrifices, but halfway through he's going to stop it and he's going to exalt himself in the temple in Jerusalem. You see 2 Thessalonians 2 is talking about a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem.

Some believe that is talking about the body of Christ, the church, because temple in the New Testament relates to the church. But listen, the Antichrist cannot sit in the body of Christ. Antichrist being in the Catholic church is not sitting in a spiritual temple.

The real church is a temple for God. But Antichrist, it says here, he is going to sit in the temple. I believe it's a rebuilt temple.

It's going to be in Jerusalem. He's going to physically promote himself and exalt himself as God to be worshipped in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem. You see, they say that Antichrist, when he comes, is going to present himself as the Messiah.

But we are told in Daniel chapter 11, you are going to recognize the Antichrist. He is going to reveal himself. He is going to be against all gods, all religions.

He will not promote the religion of his fathers. It is impossible that he comes as a religious leader. The false prophet is the religious leader.

The one that comes speaking like a dragon, but with two horns like a lamb is the false prophet. He is going to promote the worship of Antichrist, of the image of the beast. That's what he's going to do.

He is the false prophet. These teachers also say the false prophet will proclaim himself to be Elijah, promoting the Messiah. I do not believe this at all.

When Antichrist comes on the scene, and we're going to see it in these next following three points, he's not going to first appear as a false Jewish Messiah. Far from it. When he first appears, he is going to attack the nation of Israel.

He is going to be against the Jewish religion. This is the great mark of Antichrist. He's not going to come seeming to promote this religion, but he will come as a friend of the Jew.

He'll come as a political man seeming to help them. In fact, he strengthens Orthodox Judaism. Do you know the devil doesn't mind supporting false religion.

And so when the Antichrist appears, he'll give the Jews their temple. He'll give them back their blood sacrifice. You know why? He wants them to be blind to Jesus Christ.

And the devil always does that. If the devil comes knocking on your door, he won't give you drugs if you're not interested in drugs. If you're after Jesus, he'll give you a compromised Christianity.

He'll either lead you into Catholicism, or charismatic teachings, or into a denial of the written scriptures, or strange manifestations. When the devil comes, he comes with a Bible in his hands. And you know what? Antichrist is going to strengthen Orthodox Judaism.

Do you know why I believe that is? It's because just prior to this, there's going to be a revival amongst the Jews in Jerusalem. I've taught on it before, and I'm fully persuaded. It's not long until we see the Holy Spirit fall upon the Jewish people again.

I believe a revival's coming to the Catholics. God is going to save many out of the Catholic church before Antichrist appears. I believe he's going to save many in the Muslim world.

And I also believe he's going to save many in Judaism. You see, I believe we're on the brink of a unique period of time. I know many have shut their Bibles and said it's all over.

I know many have said we're not going to have any more revivals. All the great evangelism is over. This is the end.

Just sit tight. We're out of here. It's all over.

You don't need to do anything. I'm telling you tonight, we are on the edge of the greatest evangelism of the Jewish nation, of the Islamic population, and of the Gentile world, of Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism. I believe it's saying this is the greatest world's population.

And while so many Christians are asleep, I'm not asleep. I'm preaching, praying, hoping, believing, laboring that this is going to be the greatest hour of evangelism. There's going to be an outpouring upon the Jews.

But when Antichrist appears, he's going to present to the Jews their old religion again and try to bog them down in it. The fifth point, they try to say that he's a Jew. And I want to go right for the jugulars in this.

They say he'll be a Jew. I deny that. I believe he'll be a Gentile.

Not only do I disagree that he'll be a Jew, not only do I think that they don't have enough biblical evidence to prove he'll be a Jew, I believe the Bible teaches absolutely he'll be a Gentile. I believe it's impossible for him to be a Jew. Why do I believe that? Go back to Daniel chapter 2 and Daniel 7. Remember Daniel 2, we had the statue, the four different kingdoms.

Remember what they were? The Babylonian kingdom, the Medo-Persian kingdom, the Greek kingdom, and then the Roman. They're the four world empires. And the last one is the Roman empire, which will be revived in the last days.

Do you know all of these kingdoms? Do you know what they are? They are all Gentile pagan kingdoms. Not one of them is a Jewish kingdom. That statue is absolutely Gentile from the top of its head to the soles of his feet.

Literally, literally. That statue was a Gentile statue. All the kingdoms are Gentile.

All the kings that ruled over it were Gentiles, not Jew. There wasn't any Jewish kings. You remember Nebuchadnezzar wasn't a Jew.

Cyrus the Great wasn't a Jew. Alexander the Great wasn't a Jew. Neither was Augustus of the Roman empire.

All of them were Gentile powers. It's a prophecy about from the time of Nebuchadnezzar all the way down to the return of Christ. It's talking about world empires and they're all Gentile.

That's Daniel chapter 2. You can't suddenly make the twos and the last kingdom, that last political kingdom, it won't be a Jewish king that arises. It won't be. Look at Daniel chapter 7. We have the four beasts paralleling Daniel chapter 2. And those four beasts, again the same four kingdoms.

What are the four beasts? There are four Gentile kingdoms that are going to arise one after the other. The last one, the beast of Arn, that couldn't even be described, was the Roman beast. And remember 10 horns arise on it and then one horn arises in the It's a political economic system.

It's the last Gentile world empire. It won't suddenly become Jewish. How could you at the end of all of that have a political leader who arises out of that Gentile system as the little horn? How could he suddenly become a Jew and present himself as a Jewish religious messiah? It cannot happen.

It absolutely can't. The final king of the times of the Gentiles, the last Gentile empire, the last political leader is going to be a Gentile. He's going to follow on.

Oh I'm only beginning. There's so much evidence that he's going to be a Gentile. Remember in Daniel 7 it says that fourth beast came up out of the sea.

The sea represents the nations or the Gentile nations of the world. It's not speaking about Judaism. Or what about Revelation 13 verse 1? It says, and I John stood on the sand of the sea and saw a beast rise up out of the sea.

Out of the nations, out of the Gentile nations again. The last political world leader will be, he'll arise out of a Gentile political system. He will be a Gentile, a non-Jew.

Also do you remember when we looked at Daniel chapter 8 and Daniel 11? We've seen the prophecies about Antiochus who become the type, the shadow of the last Antichrist. Who was Antiochus? He arose as the king of that Syrian empire. He was drenched in Greek culture.

He came out of the Grecian empire. He was the Syrian portion of the Greek empire. He was a Grecian by education.

He had connections with the Roman empire. But do you know what? He wasn't a Jew. He rejected all gods.

He united all religions. He banned all religions and he promoted himself to be worshiped. He called himself, what was his nickname? God manifest in the flesh.

And so we see that Antiochus wasn't portrayed as a Jew. He didn't portray himself as a false Messiah for the Jewish nation. He was a Gentile leader.

He was a tyrant who then attacked the Jewish nation. Also Jesus in Luke chapter 21 prophesied about the last days. Listen to what he says about Israel.

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword and shall be led away into all nations. And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. He's speaking about the time of the great tribulation of the last days just before the son of man Jesus comes back.

Before he returns again to establish his kingdom on the earth. He says that the times of the Gentiles would be fulfilled at that time. But he speaks about Jerusalem should be trodden down of the Gentiles.

It's talking about the great tribulation. It's talking about Antichrist coming against Israel. Trodden down of the Gentiles.

When Antichrist arises, he arises as a Gentile. A Gentile political leader. He is still part of the times of the Gentiles with Jerusalem being trodden down of the Gentiles.

All of this is to be fulfilled. He isn't presenting himself as a Jewish Messiah in their defense or as an ethnic Jew. Not at all.

My sixth point. Jerusalem will be his capital. That's what they teach.

They teach that he will make Jerusalem his capital, his political capital, economic capital, his religious capital. Where do they get that? Daniel chapter 11, 45. And he shall plant the tabernacle of his palace.

Now, we mentioned this before. The planting of the tabernacle of his palace. That means a tent or a war base or a headquarters.

In other words, it's when you go to war and you set up a field camp, a field headquarters. That's what the tabernacle of his palace is. Now notice what it says about Antichrist.

He will plant his tabernacle between the seas in the glorious mountain. Yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him. Now, what's between the seas? It's between the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

It's actually talking about Jerusalem. And what is the glorious holy mountain? It's talking about Mount Zion, Jerusalem. Now, they believe Antichrist will make Jerusalem his main headquarters.

He'll spread out his military activity. He will rule over many nations, all from his base in Jerusalem. I do not believe this.

I believe Babylon for three and a half years is going to be his headquarters. Zachariah actually prophesied that Babylon will be the economic, new economic center of the world. All commerce is going to operate out of the city of Babylon, the rebuilt physical city of Babylon.

Revelation 18 shows us that Babylon will be the economic capital of the world. I believe Babylon will be his major capital, his headquarters, the base that he works out from. And in fact, it will be from Babylon that he invades Israel with armies.

Remember what it says in Daniel. He will go forth with his armies and he'll invade Egypt to fight Egypt. But in doing that, he's going to turn back and invade Israel.

There's many scriptures all through the Old Testament that say the Antichrist in the last days will invade Israel. He's not in Israel using Jerusalem as his base to spread out a world government. See, these men believe that for three and a half years, he'll have a world government based in Israel, in Jerusalem, in the temple.

He'll spread the Jewish religion. He'll have political might that the small nation of Israel will rule as a world power. I don't believe scripture shows that at all, because as soon as Antichrist comes to power, he invades Israel and besieges Jerusalem for three and a half years altogether.

Now, it's interesting that Jerusalem will be the capital of Antichrist. I believe Babylon will be, but I believe Antichrist will invade Israel wanting to make Jerusalem his new capital. I do believe he wants Jerusalem.

He wants to annihilate the Jewish people. Oh, what battles have raged around the city of Jerusalem. It's like no city on the earth.

Jerusalem has been besieged 23 times. It's been attacked 52 times, and it's been captured and recaptured 44 times. It's been completely destroyed at least two times.

No city in the world has been more fought over than the city of Jerusalem. In fact, it is the most fought over city in the entire world. No other city comes close to it.

Remember Nebuchadnezzar of the first empire. He invaded it, captured it, carried the people off. Remember Cyrus the Great? He ruled over it.

Alexander the Great ruled over it. The Roman empires, including Augustus, ruled over it. The Catholic popes sent crusades against it to invade and capture Jerusalem.

The Muslim caliphs and leadership ruled over it. Do you see the contestant for all through thousands of years, 2,000, 6,000 years, 600 years, the times of the Gentiles, trodden down of the Gentiles, all these world powers, religions, political entities, all the great leaders of the world try to capture the city of Jerusalem. The United Nations made a resolution in November 1947 wanting to make Jerusalem the international city.

Isn't it interesting that the pope has actually offered himself to use Jerusalem as his capital and that he will be the leader of world religion and base himself out of Jerusalem? Did you know the Muslims radically want the full control of Jerusalem? The Catholics want it. The Muslims want it. Also, the United Nations want it.

They want Jerusalem as their capital. Look, it's no wonder that Antichrist wants Jerusalem. The UN want it.

Islam wants it. The Catholics want it. They're all fighting over this little tiny city.

It is the most contested city in the entire world, but it will not be the capital of Antichrist, of his armies. He's going to spend all this time trying to capture that city and he will not manage to do it. He will go in there, put himself in the temple, but half of the city will be utterly free from him.

Let me give you my seventh and final point here briefly. Seventh of all, they claim that Jerusalem is mystery Babylon that we see depicted in Revelation chapter 17. Revelation 17, the woman riding the beast, they actually say that that woman is the city of Jerusalem.

It says there in Revelation 17 and 18, the woman which thou saw is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth. Now, those that teach this, they have to make it this. They have to make everything Judaism, Israel.

They converge all these prophecies like they do trying to prove it's a Catholic Pope or an Islamic Antichrist. Now, they do it with the Jew. They push all of the scriptures in here together to try and make us believe this.

Do you know what the angel actually said to John? John, listen, I'm going to tell you what that great city is. It is the city which reigneth over the kings of the earth, present tense. Do you know the angel is describing to John, explaining to him what is this woman riding the beast? He said, I'll tell you it is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Jerusalem wasn't ruling over the kings of the earth. No other city was, but Rome was. The city of Rome in those days, an angel tells John, he wants to identify who the woman is in Revelation 17.

He says, look at Rome. This is Rome in the last days, in the very end of time before she's destroyed. That city of Rome, that religion that comes out of the city of Rome, that's going to be in existence in the last days, that's who that woman is.

It's not the city of Jerusalem. It's not Judaism. It is actually the city that was reigning over the kings of the earth in John's day.

If you knew what city that was, then you knew who that woman riding the beast is. When we see the political Roman revived empire arise in the last days, we're about to see it. It's about to happen.

I assure you, there's going to be a revival of the Roman empire, and there's going to be 10 political regional kings over it. They're going to join together to give their power and authority. They won't get power until they create that last political system, and it's going to revive.

The head is going to be healed. That seventh head is going to be healed. The wound is going to be healed, and it'll come alive again.

It's not Jerusalem. How do they try to prove that it is this woman? Well, look at verse nine in Revelation 17. It says, here's the mind which has wisdom.

The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth, and there are seven kings. Certain people who teach that Jerusalem is this woman sitting on seven hills. Do you know what they actually say? They say that Jerusalem is built on seven hills, and they're very dogmatic, some of them, about this.

They say that Jerusalem, the city, is built on seven hills. One rider makes up these seven hills by splitting the Mount of Olives into three separate hills, and then adding four others. He says, there you go.

You've got seven hills. Jerusalem is the city. Others include hills outside the city walls.

Some even mention one big quote from a Jewish book called the Book of Legends to confirm this theory, but the fact remains that Jerusalem has never been known as a seven-hilled city. People tried to bend facts, but no scholar, no historian, no archeologist, no true Bible teacher would actually believe this, since Jerusalem in the last days is the most contested city. All hell is going to be unleashed against Jerusalem.

We have watched what's happened all through church history. We've seen what's happened in our days. Jerusalem became again the capital of the Jewish state in 1967.

Israel was birthed in 1948. Bible prophecy came to pass. All the Arab Muslim nations threw their armies against it.

They couldn't defeat her. Israel is still standing there and becoming one of the richest nations on the entire planet. They're discovering oil.

Their scientists are the best in the world. Their discoveries are remarkable. It is a unique, very rich nation.

We see Turkey suffering financially. We see Russia suffering financially. We see Iran suffering financially, but Israel, this small nation with a small population, its riches are exploding.

It has weathered the storm of the past year better than any nation on the face of the planet. You know what? The whole scene is being set for Ezekiel's war. Every nation that's tried to destroy that little nation has fallen before her in defeat.

I do not believe that the Antichrist is going to be a Jew. I don't believe he's going to be a Muslim. I don't believe he's going to be a Catholic.

I believe he'll be a Gentile world leader, that he's going to rise at the very end of time, that he's going to claim authority and try to annihilate that little nation like many others have tried to do. He'll want to possess it, but he won't be able to. He'll try to destroy Judaism like he will with Christianity, but he won't be able to do it.

You know what? His defeat will be in the return of a Jew. Do you realize that a Jew is going to return and destroy the Antichrist? It won't be a Jew trying to rise up and claim power. A Jew is going to set his feet on the Mount of Olives.

That Mount is going to split, and that Jew is going to annihilate the Antichrist, the world political leader that desired to bring world dominion. There is a Jew going to come and reign on the earth. Can I tell you that? The Bible is a Jewish book.

The covenants were given to Israel that we have now entered into. Jesus was a Jewish Messiah. The first disciples were Jews.

The first churches were Jews. The first revival began in Jerusalem, and I assure you, God chose that little nation to be a blessing to all nations of the world, and Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, is going to return again, plant his feet upon the mountain. He is going to reign over every single nation, every tongue, every culture, every group of people, and there's going to be one worldwide religion.

It's going to be the worship of the Lamb of God. There is going to be a global government, I want to tell you, and I'm going to be a part of it. I'll be a part of that world religion.

I'll be a part of that world economic system, a political system, a social system. Oh, it will bring in world peace. It will bring an end to all wars.

It will solve the famine problem. It will solve all the problems, world debt and everything else, and you know what? Just like Churchill said, he said, socialism only works in two places. He said, it works in hell, where it certainly works in hell, and it works in heaven, where you don't need it, but let me add to that.

It'll also work in the millennium, when Jesus Christ, with an iron rod, is going to reign over the nations of the world. Next week, I'm going to finish this entire series by showing you something very beautiful, and we'll finish on this mark, the heavens do rule. Saints, be gripped by this truth.

The heavens are going to rule, no matter what happens in this hour, with politics, nations, religions, wars, whatever happens. I'm telling you, there's a Jew that's coming, and I love him. I love his precious name, because he died and bled for me on a tree outside of Jerusalem.

He loved me and knew me before he created the earth. He created all things. He was here before all things, and he'll be here after everything.

Let's bow and pray together. Father, we thank you for the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for salvation.

I thank you for the blood of Jesus that was shed at Calvary on an old rugged cross outside that city of Jerusalem. We're dealing with history, prophecy, with truth here tonight, and thank you for salvation in Christ. Everything he said has come to pass, will come to pass, and we are looking for the Messiah.

We're looking for the second coming. We're looking to be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus in the clouds. Soon and very soon, we're going to see him, and Lord God, you are going to bring an end to all the

nations, all the governments.

You're going to bring an end to the political rule of the Gentile nations, and there is going to be a day when a Jew reigns over the earth, but it won't be the Antichrist, and it won't be this side of the coming of Jesus. We bless you. We love you tonight, and thank you for your truth in Jesus' name.

Amen. Amen.

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