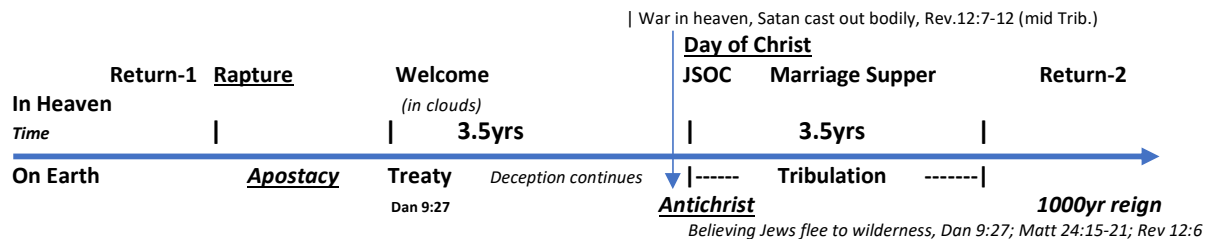


Chapt 2: A Caution Regarding the Timing of Christ's Return.

Review our definitions. Note that this is an ORDER of EVENTS so that believers don't freak out.

- "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" = 2nd Advent
- Vs 1: "AND BY" Connected to His coming, "our gathering together unto him" = **Rapture of the church.**
- "The day of Christ" = **The Judgment Seat of Christ. Philippians 1:6, 9-11**



- The prerequisites to the Judgment Seat of Christ.
 1. **Falling away first.** An "apostasia" is a defection from truth. Vs 3; 9-12
1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Timothy 4:3-4
The world buys into the antichrist's 7-year peace plan with Israel. Daniel 9:27; 12:11-12
 2. **Revealing of the man of sin.** Vs 3-8

1. The antichrist **revealed**: "That wicked" Vs 7-8

- "that man of sin" This is a title **unique** to the antichrist.
- He is revealed after the assassination and "resurrection" **Rev 13**

2. The antichrist **rebelling**: "I will be like the most High"

- Vs 4. This is why he's called the antichrist.
- Satan **hates** in the **incarnation** of Christ! Where the mystery of **GODLINESS** worked to reveal God in the flesh, **1 Tim 3:16** the **mystery of iniquity** is working to **manifest Satan in the flesh!** Vs 7
 This is why history has been filled with many antichrists. **1 John 2:18**

3. The antichrist **restrained**. "what withholdeth" "he who now letteth will let"

- **FIRST: The mystery of iniquity is at work.**
*The RESTRAINER is **holding** the **revealing** of the antichrist **back**.*
- **SECOND: There is a restrainer.** Vs 6-7
 The restrainer is a **what**. Vs 6 That withholds the revealing of the antichrist.
 The restrainer is a **HE**. Vs 7. That hinders his revealing.
 He will be **removed** out of **the antichrist's way**. Vs 7.
 KEY: The **Holy Spirit** is both a **what** and a **he**.

Note the secondary view of vs 6-8.

Essentially, Satan is waiting for his moment.

The headwound (Rev 13:3) takes everything out of the way.

That removal allows the antichrist to be resurrected as "the son of perdition!" **John 6:70; 7:12**

The antichrist is in his own way until he is removed (death) and then revealed ("resurrected")

Vs 8 "And then shall that Wicked be revealed" How? Vs 4 compare **Daniel 11:36-37**

4. The Antichrist _____. Vs 8

How is he destroyed?

- _____! "with the spirit of his mouth." **That's power!**

This future wicked man who will be able to subdue the PLANET is consumed at a _____ from the LORD!

When Jesus speaks, IT is the very WORD of GOD and His Word is _____.

Do not forget the creation account! John 1:1-3 remember Isaiah 55:11

His weaponry. **Revelation 1:16 Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 2:16; Isaiah 11:4; Revelation 19:11-21**

How is he destroyed?

- **Destroyed!** "with the brightness of his coming:
Light so bright it destroys. How?
Understand what Jesus is to know what He does. **John 1:1-5; 9:5; 12:46** compare **2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 9:3; Malachi 4:1-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10**

Why is he destroyed?

- He is a _____! **Vs 9**
Remember that the antichrist becomes the embodiment of Satan himself. How does Satan roll?
John 8:44 compare **Matthew 24:24; Mark 13:22; Revelation 13:11-15**

How does the antichrist pull off his deception? _____.

- The lost are willingly deceived. **Vs 10-12**
 - Vs 10 KEY: if you reject the truth today, you will believe the lies that are coming tomorrow.
Proverbs 1:7, 22, 29; Romans 1:28; Job 21:14
 - Result: the unbelieving _____ and make God their _____. **Vs 10-12**
Example: Pharaoh refused to believe the Word of God when it came to him. As a result, God moved to harden his heart. **Exodus 14:8; 2 Timothy 3:8**

Pharaoh saw the _____ his false prophets performed, so he listened to their _____.
Result? **Exodus 14:8-9, 27-29; Psalm 136:14-15**

In rejecting God's truth you provoke Him to be your enemy. **1 Kings 22:1-37**

Refuse God's Truth and your deception grows. Why? Romans 1:19-22, 28

**KEY: When you _____ the truth, you are _____ for a _____.
Cling to God's truth! John 17:15-17**