

# THE ANTICHRIST

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# Introduction

Although the person of the Antichrist is associated prophetically with the time of the Great Tribulation Period, the Bible teaches that the spirit of the Antichrist was in the world as far back as the days of the Apostles. The spirit of the Antichrist is any spirit that denies the Father and the Son; it is one that will not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, or one that pretends to be the Christ, the Messiah. The spirit of the Antichrist is a rival and archenemy of Jesus, the true Christ.

Little children, **it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made **manifest that they were not all of us.... Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son** (I John 2:18,19,22).

For **many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist** (II John 1:7).

*Anti* means *instead of* or *against*. Although the *spirit* of the Antichrist has been in the world since the days of the Apostles, the *person* of the Antichrist is still to appear. God has clearly revealed the identity of this wicked person. His Word teaches that the Antichrist, the Son of Perdition, will be Judas Iscariot, who will be resurrected from the Sea (the Bottomless Pit). At the appointed time, Judas will appear in his resurrected wicked body and will go forth as the Antichrist. This prominent, evil personage of Prophecy, the Antichrist, has two main characteristics: He is an avowed superseder, and he is an antagonist of Christ. The Antichrist is also called the “Man of Sin,” the “Son of Perdition,” and “that Wicked One.”

Because the Antichrist will be a *resurrected* human being, as opposed to being a mortal human being, he will have great, supernatural powers. By performing great miracles and wonders and by speaking blasphemous words against God, he will deceive many people into following him.

The Antichrist will use his monstrous nature to set forth the “mystery of iniquity.” He will rule the world for a season until God brings Judgment upon his seat of tyrannical power and authority. God’s Word teaches that the *world* and *man’s works* are destined for God’s Judgment. Unbelieving scoffers will not prevent God from fulfilling His Word in the Day of Judgment.

Regardless of what the world, as a whole, may think, the end of this Dispensation of Grace is very near. All the conditions that Paul said would exist in the last days are prevalent in the world today.

This know also, that **in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:** from such turn away (II Timothy 3:1-5).

In these verses, the Apostle Paul enumerated twenty signs that help us to recognize that we are living in the End Time. The spirit of the Antichrist already is at work in the world, opposing and resisting all that is of God. Many people are being deceived by the untruths being proclaimed by the false “Christs,” the many false prophets, who are the forerunners of the Antichrist, Judas Iscariot.

## 1. Perilous Times

Never before has mankind, in general, experienced such dangerous, hazardous, risky times. Everywhere we look, we see some form of danger. Dangerous substances are present in the food we eat, in the water we drink, and in the very air we breathe. The financial world is in danger of crumbling. In the spiritual world, the moral values by which men have lived for millennia are being attacked. Fear of violence from thieves and robbers forces men to live as virtual prisoners in their own homes. Nations fear nuclear war.

In spite of all the danger that confronts us on every hand, God’s Word promises that the believer can know

perfect safety and security in Christ Jesus. God's Word assures us of this Truth: "The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs 18:10).

In the Old Testament, two different Hebrew words have been translated into English as "Lord." When the Hebrew word *Adonai*, meaning Master or Husband, appeared in the original text, referring to the Name *Lord*; it was spelled with a capital and lower-case letters. Whenever the *Tetragrammaton*—JHVH—appeared in the original text, translators spelled the Name LORD with all capital letters.

The Hebrew Name JHVH is comprised of the Hebrew letters *yod*, *hay*, *vaw*, and a second *hay*. Translators supplied the vowels to spell the English Name *Jehovah*. All through the Word of God, a name always is used to signify the nature or character of a person or thing. The Name LORD (Jehovah) refers to the Self-existent One who reveals Himself. This Name, then, pertains to God's Revealing Power and Authority to redeem.

The most complete revelation that man has of the LORD (Jehovah) was given through the Only Begotten Son of God, Who came in His Father's Name. During the days of His earthly journey, Jesus Christ kept His Human Will in subjection to the Divine Will of His Heavenly Father. When the Father demanded a Sacrifice for man's sin, His Son willingly went to the Cross, and descended into Hell and Death in order to maintain the Union He had with His Father's Will. On the Day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter stood up and boldly declared: "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord [Jehovah] and Christ" (Acts 2:36). The Son's complete obedience to His Father's Will took Him through Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection; thus, the Son of God, Jesus, earned an Eternal Union with the LORD of Glory (Jehovah) and Christ (the Divine Word), and opened direct access to God to all who come to Him in faith!

Throughout this book, when the Name LORD is used with the Name Jesus Christ, the LORD's Name is capitalized in order to show that the Son has an Eternal Joining with the LORD of the Old Testament. The Heavenly Father's Name is LORD; therefore, His Son's Name is LORD.

## **2. Men Shall Be Lovers of Themselves**

The measure of self-love that humanity manifests is increasing in all parts of the Earth. Self-love is a pit without a bottom. When self-love is offended, it never forgives. The divorce statistics from around the world are witnesses of offended self-love and its unforgiveness.

## **3. Covetous**

Covetousness, the desire to possess more and more, has increased in the Earth. Every day, the newspapers report new cases of thievery, fraudulent schemes, embezzlements, and bribery being practiced by men who are trying in vain to satisfy their gnawing, covetous desires. These actions are witnesses to us that we are living in the last days. Man's cup of iniquity is full to the brim.

## **4. Boasters**

The land is full of boasters. Every day we hear people exaggerating the skills they have or the effectiveness of the products they sell. They flaunt the platforms of their political party, the doctrines of their Church, their large bank accounts, or their worldly achievements in order to impress others.

## **5. Proud**

Each passing year shows an increase in the number of proud, arrogant, haughty, self-satisfied hearts. People who are puffed up by their own vain feelings of independence feel no need for God.

## **6. Blasphemers**

Never has society been filled with such unrestrained profanity, cursing, and swearing as we hear in our day.

## **7. Disobedient to Parents**

The way people transgress the fifth Commandment, in these days, is incredible. Young children violate this Commandment by disobeying, disrespecting, and dishonouring their parents. Adults break it by disregarding the welfare of their aged parents.

#### **8. Unthankful**

God has poured out great natural and spiritual blessings upon the people of this generation. Yet, by continually complaining about every facet of life, this generation, as a whole, bears witness to the depth of its own ingratitude.

#### **9. Unholy**

Our world has sunk into the same depths of sinful depravity that existed in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah. Today, many people shamelessly practice the most impious, vile immorality.

#### **10. Without Natural Affection**

Child abuse cases have reached epidemic proportions, proving that many parents are without natural affections. The lack of natural affection in the home is also reflected in an increased number of children who kill their parents and parents who kill their children. The people who can stand idly by while another human being is being beaten, raped, robbed, or killed tell us that there is a lack of natural affection in our society. The widespread practice of perversion is another witness that many people are without natural affection.

#### **11. Truce Breakers**

A man's word was once his bond, but that is not true now. Nations and individuals have no conscience about breaking the engagements, agreements, and covenants they make.

#### **12. False Accusers**

Many men show little or no regard for the good name or reputation of others. They feel at liberty to charge a person with whatever crime they please. Many people take advantage of the legal system by continually suing others to make "a fast buck." People with political ambitions try to win their campaigns by making as many accusations as they can against their opponents. Religious groups try to increase their numbers by making false accusations against the people in other denominations.

#### **13. Incontinent**

The staggering number of divorce cases and the scandalous abuse of alcohol and drugs are signs that our society has given itself over to unrestrained passions, appetites, and unchaste, lewd desires.

#### **14. Fierce**

All the brutal murders and cruel abortions are yet more signs of this generation's fierceness and violence.

#### **15. Despisers of Those Who Are Good**

Our country was founded on Principles of godliness and moral integrity. But, now, we see that which is good and honourable being despised and looked upon with contempt, while that which is evil and dishonourable is being held up as something excellent and admirable.

#### **16. Traitors**

Traitors can be found in every phase of life. Some people violate their allegiance and betray their country. Some betray their employers by selling the company's classified information to competitors. Some people become traitors to the ministry of the Gospel either by refusing to obey God's *call* or by leaving their *calling* after they have begun their ministry. Christians become traitors to the Word of God, too, if they turn back to become involved in the things of the world.

### 17. Heady

In this generation, we see people who are rash and hasty, hurried on by their passions and wills into bad business deals or unequal marriages. Many others rush out to join in senseless, heady riots because they allow unscrupulous men to influence their thinking and their emotions. Instead of making rational decisions based on the true Principles set forth in God's Word, they yield to being governed by their intoxicated emotions.

### 18. High-Minded

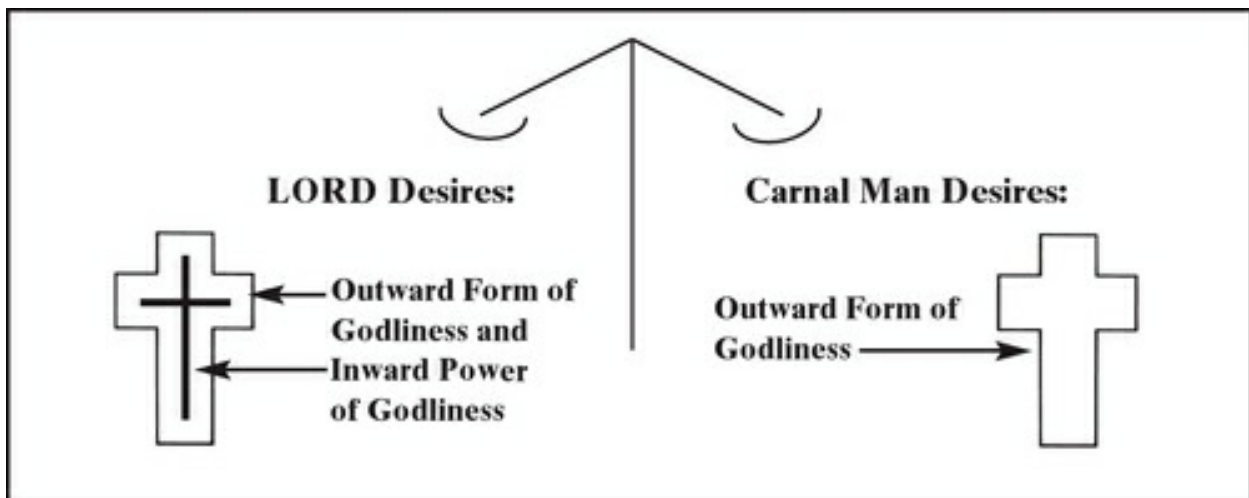
The world is full of people who are puffed up with pride because they consider their rank to be superior; therefore, from their exalted position, they look down scornfully upon others. Others, puffed up by their intellectual achievements, think their proud, arrogant understanding is above all others. There are all kinds of snobbish, high-minded people in today's world.

### 19. Lovers of Pleasures More than Lovers of God

Undoubtedly, we are living in a pleasure-mad generation. The average man has little time for God or little desire to go to the House of God to study the Word of God or to seek the Spirit of God in prayer. Most people are too busy searching for their own pleasure.

### 20. Having a Form of Godliness, but Denying the Power Thereof

Many people in this generation assume a form of godliness by joining a Church; however, they have no desire to submit to the power of godliness so that their sinful attitudes and dispositions, which displease God, will be taken away.



The form and power of godliness is the Cross of Christ. It is necessary to have both the *form* and the *power* of the Cross. Only through the union of the outward form of the Cross and the inward power of it are changes wrought in one's life, inside and outside.

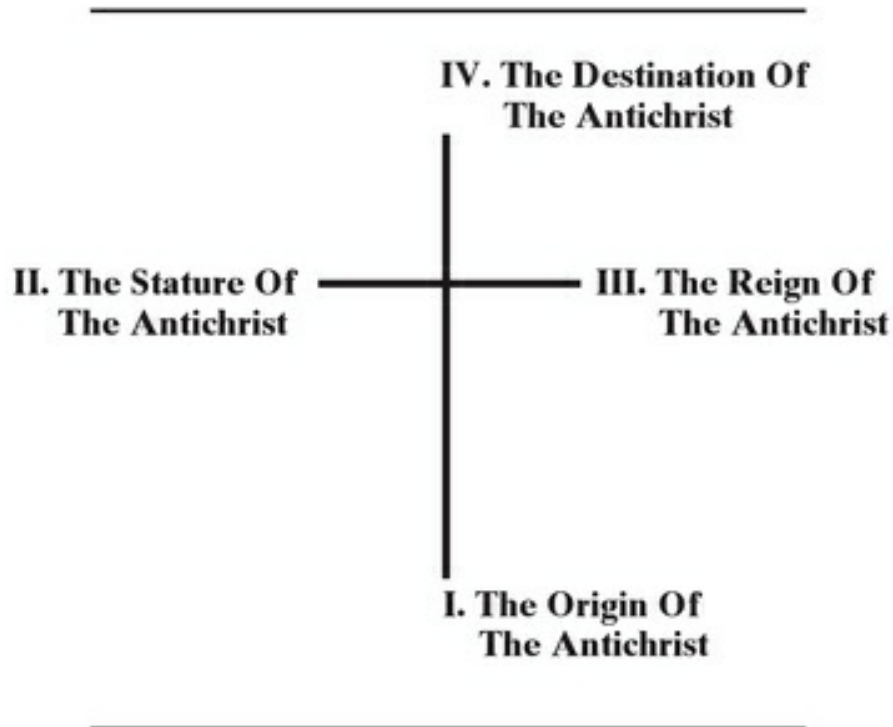
Some people accept the outward form of the Cross of Christ because doing so soothes their conscience or because they feel church affiliation will help them materially or socially. However, in their hearts, they do not embrace the

Cross of Christ's Living Truth; they do not want the power of the Truth to crucify their carnal nature and turn them from their sins.

The prevalence of the foregoing twenty signs proclaims to us that we are living in the last days of this Dispensation.

Paul warned Timothy against being deceived by the evil that will permeate the world in the last days. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (II Timothy 3:13). The continual increase of evil is just another sign that the stage is being set for the personal appearance of the Antichrist.

Since we are living in a day of seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, it behooves us to know the Truth of God's Revealed Word. In His Word, God has revealed a Stature of Truth about the evil personage, the Antichrist, who will rule and reign over the Earth during the three-and-one-half-year Tribulation Period. So we cannot claim ignorance as an excuse for not being prepared for the future. God's Word, which reveals Truth in many patterns and forms,<sup>\*</sup> discloses to us, in the four points of the Cross or in the stature of the Cross, the origin of the Antichrist; gives us his stature; describes his reign; and tells us what his eternal destination will be. The following stature of Truth shows the four points this study covers.



As we learn the Truth that God reveals to us about the Man of Sin, we can go forth as children of light, forewarned and forearmed.

May the LORD Jesus Christ bless this study to your heart.

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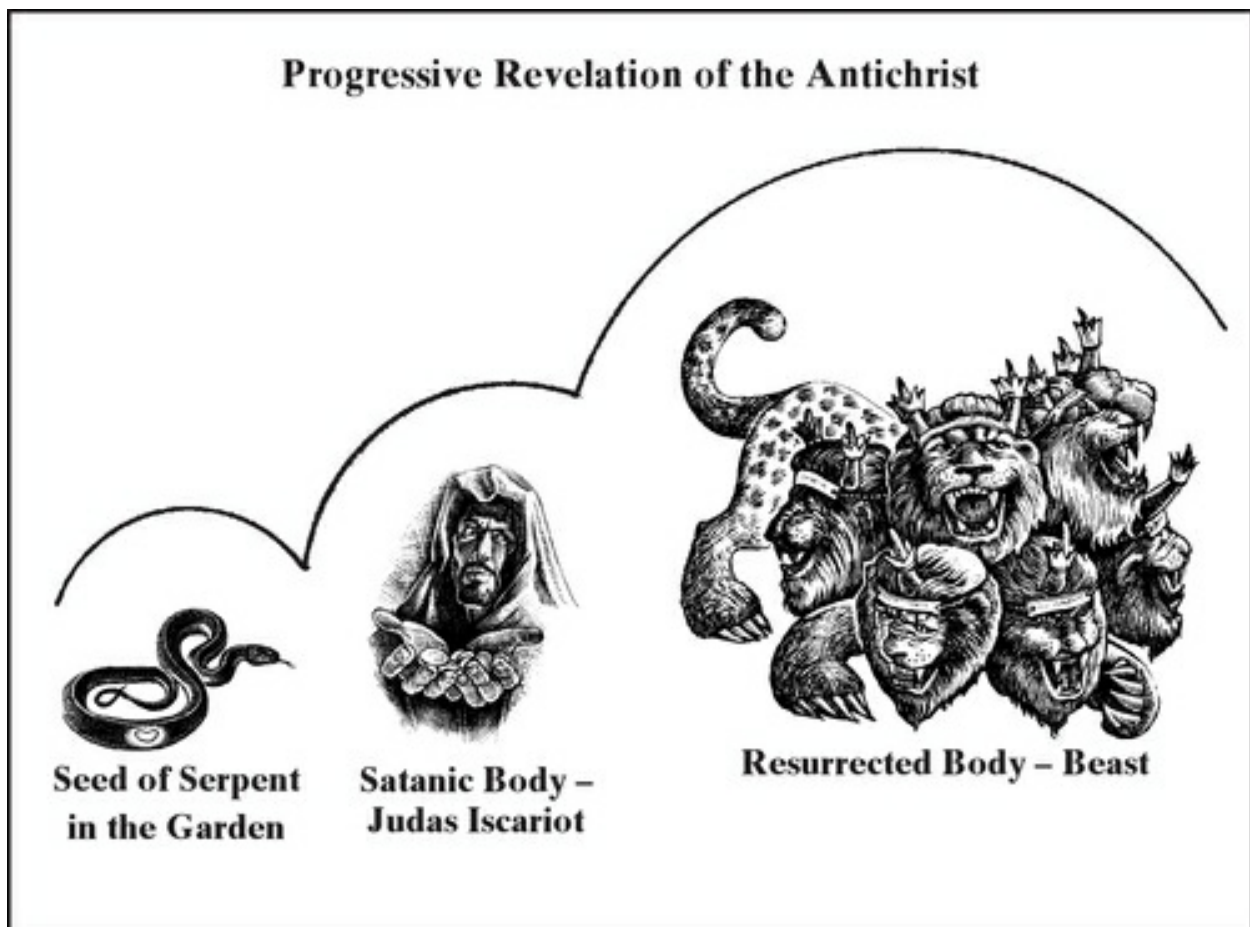
\* For a study on the different patterns and forms God uses in His Word to reveal His Divine Truth read: B. R. Hicks, [\*Patterns And Forms In God's Word That Illustrate Divine Truth\*](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1999).

# Chapter One

## The Origin Of The Antichrist

To trace the life of a person, we must return to the beginning of his existence, which includes his ancestry as well as his birth into this Earth. The Word of God progresses through the revelation of the Antichrist from the time he was only a Seed (a spirit and soul), to his birth into a mortal body, then on to his existence in a resurrected body.

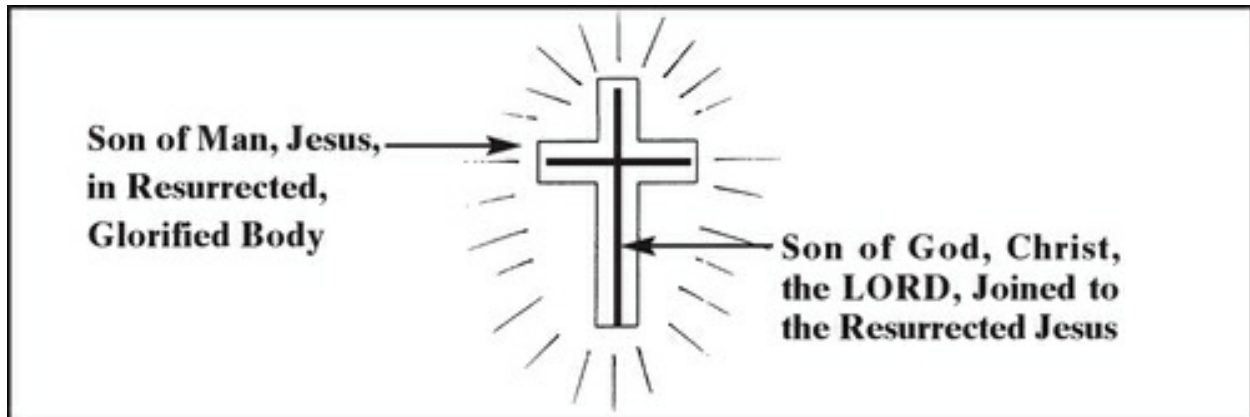
In the Garden of Eden, the Antichrist was revealed in Seed-form as the Seed of the Serpent; then, his satanic body was revealed in the person of Judas Iscariot; and, finally, his resurrected, wicked body will be revealed in the form of the Beast that comes up out of the Sea or the Bottomless Pit at the beginning of the Tribulation Period.



The Antichrist is not a creator. He will have no power to create new things that never before have existed. His power will be limited to the things of Christ that he has stolen, and he will use them to exalt himself. The Antichrist will *imitate* the Son of God and profess to be the true Christ in order to deceive the world. He will not be able to reflect the true Image of the Son of God, however, because his Seed and lineage have had their origin in Lucifer, who was perverted by sin.

The true Christ had His origin in the LORD God. The *Son of God*, the Wisdom of God, was begotten in *Spirit and Soul-form* (Seed-form) in the Loins of the LORD God before anything else was brought into existence (Proverbs 8:22-31). When God brought forth His Son, Wisdom, He sat Him at His right Hand and filled Him with Truth until His Stature of Wisdom was fully mature. Then, the Father gave His Son the complete Master Plan for all Creation.

The Son faithfully created everything in the Father's Master Plan, including Adam-male and Adam-female, who inhabited the Garden of Eden. After Adam-male and Adam-female had sinned in the Garden of Eden, God gave Adam-female the Seed of Promise of a Redeemer. This Seed of Promise was none other than the *Son of Man in Seed-form* (Genesis 3:15). In time, a Holy *Body* was prepared for the Son of Man in the womb of the Virgin Mary (Hebrews 10:5). After the Son of God, the Christ, and the Son of Man, Jesus, had gone down into Hell and Death to redeem fallen mankind, the Son of Man, Jesus, stood up in a *Resurrected, Glorified Body* that was joined eternally to the Son of God, the LORD of Glory and the Christ, the Word of God (Acts 2:36).



The Son of God, Christ the LORD, the Word of God, began as a Seed in the Loins of the Heavenly Father. The Son of Man, Jesus, began as a Seed of Promise, which God gave to Adam-female after she had sinned.

In this study about the Antichrist, not all the steps that God took in unveiling His beloved Son to the world will be proven; however, any reader who desires to pursue this subject, in the Word of God, will find all the Scriptures relating to the revelation of God's Son, and many more, in the book *Confirming Our Faith in the LORD Jesus Christ*,\* written by the author.

As we study the Word of God, we will see that the Antichrist imitates the Christ. Just as Christ began as a Seed, so did the Antichrist begin as a Seed. Then, he took on a body of flesh in the person of Judas Iscariot. When Judas hung himself, his body went to the grave, and his spirit and soul went to their "own place"—the Bottomless Pit (Acts 1:25). At the beginning of the Tribulation Period, Judas Iscariot's wicked spirit and soul will be resurrected from the Sea or Bottomless Pit to be joined to his resurrected, wicked body.

## I. The Seed of the Serpent

All things have their origin in a Seed form. The Heavenly Father had a Seed—the Only Begotten Son of God, the Christ. Lucifer imitated God the Father by coming up with a *special seed* he claimed as his "christ." Thus, the first thing we learn in the Word of God about the origin of the Antichrist is that he had his beginning as a special Seed of Lucifer, the Serpent.

And I will put enmity between thee [the Serpent] and the woman, and between thy seed [the Seed of the Serpent] and her seed [the seed of the woman]; it shall bruise thy head [the Seed of the Serpent], and thou shalt bruise his heel (Genesis 3:15).

The Seed of the Antichrist was first announced in the Garden of Eden. When Lucifer came to Adam-female in his Serpent-form, to tempt her to disobey God's Commandment, she yielded to temptation. That marked the time that sin entered into present man's human will. Yet, as God spoke words of Judgment, He held forth a hope and a Promise of a Redeemer—Jesus Christ.

God's mention of the Serpent's Seed, on this occasion, was His first reference to the Antichrist. Although God did not say that the Serpent's Seed would be called "Antichrist," He did reveal that this was the beginning of a perpetual earthly war between God's Kingdom of Truth and fallen Lucifer's kingdom of untruth. Mankind's heart and mind serve as the battleground on which this war is fought.

From the days of the Garden of Eden, a state of war has been proclaimed between the Promised Seed of the woman (Jesus Christ) and the Seed of the Serpent (Antichrist). A continual conflict between Grace and corruption is

waged in the hearts of God's people. By exercising their graces, God's people resist the enemy, wrestle against him, quench his fiery darts, and force him to flee from them.

God said that the woman's Seed, Jesus Christ, was to bruise the Serpent's *head*. Through his head, the Serpent projects the authority and power of his deceitful plots and plans against the Truth.

The Serpent's Seed was to bruise the *Heel* of the Seed of the woman. This Prophecy was fulfilled when Judas betrayed Jesus into the hands of the enemy. When Jesus was nailed to the Cross of Calvary, the Serpent bruised Christ Jesus' Heel. At the same time, Jesus used His Crucified Heel to bruise the Serpent's head of power and authority.

Although the person of the Antichrist has not yet been revealed in his resurrected form, we see the *spirit* of Antichrist, the Seed of the Serpent, working in the world today. "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (I John 4:3).

## II. The Body of Satan in the Person of Judas Iscariot

The next progression of the revelation of the Antichrist's origin is his existence in a mortal body, which was called "Judas Iscariot."

Jesus answered them, **Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon:** for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve (John 6:70,71).

The body of the Antichrist had its origin in the person of Judas Iscariot. Satan needs a body to work through, just as God had a body to work through in the Person of His Son Jesus Christ.

God prepared a Holy Body within the womb of the Virgin Mary, and He was called "Jesus." God sent the Angel Gabriel to tell the Virgin Mary that He was going to fulfill in her the Prophetic Promise given in the Garden of Eden concerning the coming of the woman's Seed. When Mary was overshadowed by the Power of the Almighty God, the Divine Seed of Christ, the Word, entered into the Body of Jesus in its prenatal state.

And, behold, **thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS** (Luke 1:31).

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: **therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God** (Luke 1:35).

Just as the Promised Seed of the Word, the Christ, entered into the Body of Jesus, so also did Satan have a body into which he entered. That body was the body of Judas Iscariot, one of the LORD's twelve Disciples.

Although we have no record of this fact, we can assume from other evidence that Satan must have sought out a woman with child and, in one way or another, corrupted her Seed, for Judas was the fulfillment of the Prophecy, given in Genesis, about the Serpent's Seed. Judas was the Seed of the Serpent. We have no record of any human being other than Judas Iscariot that Satan personally entered into and had full access to work through.

Jesus established this fact when He recognized that one of His twelve Disciples was a devil. Jesus did not say that Judas was possessed by a devil. He said, "One of you *is* a devil" (John 6:70). Jesus did not identify Judas on this occasion, but we know from many other Scriptures that Judas, indeed, was the Disciple to whom the LORD referred.

The Greek word for *devil* is *diabolos*, which in English means "adversary," usually translated "Satan." Jesus said this about Judas in response to Peter's declaration that, even though others turned away from the LORD and walked no more with Him, the *Disciples* would remain faithful to Him as their Master. Jesus corrected Peter as He revealed that *one* of His Disciples was a devil. In other words, Judas was the Seed of the Serpent; therefore, it was impossible for *all* the Disciples to remain true and faithful.

Luke confirmed this Truth about Judas being the instrument or vessel through whom Satan worked.

**Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them** (Luke 22:3,4).

After contracting with the enemy to betray the Son of God, Judas rejoined the Disciples and partook of the last Passover Supper that the LORD ate with His Disciples.

Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean (John 13:10,11)

**I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me** (John 13:18).

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.** Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, **Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him.** Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly (John 13:21-27).

**He then having received the sop went immediately out:** and it was night (John 13:30).

At the last Passover Supper, which Jesus ate with His twelve Disciples, Judas permitted the LORD to bow in humility before him to wash his feet. Judas dipped his hand into the dish of salt, symbolizing his loyalty and unity with Jesus. Then, after Judas had received the sop from Jesus' Hand, Satan entered into him, to possess him. Satan began to fill Judas with a prevailing prejudice against Christ and His Doctrine and to excite him with a burning, covetous desire for the wages of unrighteousness.

Judas' actions plainly declared that he was a devil, the *Son of Perdition*. Thus, Judas' body become the property of Satan to do and to be what Satan chose. Likewise, when Judas Iscariot is resurrected, at the beginning of the Tribulation, to become the Antichrist, he will give himself completely to the control of Lucifer's full stature: Satan, Devil, Serpent, and Dragon. The body of Judas Iscariot was the visible manifestation of the Serpent's Seed, or it was Satan's body.

### **III. The Resurrected Spirit and Soul of Judas Ascend out of the Sea or Bottomless Pit**

In the third revelation about the origin of the Antichrist, God's Word tells about the resurrection of his wicked body from the Sea (the Bottomless Pit).

And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and **they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth. (Revelation 11:3).

**And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them**, and shall overcome them, and kill them (Revelation 11:7).

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy (Revelation 13:1).

The resurrected being of the Antichrist comes up out of the Bottomless Pit or the Sea. The terms *Bottomless Pit* and *Sea* are synonymous: they both refer to the infinite abyss of God's Humility in which God buries certain classes of sin and proud sinners. The fact that the Antichrist arises from the Bottomless Pit is proof that he comes forth with a resurrected body.

God's Word reveals eight classes of individuals or kingdoms that are buried in the Pit. Betrayal and pride are the predominant characteristics of all who are consigned to the Pit.

#### **A. Sons of Korah**

**So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. And Moses said,** Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have not done them* of mine own mind. **If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me. But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have**

**provoked the LORD.** And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that **the ground clave asunder that was under them: And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation** (Numbers 16:27-33).

The spiritual betrayal and rebellion of some of the sons of Korah caused them to be the first ones to be sent to the bottom of the Pit.

The Antichrist will have the same spirit of betrayal and proud rebellion as the sons of Korah who rebelled against God's King and Priest in the persons of Moses and Aaron. It was the Antichrist spirit in Judas Iscariot that made him rebel against God's King and Priest in the Person of the Crucified Christ. When Judas is resurrected out of the Bottomless Pit, he will rebel against God's King and Priest in the Person of the Resurrected Christ.

## **B. Tyre**

Tyre's proud, idolatrous, gloating, sinful behavior earned her a burial place in the Pit.

When **I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit,** that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living; (Ezekiel 26:20).

In the beginning, Tyre was friendly with Israel. The Tyrians furnished the timber for the Temple and the great buildings in Jerusalem. The cedars of Lebanon were floated from Tyre to Joppa and then taken to Jerusalem. Tyrian artists also were skilful in the fine work required in the Temple. However, from Tyre came the many fatal influences of idolatry that corrupted God's chosen people. Tyre's idols finally stood in the very Temple they had helped to build. The Moral Principle in this story is that God's Temple is not to be built by idolatrous heathen regardless of their natural skills.

At a later period, the friendly relations between Tyre and Israel were changed to hostility. Then, Tyre rejoiced in the distress of Israel. God predicted, through His Prophet, a terrible overthrow of the proud, idolatrous, gloating, heathen city.

Like Tyre, Judas Iscariot was friendly with Christ in the beginning. Then, the idolatrous image of thirty pieces of silver corrupted him and proved a fatal influence upon him, and he became an open foe of the LORD Jesus Christ. During the Tribulation Period, Judas, as the Antichrist, will continue his idolatry by accepting the idolatrous worship of the whole world.

## **C. Assyria**

Three great sins: idolatry, fighting God's chosen people, and stealing God's Promised Land earned Assyria the Judgment and Punishment of being consigned to the Pit.

To the end that **none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height,** neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: **for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit** (Ezekiel 31:14).

The Assyrians were great idol worshippers. They had eleven chief gods that included the sun god and the moon god. Their idols of stone and clay were worshipped with sacrifices, libations, offerings, and by fastings of man and beast. They were involved in the most gross idolatry. Assyria also continually warred against Israel, capturing her people and usurping her land.

Judas was guilty of the same three great sins: he bowed down to his idol-image of thirty pieces of silver; he fought against the Truth by betraying Jesus Christ, God's chosen Servant; and, he stole the Life of Jesus Christ by delivering Him to death.

## **D. Egypt**

Egypt's gross idolatry and cruel, stubborn treatment of God's chosen Bride earned her a place of Punishment and

## Judgment in the Pit.

**To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth:** thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that be slain by the sword*. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD (Ezekiel 31:18).

The Egyptians were great idolaters. Their chief gods formed a trinity: Osiris, Isis, and Horus. Egypt confiscated God's sojourners and forced them into slavery, oppressed them, refused them permission to go to Canaan's Land, pursued them, and gloated, prophetically, that they would destroy them.

Judas pursued the betrayal of Christ and gloated, prophetically, to himself that everything would be fine. When he ascends out of the Pit as the Judas-Antichrist, he will gloat as he anticipates taking victory over the true Christ during the Tribulation.

### E. Elam

Greedy covetousness against God's people bought Elam a place of Judgment and Punishment in the Pit.

**There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth,** which caused their terror in the land of the living; **yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit** (Ezekiel 32:24).

Elam was a strong power in Abram's time. The people of Elam, in conjunction with the Medes, accomplished the destruction of Babylon, Israel's enemy (Isaiah 21:2). Although Elam helped destroy Israel's enemy, she herself became an enemy when she invaded Israel (Isaiah 22:6). Elam was first a friend to Israel; then, she was Israel's foe. Because Elam became an enemy of God's people, God foretold her destruction (Jeremiah 49:34-39).

Elam teaches us this very important Moral Principle: we cannot betray God's chosen people and become their enemy without coming under God's Judgment. We are deceived if, after we have been friends with God's chosen people and have helped them fight against their enemies, we think that we can turn and invade their territory and try to take what God has not given to us. Such greedy, covetousness against God's people will earn us a place of Punishment and Judgment in the Pit.

Judas went down into the Pit with the same spirit of greedy covetousness against Jesus Christ. Judas was a friend at first; then, he became Jesus' foe. When Judas comes up out of the Pit as the Antichrist, he still will have a spirit of enmity against Christ.

### F. Meshech

Meshech's proud cruelty and her attack against God's chosen people and His beloved City earned her the dishonour and disgrace of being buried in the Pit.

**There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword,** though they caused their terror in the land of the living. **And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war:** and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. **Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain with the sword** (Ezekiel 32:26-28).

Meshech was a warring race that lived in the region between Armenia, Iberia, and Colchis. The people were lawless and fierce (Psalm 120:5). Gog was the name of their chief prince, and Magog was the kingdom. Moscon and Tobolsk derive their names from Meshech and Tubal.

In the days of old, Meshech's weapons of warfare included the bow and the sword. Its warrior-horsemen were notorious for their cruel rapacity. Although generations have passed, Meshech has not let God change their cruel, warlike nature. Her haughty, blasphemous, godless self-confidence will make her attack God's beloved city, Jerusalem, before the Millennium and after the Millennium. Her greed spawns her cruel acts of preying upon others, so she shall reap the results of her greed. The spoiler shall be spoiled; the robber shall be robbed; and the slayer shall be slain by God's holy, righteous retribution.

Judas's proud cruelty against Christ earned him the dishonour and disgrace of being buried in the Pit. He was a fiendish betrayer who wore a seemingly friendly cloak. Judas, the Antichrist, will continue his fiendish betrayal of Christ by usurping the throne in Jerusalem and pretending to be the true Christ.

### G. Edom

Edom's evil motives, continual hatred, warring, and attempted theft of Israel's inheritance earned her the notorious disgrace of Punishment, Judgment, and burial in the Pit.

**There is Edom**, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by *them that were* slain by the sword: **they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit** (Ezekiel 32:29).

Edom also is called Idumea and Mount Seir. Edom marched against Israel at Kadesh, endeavoring to stop her entrance into Canaan's Land. As brothers of Israel, Edom and Moab should have met her with bread and water instead of opposing her. Edom was among King Saul's enemies. Later, David warred against the Edomites and overcame them. Some who escaped in David's day excited revolt against Solomon.

During his reign, Jehoshaphat continued the warfare against the Edomites, the opposers of Israel. When Israel's and Judah's spiritual strength and loyalty to the LORD God declined, the Edomites broke Israel's yoke of authority over them. Then, joined to the Chaldeans in their warfare against Israel, they seized portions of Israel's land. Edom's long-range goal and objective was to separate Israel from her divinely appointed inheritance. But Edom never will achieve her goal. When God judges Edom for hating and warring against Israel and trying to steal her inheritance, the righteous Judge will say that Edom has earned a burial place in the Pit.

Judas was a closer brother to Christ, according to their Jewish flesh, than Edom was to Israel. Therefore, his opposition to Christ was more evil than Edom's opposition to Israel. In the end of man's history on this Earth, in spite of never being able to triumph over Christ, the Antichrist will come up out of the Bottomless Pit, using his same spirit of opposition against Christ.

### H. Sidon

Sidon revolted against God and persecuted God's people. Consequently, Sidon became the eighth one to be buried in the Pit.

**There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians**, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; **and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit** (Ezekiel 32:30).

Sidon was a rich, ancient Phoenician city. Named after Noah's great-grandson, it was one of the most ancient cities of the world. The Sidonians were famous for their commerce, manufacturing, and arts. Their sailors also were of note in the then-known world. The Sidonians, like the people of Tyre, assisted in the work of building Solomon's Temple. Sidon also exported their idolatrous abominations that corrupted Israel. God's people frequently threatened Sidon with punishment and judgment. Self-indulgent ease followed in the train of their wealth so that they were increased in their idolatries. Sidonian women in Solomon's harem seduced him to worship Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians.

Joel reproved Sidon and Tyre for making merchandise out of the children of Judah and Jerusalem by selling them to the Grecians. Sidon was a "pricking briar" unto Israel. Therefore, because Sidon revolted against the LORD God, her Creator, by persecuting and opposing God's people and impregnating Israel with their abominable idolatry, they earned a dishonourable and disgraceful burial in the Pit, along with all the other apostate revolters against God and the persecutors of God's Bride, Israel.

Judas revolted against God, his Creator, and God's Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Since he did not repent, he descended into the Pit. with his heart still revolting against God and His Truth. When Judas is resurrected out of the Pit, at the beginning of the Tribulation, he will go forth as the Antichrist to continue his beastly revolt against God and His Christ.

The people, cities, and nations that are buried in the Pit have two things in common: (1) wickedly revolting against the LORD, the True God; and (2) making Israel, God's people, the victim of their cruel rapacity.

Because of his wicked covetousness, Judas Iscariot begat his wicked revolt against the Son of God, the Christ, and his criticism of those who poured out their expensive spikenard on the LORD in their worship of Him. Thus the Bottomless Pit was a fit abiding place for Judas Iscariot's spirit and soul.

When Judas descended into the Pit, he was met by the lewd, cruel crew of revolters who had preceded him. Because of his long association with these wicked revolters, during the past two thousand years, Judas' immoral development and foul spiritual education will extend to the depths of wickedness. When he ascends out of the Pit, at the beginning of the Tribulation, he thus will come up as the Antichrist, with his fully mature, wicked stature.

Since Antichrist will ascend from the Bottomless Pit, it is evident that he must come up with a resurrected spirit, soul, and body. The resurrected Antichrist will sit on the throne and rule in Jerusalem, imitating the true Christ, Who is coming back to this world in His Resurrected Body, to rule and reign in Jerusalem for one thousand years.

The Bible speaks twice of the Beast that "was" (has lived before), "is not" (died), "and shall ascend" (will live again), "and yet is... even he is the eighth."

The Scriptures clearly reveal that the Antichrist (who lived, died, and will rise again) comes up from the Bottomless Pit.

**The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder,** whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, **when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.** And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth (Revelation 17:8,9).

**And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition** (Revelation 17:11).

Some people erroneously interpret the seven heads and seven mountains upon which the woman sits as being the City of Rome, which is situated upon seven natural hills. They envision that ecclesiastical Rome is the woman riding upon the Antichrist's back of political Rome. However, according to the Word of God, the woman is none other than the old, harlot city of Jerusalem, riding upon the back of the Antichrist to worldwide fame and glory during the Tribulation Period. The old, harlot city of Jerusalem rejected and crucified the LORD of Glory, the Christ, because she had no love for His Lowliness and Humility as the Crucified Christ. Therefore, she will choose the false, resurrected glory of the false christ, Judas Iscariot, to carry her forth to exaltation and worldwide fame for a short, troublesome season. What an unparalleled price tag for a temporary, corrupted fame!

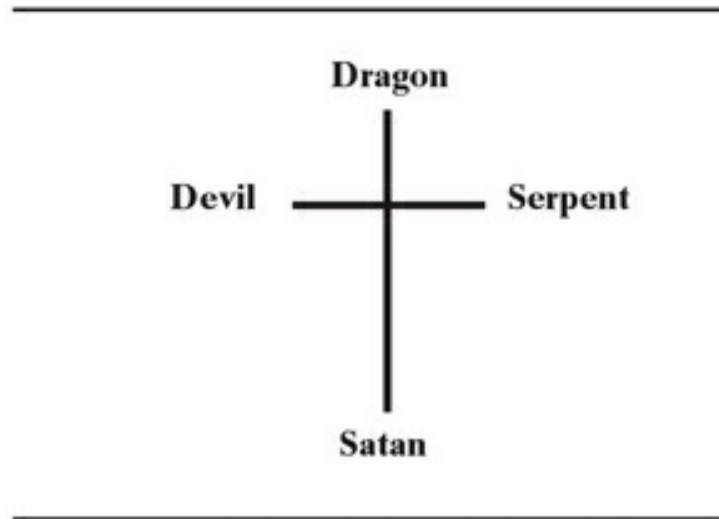
And **the woman which thou sawest is that great city,** which reigneth over the kings of the earth (Revelation 17:18).

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (Revelation 17:5,6).

The Bible states that the woman is that "great city." Then, the Word says that the woman's name is "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth." It was the great city of Old Jerusalem, not the city of Rome, that committed spiritual adultery against her Spiritual Husband, the LORD God. It was Old Jerusalem that played the harlot and gave birth to the abominable plan to crucify God's Son, Jesus Christ. This can be said no more clearly than it is said in Revelation 11:8: "And their dead bodies shall lie in the street *of the great city*, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, *where also our Lord was crucified.*"

God holds Old Jerusalem responsible for the blood of His Prophets and saints that has been shed upon the Earth because of man's rejection of His Son. "And in her [Old Jerusalem] was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth" (Revelation 18:24).

The woman was carried upon the back of the Beast which had seven heads and ten horns. The seven heads or mountains symbolize the Dragon's seven heads of power and authority. The depths and heights of fallen Lucifer's stature are revealed in his names: Satan, Devil, Serpent, and Dragon.



The Dragon represents the full stature of fallen Lucifer and signifies the apex of his diabolical power. The Beast or Antichrist will rise out of the Bottomless Pit in the image and full stature of Satan, Devil, Serpent, and Dragon.

And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And **the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast** (Revelation 17:10-12).

John said that five kingdoms already had passed into oblivion, namely: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media/Persia, and Greece. The kingdom that “is” represents the Roman Empire, which was in supremacy at the time the Book of Revelation was given to John on the Isle of Patmos. Rome was the sixth kingdom. The kingdom that “is not yet come” refers to the ten-toed kingdom revealed to Daniel, recorded in the second chapter of Daniel. Later, the Roman Empire fell and was divided into ten kingdoms, becoming the seventh kingdom in the Prophecy in chapter seventeen of Revelation.

Notice that the Beast is of the eighth and also of the seventh. Judas Iscariot, the Antichrist, the Little Horn, is said to pluck up three of the ten toes of the tenfold division of the Roman Empire. The Antichrist will take three parts of the seventh kingdom (the tenfold division of the Roman Empire) and begin a new, worldwide kingdom known as the eighth kingdom. Therefore, the Antichrist’s kingdom can be said to be of the seventh (three toes of the Roman kingdom) and of the eighth, his new, one-world kingdom.

The seventh kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar’s Gentile image is the ten toes or the tenfold division of the Roman Empire, the last Gentile Kingdom that will be destroyed by the Stone (Daniel 2:45). The Stone is Christ, Who will destroy and break in pieces the entire stature of the kingdoms of Gentile ruling power in the world, including the ten toes or the tenfold division of the Roman Empire. Three of these toes will be plucked up and used by the Antichrist and will be smitten by Jesus Christ when He returns to Earth. Jesus Christ is the Stone that shall appear, and His Coming shall bring Judgment upon all nations and people of the Earth, including the special ten toes of the Gentile image of world power.

Not only is the Beast of the seventh kingdom and of the eighth, according to the Gentile image of power upon the Earth, but he also is of the seventh and the eighth layers or classes of people buried in the Pit, under the Earth. The twenty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel pertains to this subject. Portions of that chapter describe fallen Lucifer and his rebellion in Heaven, while other parts describe the man Antichrist. In this portion of Scripture, the Prince of Tyrus personifies both Lucifer and the Antichrist, who sets himself up as God. “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;” (Ezekiel 28:6). Lucifer has set himself up as a “god” in Heaven and on Earth. Antichrist, through the power of Lucifer’s spirit, will set himself up as “god” on Earth, in the City of Jerusalem.

The Antichrist will grasp both natural and spiritual ruling power. He will exercise natural, political Gentile power upon the Earth. By using his wicked spiritual instructions, he will rule and reign over the wicked people, cities, and nations of the Earth.

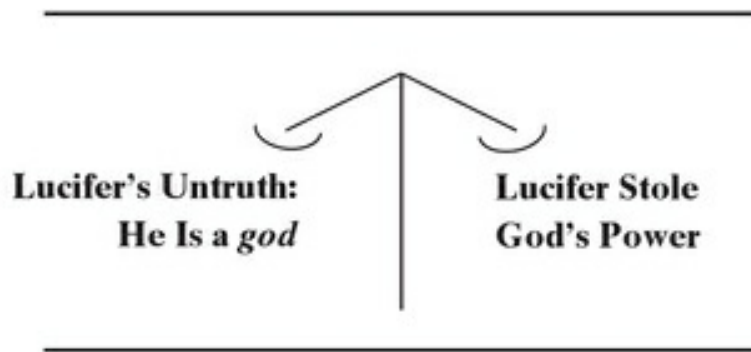
When Lucifer was one of the anointed Cherubs in the very Presence of God, he begat a wicked, lustful thought

and a greedy desire to usurp God's Throne and Power. He imparted this same wicked, lustful thought and greedy desire to the Beast, the Antichrist.

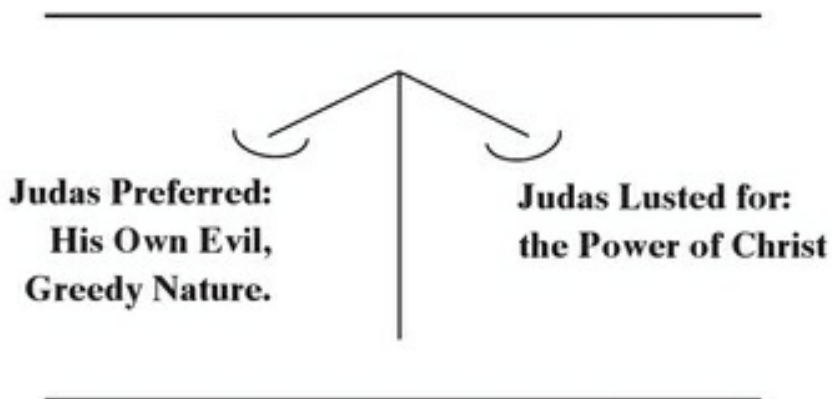
The Antichrist will rule the political world, but he will be more than a political dictator. He will magnify himself as a spiritual ruler, a god of mankind, seeking worship and adoration from his subjects. The Antichrist will not be content with having natural political power and authority; his spiritual rebellion will cause him to try to usurp God's position. Then, as the world's spiritual ruler, he will demand worship as a *god*.

Spiritual rebellion against the Headship of God caused Korah, Dathan, and Abiram to rise up against Moses' and Aaron's God-appointed leadership. In chapter twenty-eight of Ezekiel, the Antichrist is seen as being directly related to Tyre, who also was guilty of proud spiritual rebellion against God's Headship. Just as the real, unseen Prince of Tyrus (fallen Lucifer) set his heart as the Heart of God, so does the Antichrist, through the unseen spirit of Lucifer, set his heart as the Heart of God. However, neither Lucifer's heart nor the Antichrist's heart is like God's Heart. God's Heart is *set*, fixed, with His Mighty, Divine Power to make the *Truth* known. However, both Lucifer's heart and the Antichrist's heart are *set* to make *error* known.

Lucifer wanted to be like God in power so that he could make his untruth known. Lucifer's diseased perception of reality and his unparalleled impudence are astounding! He stole God's Power to clothe his untruth so that it would have some credibility with poor deluded souls.



Lucifer has taken his untruth, which is clothed with God's stolen power, and has set his heart in fierce spiritual rebellion against God's Rulership. Likewise, Judas, the Antichrist, wanted only the *Power* of Jesus Christ; he did not want the *Truth* of Christ inside his heart that would have changed his greedy, evil nature.



Antichrist (who lived, who died, and who will live again) will be resurrected with the same combination of his own evil nature and the power he has stolen from Christ. He will make his appearance during the time of the seventh Gentile kingdom, and he is from the Kingdom of Destruction (which is the abiding place of the eight inhabitants of the Bottomless Pit). He will establish the eighth kingdom, the one-world kingdom, during the Tribulation. Judas, the Antichrist, is related to all the inhabitants of the Kingdom of Destruction in the Bottomless Pit because of his rebellion against God's Headship, his persecution of God's Bride, and his evil desire to be worshipped as a god.

The first prophetic reference to the Antichrist is found in Genesis 3:15, where he is called the "seed of the Serpent." The Antichrist, then, originated as a Seed in spirit and soul-form (Genesis 3:15). In due season, a body was conceived by Judas' parents to house his spirit and soul. When the spirit and soul entered into this body, it was

called Judas Iscariot. The spirit, soul, and body of Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus Christ; then, Judas hanged himself. In his final appearance, Judas Iscariot will come forth in his resurrected body as the Antichrist, standing up in the Dragon's full stature of wickedness.

The Antichrist is destined to return to Perdition or Destruction. He will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Then, God will cast the Perdition of the Bottomless Pit into the Lake of Fire so that the Antichrist may be said to inhabit the place of Perdition within the Lake of Fire.

**The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition:** and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. **And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition** (Revelation 17:8-11).

“His own place” is Perdition. The word *perdition* means ruin or loss (physical, spiritual, or eternal), damnation, destruction, die, perdition, perish, pernicious ways, waste. The place of Perdition, the place of ruin, loss, destruction, is reserved for Judas Iscariot, the Antichrist.

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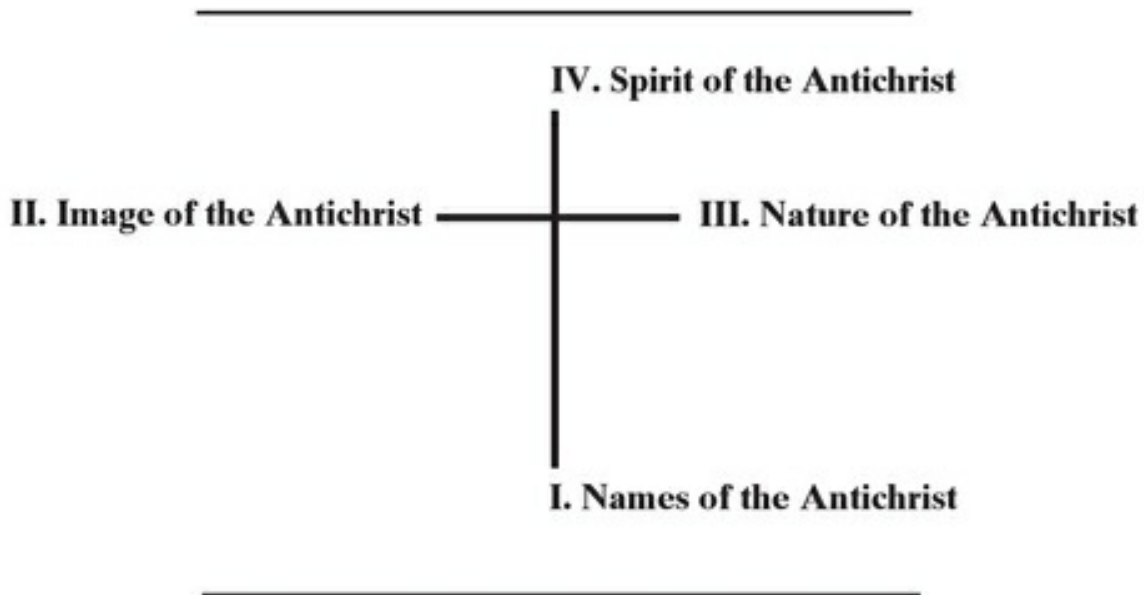
# Chapter Two

## The Stature Of The Antichrist

Because the Antichrist is presently under the tutorship of Lucifer's full stature of depravity and ungodliness, the Antichrist's stature of wickedness is growing and developing. When Judas finally is resurrected out of the Bottomless Pit, he will stand up in Lucifer's *full* stature of wickedness.

As the Antichrist, in person, Judas will be possessed fully by wickedness. The Word of God gives many details about the Antichrist: his name, his image, his nature, and it describes his spirit so that we may be aware of his attributes and how they work. When we see anything of the Antichrist working in our heart, we need to call on Jesus, quickly, and have Him apply His all-sufficient Blood to our heart so that we can be cleansed and protected from the wickedness of the Antichrist.

In this chapter, the following Stature of Truth will be studied, which acquaints us further with who the Antichrist really is.

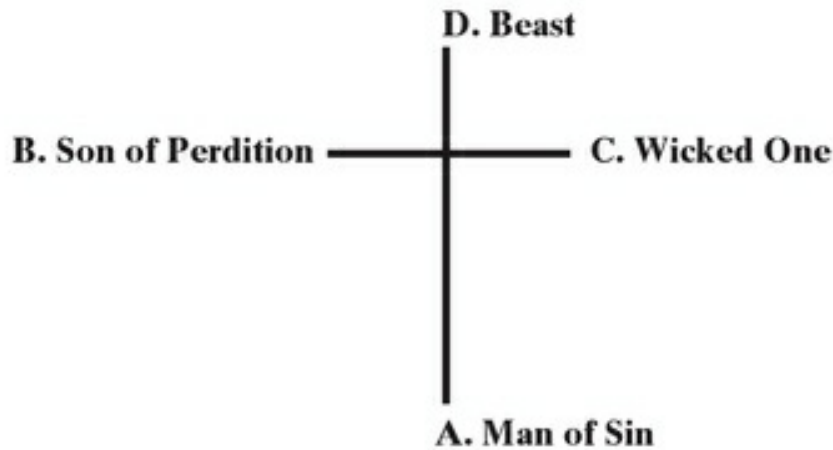


### I. Names of the Antichrist

The first point of Truth, describing the stature of the Antichrist, is his four names, through which his wicked character is revealed.

Names are important in Scripture because they reveal the nature, character, and authority of a person or thing. For example, Jesus Christ is called by many Names. He is called the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Door, the Shepherd, the Bread, the Bright and Morning Star. Each of these Names emphasizes a particular aspect of Jesus' Nature, and together, they create a beautiful word-picture that helps us to perceive the depths and heights and length and breadth of our LORD's precious Stature of Righteousness and Holiness.

In the case of the Antichrist, his four names signify the maturity of his stature of wickedness. Each of his names indicates a greater degree of wickedness than the preceding one.



### **A. Man of Sin**

The first name that the Scriptures give when referring to the Antichrist is the “Man of Sin.”

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;* (II Thessalonians 2:3).

Before the Antichrist is revealed, there will be a falling away from the Truth of God; a state of general apostasy will prepare the way for the Man of Sin. The name *Man of Sin* denotes egregious or outstanding sinfulness and wickedness. In addition to practicing sinful wickedness himself, the Antichrist will also promote sinful wickedness in others.

When he was known as Judas Iscariot, the Antichrist, the Man of Sin, voluntarily transgressed against the Son of God and was disobedient to God’s Divine Commandments. The Antichrist has the same spirit as his father, Lucifer, who not only stands against the Truth himself, but also desires to lead others away, into evil thoughts, words, and purposes that are contrary to God’s Will and Law.

The fact that the Antichrist is called a *Man of Sin*, when he first appears on the scene, indicates that he does not show the maturity of his bestial behavior in the *beginning* of his reign.

### **B. Son of Perdition**

The second name the Bible uses to describe the Antichrist is the “Son of Perdition.”

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;* (II Thessalonians 2:3).

**While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name:** those that thou gavest me I have kept, **and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition;** that the scripture might be fulfilled (John 17:12).

The Word of God calls only one person “the Son of Perdition,” and he is Judas Iscariot. Notice that the Bible does not say *a* son of Perdition or *one* of the sons of Perdition. It says *the* Son of Perdition. Since the Antichrist is called “the Son of Perdition,” and since Judas Iscariot is called “the Son of Perdition,” we must conclude that the Antichrist is Judas Iscariot.

The word *perdition* means ruin or loss (physical, spiritual, or eternal), damnation, destruction, depths, *going to his own place*, perdition, the bottom of it. The word *perdition* pertains to the Bottomless Pit. Acts 1:25 says, that “[F]rom which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to *his own place*. Other Scriptures reveal that *his place*

is the place of Perdition or the Bottomless Pit.

As the Son of Perdition, the Antichrist devotes himself to the destruction of many people (spirit, soul, and body) before he returns to Perdition.

### C. Wicked One

The third name that refers to the Antichrist is the “Wicked One.”

And **then shall that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (II Thessalonians 2:8).

The Antichrist, the Wicked One, will condemn God and will not seek Him. The Wicked One will plot and carry out his evil projects against God. This will anger God, Who will reserve His Righteous Judgment and Punishment for the Antichrist.

The name *Wicked* tells us that the Antichrist will be a lawless person who will set up his human laws and powers in competition with God’s Divine Power and in contradiction to His Divine Law. The Wicked One tried to break the Dominion and Power of the LORD Jesus Christ.

### D. Beast

The Antichrist’s fourth name is the “Beast.”

**And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast**, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? (Revelation 13:4)

And **the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority (Revelation 13:2).

**The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition**: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is (Revelation 17:8).

The Antichrist’s conduct will be beastlike, resembling the actions of brutes, rather than the practices of men. The Beast shamelessly will indulge in merciless, cruel, and ruthless acts against all who oppose his power and authority. He will be devoid of all pity and kindness. Usurping the Holy Land that was created for God’s Holy *Torah*, the Beast will pollute the gentle soil of Israel with his filthiness.

The LORD God and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, will loathe the Antichrist’s beastliness and his awful crimes against God, His Truth, His children, and His Creation. The Antichrist will be lacking in decent, human intellect. With his beastly divination, the Antichrist will be an abhorrence to God. Instead of possessing human qualities, the Antichrist will have the wild, fierce, and cruel nature of an animal. In his wild, rampageous destruction of God’s Creation, he will act as do the brute beasts. He will not reason rationally, as a human being.

In the beginning of his reign, the Antichrist will hide his beastly ugliness behind the face of a man. However, he soon will cast aside all pretenses and step out as an awful mixture of four beasts: a leopard, a bear, a lion, and a dragon.

In his beastly nature will be found the attributes of the fierce, bloodthirsty leopard. A natural leopard often kills far more than it can devour because it loves to slaughter, and it loves the taste of fresh blood. The fierce, bloodthirsty Antichrist-Beast will devour, on the least provocation, all those who oppose his wicked will. The Antichrist-Beast will be like the leopard that lies in ambush or steals silently upon its prey, which consists of any animal it can overcome, including man. The fierce, bloodthirsty Antichrist-Beast will creep stealthily upon all his victims whom he imagines are not completely worshipping and adoring him as god.

The Antichrist-Beast will have the attributes of the bear. In his storming, swaggering, self-glorification, he will treat, fiercely and roughly, all those he holds in his control. Anytime the Antichrist-Beast is opposed in his lawless rule, he will be like a fierce, wounded bear or like a chafed bear, one who has been robbed of her whelps.

The Antichrist-Beast will have the attributes of a strong, brash, and courageous lion. The Antichrist-Beast’s proud

“lion-mettled” heart will be a terror to all who vex and contrary his will. The Antichrist-Beast’s wicked fearlessness and evil fortitude will constrain him to oppose the LORD and His Son, Jesus Christ. If the Antichrist-Beast’s corrupt, lionlike nature makes him fearless in opposing God, it is clearly understood that he will be more than fearless in devouring any *creature* that opposes his wicked rule and control.

The Antichrist-Beast also will have the attributes of fallen Lucifer’s mature Dragon-nature because the Dragon will give this dreadful beastly creature his power, his seat, and his great authority to rule and reign over the inhabitants of the Earth.

The Antichrist’s names will carry the mysterious number of “666.”

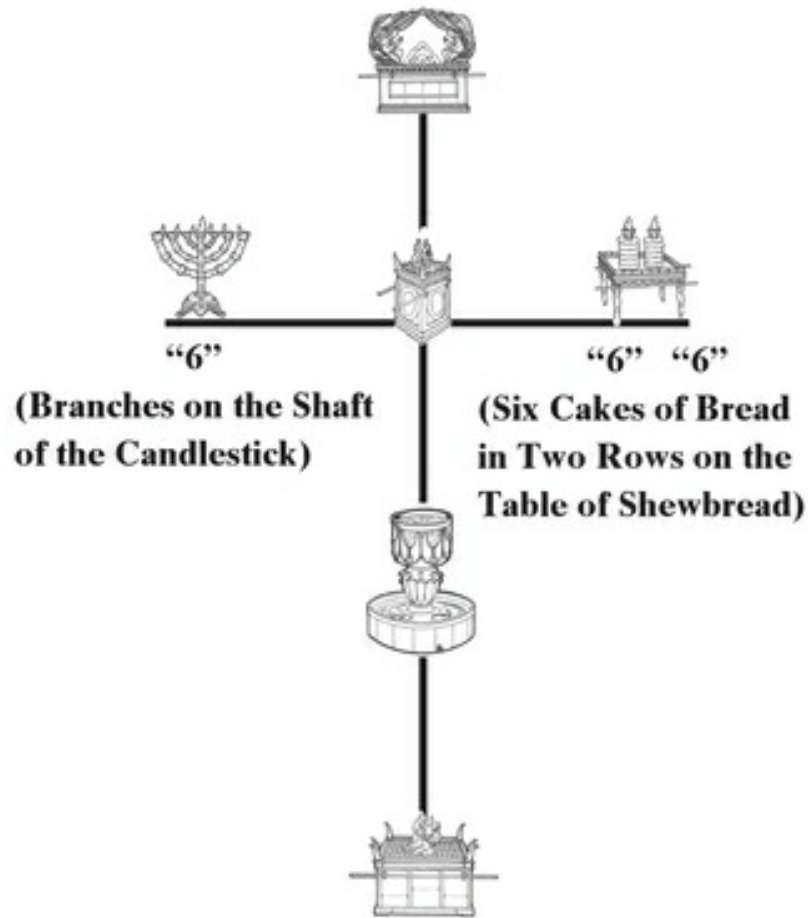
And that **no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.** Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; **and his number is Six hundred threescore and six** (Revelation 13:17,18).

This Antichrist will have the number “666,” which will have the same fierce, wild, deceitful power belonging to the Beast himself. The Greek word for *number* means to keep in suspense of mind, to lift up, to sail away, to weigh anchor, to expiate sin, to loose, to make doubt. The Antichrist will use his name and number to imitate the Name and Number of Jesus Christ.

The Dragon is not a creator; he stole the number “666” from the LORD Jesus Christ. Let us look at one of the places in Christ Jesus from which the Dragon has stolen the number “666.”

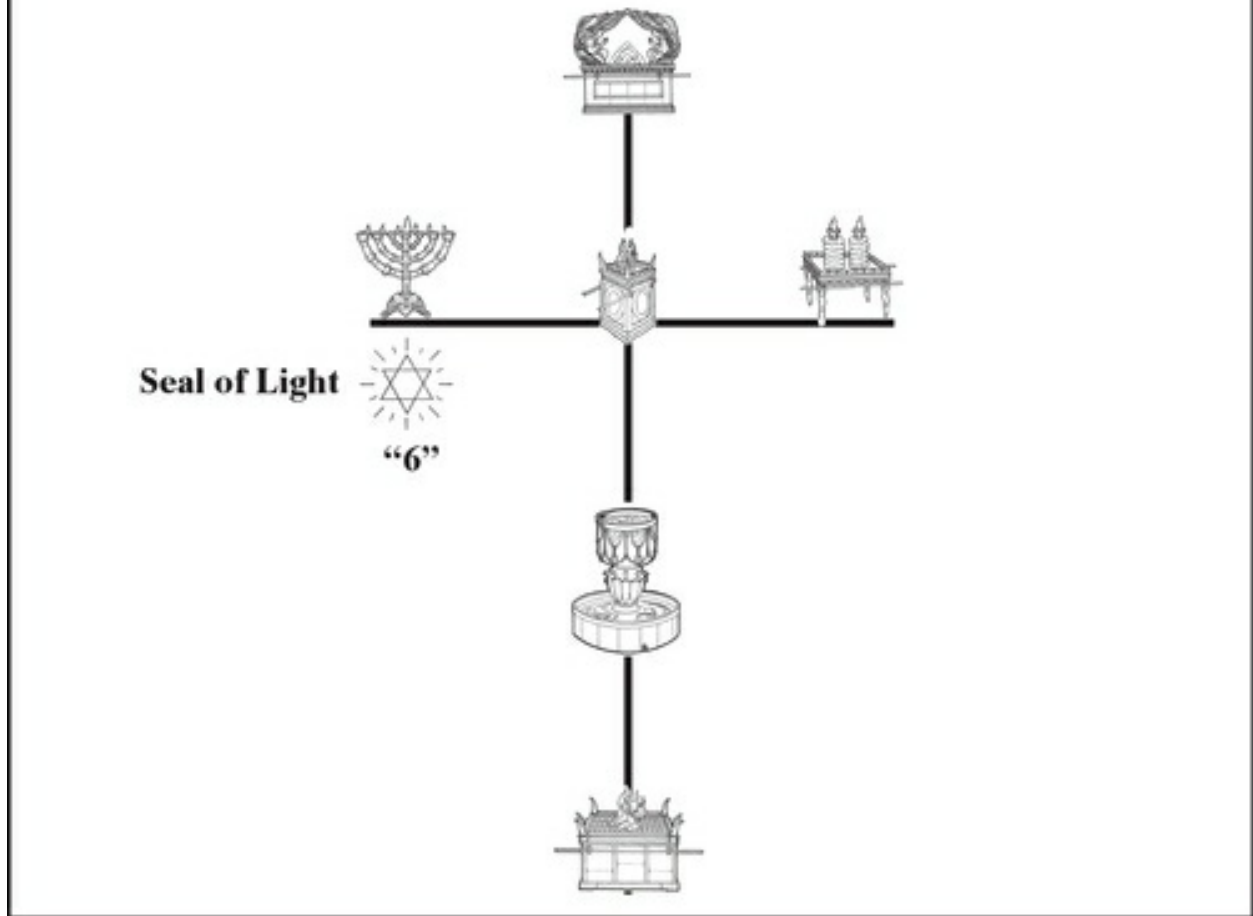
The Truth of the number “666” is hidden in type and shadow form in the Mosaic Tabernacle. God commanded Moses to place the seven pieces of furniture in the Old Testament Tabernacle in the form of the Cross because He wanted man to have a visible picture of the Stature of Jesus Christ.

## The Number "666" in the Mosaic Tabernacle



The Candlestick, located on the south side of the Tabernacle, pictured the right Hand of the Stature of Jesus Christ. The main stem of the Candlestick had a lamp of light resting upon it, which pictured the Light of *Christ*, the Son of God. Out of the Candlestick's sides proceeded three branches on the right side and three branches on the left side, making a total of six branches. These six branches supported six lamps of light. The six lamps of light on these six branches formed a Seal of Light for the Holy Place. This sixfold light represented the Light of *Jesus*, the Son of Man. When the lights of the six branches of the Candlestick were joined to the light from the center shaft of the Candlestick, the sum of light became the number seven, which pictured the complete Light of Christ, the Son of God, and Jesus, the Son of Man. Jesus Christ was the Light of the World, both as the Son of Man (Jesus) and as the Son of God (Christ).

## Six-Sided Seal of Light on the South Side of Tabernacle (Picturing the Seal of Light in the Right Hand of Jesus Christ)



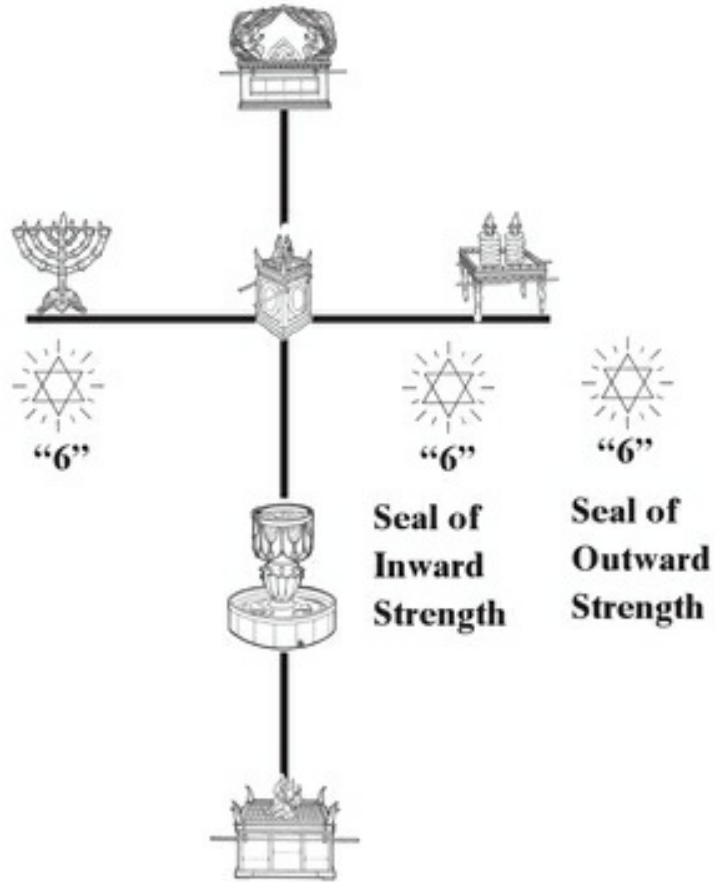
Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, illuminates and enlightens man's mind with His Seal of Light from His right Hand. The Seal of Light in His right Hand is the source of mental and moral enlightenment for mankind. The Light of Truth in the human understanding is the evidence that the Light of Truth abides in the mind and heart. The LORD Jesus Christ gives this Seal of Light from His right Hand so that we can see the Truth and the morally right way in which to walk.

Jesus Christ gives His Light of Truth for the purpose of discovering and disclosing the Truth itself. The Light of Truth makes the Truth known.

The Table of Shewbread, located on the north side of the Tabernacle, pictured the left Hand of the Stature of Jesus Christ. On the Table of Shewbread were placed two rows of bread with six loaves in each row. These two rows of bread formed two six-sided seals of Strength for the north side or left side of the Holy Place. The two rows of bread represented the inward and outward Governmental Strength of the Crucified Christ and the Resurrected Christ.

Jesus Christ is the Source of Strength, Life, and spiritual Nourishment for the soul (John 6:31-58). Jesus Christ is the Giver of Life and the Supporter of Life. With His left Hand, He gives Strength, inwardly, so that, in the believer's heart, he can walk in the Light of Truth that he has received from the right Hand of Jesus Christ. With His left Hand, Christ Jesus also gives Strength, outwardly, so that the believer can walk in the Light of Truth before the whole world. We can allow the Light that has been given to us from Christ Jesus' right Hand to shine through us so that others may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. Thus, Christ Jesus gives us a double Seal of Strength to walk, inwardly and outwardly, in the Seal of Light from His right Hand.

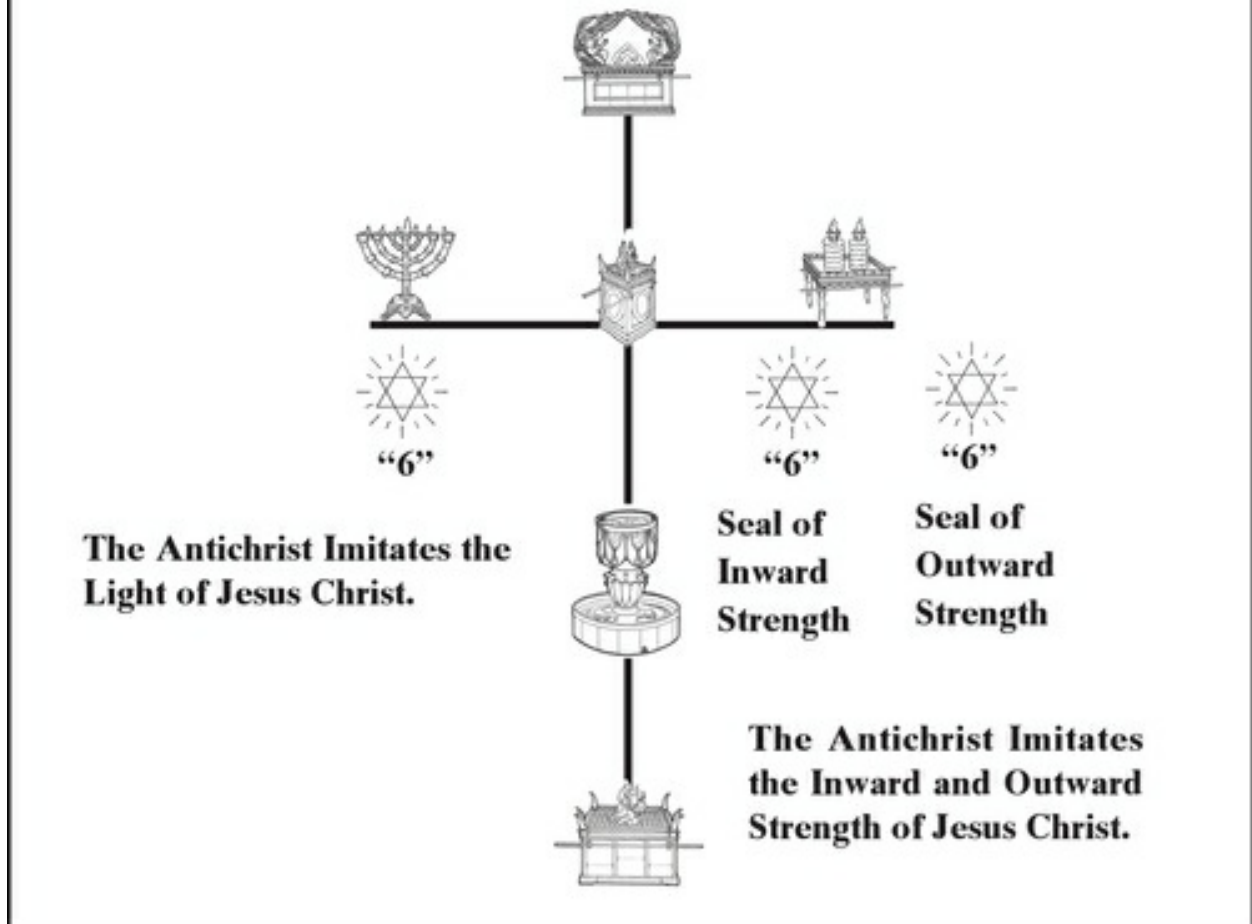
**Double Seal of Strength on the North Side of the Tabernacle  
(Picturing the Double Seal of Strength in the Left Hand of Jesus Christ)**



God's Holy Number "666" pertains to receiving the Seal of Light of Truth from the right Hand of Jesus Christ and the double Seal of Strength and Truth from the left Hand of Jesus Christ so that one can walk, inwardly and outwardly, in the Light of Truth. Therefore, God's holy number "666" is the Seal of the Holy Trinity of God found in Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son and our Mediator.

The Antichrist will imitate Jesus Christ and His holy Seals of "666" or Light and Strength, by using his unholy seals of "666."

## Antichrist's Stolen Number "666" of Stolen Light and Stolen Strength



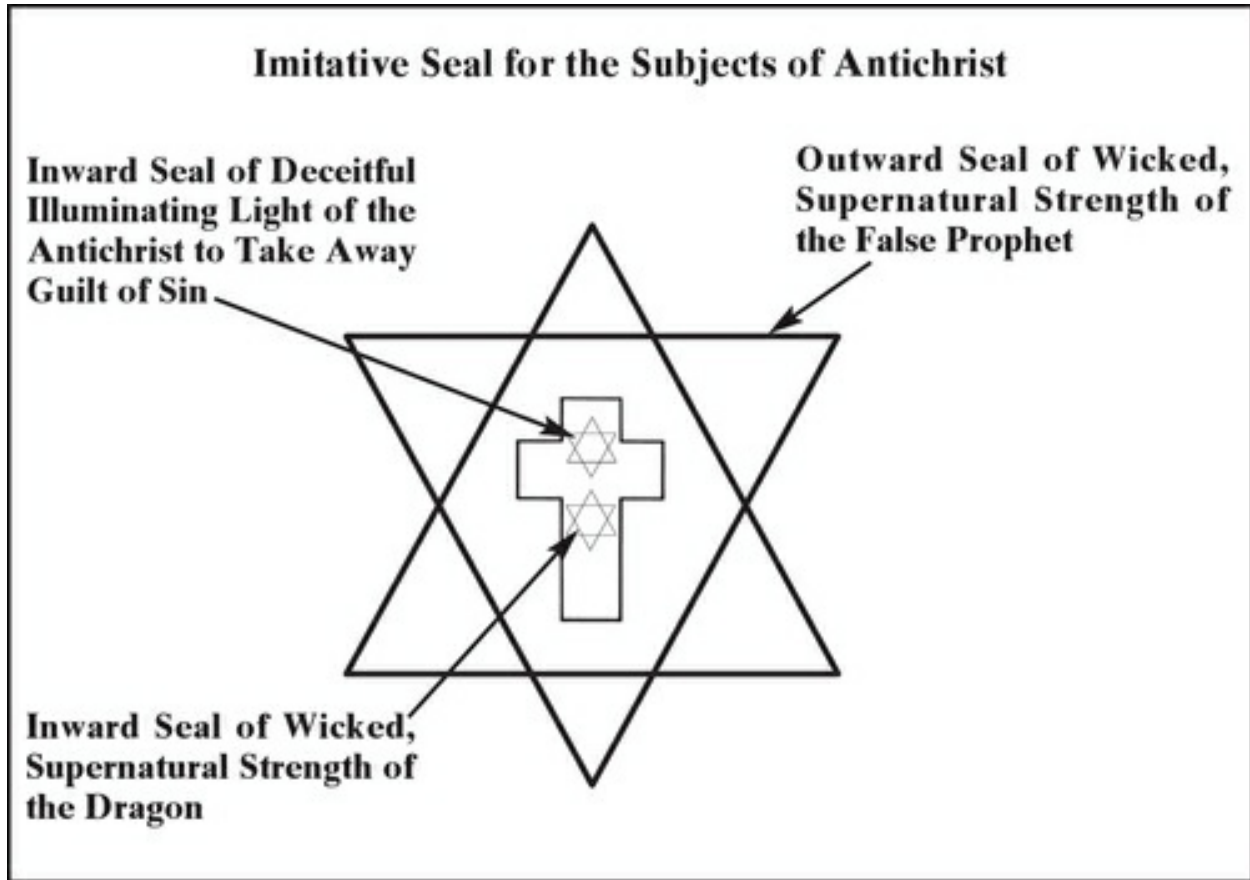
By using his stolen light, the Antichrist will pretend to be the source of mental and moral illumination for mankind. Antichrist will use the number "6" from the Seal of Light to try to convince the world that he is the True Christ. He will try to confirm his deceitful lie by temporarily making men's minds feel seemingly free from the guilt of sin. Already, the spirit of Antichrist is working in the world, endeavoring to free man's mind from the guilt of sin in various ways rather than in the true way of Truth, repentance, and faith in the Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Antichrist will imitate Jesus Christ and His holy Seals of "66" of inward and outward Strength by using his unholy seals of "66" of stolen strength and power, to give inward and outward strength. The Antichrist will give inward strength by imprinting his number "6" upon the souls of men. His deceitful power will nourish and strength men's souls to believe his vicious lie that he is the True Christ. He will use his stolen strength and power to give outward strength by imprinting his number "6" upon the bodies of his followers. Thus, they will walk through the Earth proclaiming the deceitful lie that he is Christ, as they glorify him and his father, fallen Lucifer.

With the infernal, damnable, and outrageous power that has been given him by the Dragon, the Antichrist will use his stolen light to illuminate the minds of people to such a wicked state of deceitful suspense and delight that they will think that he has expiated their sins. He will fill their minds with his first imitative number "6" of light. During the Tribulation Period, the Antichrist also will strengthen the minds of the people with such demonic force from his second number "6" (which he has stolen from the Bread of Christ) that their minds will be solidified in their choice, and they will remain loyal subjects in his kingdom of darkness. The Antichrist also will clothe the wills and bodies of his loyal subjects with the demonic strength of his third number "6" of outward strength (which again, he has stolen from the Bread of Christ). Therefore, his subjects in the Tribulation will be reinforced with supernatural

strength, inwardly and outwardly, as they war against all who oppose his wicked kingdom of darkness.

When the true Christ returns to Earth with His Bridal Army, they will be wearing White Linen. And Antichrist's wild, fierce soldiers will be there, willing to fight them for his wicked cause and against the Truth. The mark "666" in the forehead or hand of the followers of Antichrist will be a visible sign that they have been clothed, inwardly and outwardly, in the seal of light and strength of the wicked trinity of the Dragon, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet.



Without the number "666" (the number of Lucifer's wicked trinity) in either their foreheads or hands, people will be unable to buy or sell in the markets of the world. What unparalleled impudence and subtlety this imitating and deceiving Antichrist shall display!

The name of the Beast signifies the brutality, filthiness, and irrationality of the nature of the Antichrist. The name of the Beast also tells us how contrary the Antichrist will be to the nature of the dignity of man. These, then, are the names that describe the Antichrist's full stature of wickedness: Man of Sin, Son of Perdition; the Wicked One, and the Beast. The Antichrist is the man with the sinful, destructive, wicked, bestial nature. He is the Son of Perdition, Judas Iscariot.

## II. Image of the Antichrist

The image of a person is not the individual himself; it is a copy of him. An image reflects the likeness of something. A mirror or a lake can reflect the image of a person or a mountain, for instance. Yet the image of the person in a mirror is not the person, nor is the mountain reflected in the lake the actual mountain.

Through his images, the Antichrist will have three special ways of receiving worship. First, there will be his own personal self, in the image of the Dragon, through which he will garner worship from the people. Second, the great image, which the people on Earth will make in obedience to the False Prophet's instructions, will be an object of worship. The False Prophet will give supernatural power to the image to live and to speak and to kill all who will not worship the Antichrist. Third, the Antichrist will receive worship through the many images and gods of himself that will adorn the world during the Tribulation Period. How thoroughly wicked the world will be.

Many images or gods of the Antichrist will be made so that everyone can have his or her own personal god or image of the Antichrist. Since the Antichrist is a creature, he will not be omnipresent. Consequently, he must have images created so that his reflection can be seen and observed by the people at all times, in order to provoke their constant worship and adoration. These images may take the form of super-realistic robots.

### **A. Personal Image of the Antichrist**

The Antichrist's personal image will be a wicked, supernatural image that continually will reflect the character, conduct, manners, and habits of the Dragon (the head-realm form of Lucifer).

The evil image of the Antichrist will be like a photograph. For example, if we look at a picture and become familiar with the image or likeness it reflects, it is easy for us to recognize that individual when we meet him. Likewise, by constantly projecting his image and likeness (which is a reflection of the image and likeness of the Dragon), the Antichrist will keep the Dragon in people's constant remembrance and recognition.

The *spiritual* image of the beastly Antichrist is personified as a monster with seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns upon his ten horns. His seven heads\* are a demonstration of his imitation of God the Father's complete Wisdom and Knowledge found in Jesus Christ. His ten horns and ten crowns are an imitation of the true legal Power and Authority of God's *Torah-Law*, found in Jesus Christ. With his great impressive image of the Dragon, the Antichrist will deceive many people into receiving and accepting him as the true Christ, the true Messiah of Israel, the Father's Son.

The people who will be deceived by the image of the Antichrist will be those who do not have a clearly engraved picture of the Image of Truth of the LORD Jesus Christ in their hearts and minds. God's Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, is the express Image of the Person of His Heavenly Father (Hebrews 1:2,3). Those who are familiar with the Image of Truth in the Word of God know that only the Image of the LORD Jesus Christ perfectly projects the Truth of God, the Heavenly Father. The Antichrist's image is not a holy reflection of the Heavenly Father's Truth. Instead, the Antichrist's image is an unholy reflection of the Dragon's untruth.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold **a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads** (Revelation 12:3).

This verse describes the color, the heads, the horns, and the crowns of the Dragon himself.\* The Dragon imparts almost the same image to the Antichrist.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw **a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns**, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy (Revelation 13:1).



The Antichrist has the same number of heads and horns as the Dragon. The difference is that the Dragon wears *seven crowns* upon his *seven heads*; whereas, the Antichrist wears *ten crowns* upon his *ten horns*. Also, instead of wearing his crowns upon his heads as the Dragon does, the Antichrist wears the names of blasphemy upon his heads. The image is not exact, but the similarity is as the likeness of a father to a son. The Antichrist's personal Image reflects the image of his father, the Dragon.

### **B. The Man-Made Image of the Antichrist**

It is not unusual to see dolls and statues for sale that have been made in the image of famous people. The False Prophet will instruct the peoples of the Earth in how to make an image that he can live and speak through in order to lead the whole world, in general, in praise to and adoration of the Antichrist.

The Antichrist's insatiable greed for worship will not be completely satisfied with having people worship his own personal image. So he will be thrilled and delighted with the False Prophet's evil plan to have an image made in the horrible likeness of himself. The Antichrist will be filled with such haughtiness and pride that, like Nebuchadnezzar, he will have an image made of himself, forcing everyone to bow down and worship his image. Many Scriptures confirm this Truth.

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means* of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that **they should make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. **And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast**, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: (Revelation 13:14-16).

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment

ascendeth up for ever and ever: and **they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image**, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name (Revelation 14:9-11).

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image**, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God (Revelation 15:2).

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and **upon them which worshipped his image** (Revelation 16:2).

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which **he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image**. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone (Revelation 19:20).

The word *image* means resemblance, likeness, profile, representation, statue, copy. People will not only worship the personal image of the Antichrist, but they also will give their worship to his image or idol.

Idol worship is spiritual adultery against the LORD God, the Creator. Consequently, God will pronounce the Judgment of eternal damnation on all those who indulge in worshipping the Antichrist's evil image.

The abominable error of *making* an idol becomes a greater evil than the *idol-idea* of the existence of another god. When the *idol-idea* is given concrete, solid expression by making some representation of it, it becomes a full stature of wicked idolatry. Man's crime against God began with the *idol-idea* of the existence of another god, and his crime increases when he makes a representation of his *idol-idea*. Man's ultimate crime against God is committed when he pays divine worship to anything *created* by God or man. God has reserved all forms of worship from His Creation for Himself. The LORD God is the sole Master of our fate, the sole Lawgiver of our life, and the sole Redeemer of our life. Therefore, it is unparalleled insolence and bold presumptuousness against the Almighty God for sinful, finite man to conceive an evil *idol-idea* that he can create his own god and empower it to be the master of his fate, the lawgiver of his life, and the redeemer of his life.

### C. Many Small Gods and Images of Antichrist

Insatiable thirst and greed for worship will constrain the Antichrist to have multitudes of small gods created and placed in homes. Through these small gods and idol-images, Antichrist will continually and deceitfully project himself as a master of the fate of human beings, the lawgiver of their lives, and the redeemer of their souls.

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues **yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood**: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts (Revelation 9:20,21).

During the Tribulation Period, the LORD God will loose His mighty horsemen out of the River Euphrates to manifest His great Wrath against the flagrant idolatry being practiced by the people. The riders themselves will be clothed with bright and shining armor. The horses will be fierce and swift as lions, attacking and devouring the prey, the idolaters. The artillery used by these horsemen will be smoke, fire, and brimstone that come out of the mouths of their horses. Since these are *spiritual* horses, not literal ones, they will have stings in their tails that they will use to punish the idolaters. (The Antichrist, like a scorpion, will sting the people with his poison of untruth and idolatry.)

Although God in His mighty Wrath will pour out His Judgment upon the idols and the idolaters, the people will still choose their idols that cannot hear, cannot see, and cannot walk. Man loves dumb idols because he can rule over them, be the master of their fate, be their lawgiver, and be their redeemer. Thus, man can control his gods and make them tell him what he wants to know. This is why sinful man rejects the True God; he cannot tell God what to do.

In spite of God's Judgment that will be falling upon the idols and the idolaters, many people will persist in their worship of small gods and small idol-images of the Antichrist until the end of the Tribulation.

### III. Nature of the Antichrist

The nature of the Antichrist reveals his inherent evil qualities; his particular wickedness serves to distinguish him from any other creature.

And **the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion:** and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority (Revelation 13:2).

The Beast, the Antichrist, has the same fierce, wild nature as the beastly image of the Gentile world powers that was revealed to the Prophet Daniel. In the Book of Daniel, chapter two, King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed about a great image whose head was of fine gold, his breast and arms of silver, his belly and thighs of brass, his legs of iron, and his feet a mixture of iron and clay. God sent this dream to the king to give him a vision of the image that represented the full stature of Gentile powers. The head of gold portrayed the glorious Kingdom of Babylon, over which Nebuchadnezzar ruled. The breast and arms of silver portrayed the Kingdom of Media/Persia. The belly and thighs of brass portrayed the Kingdom of Greece, while the legs of iron portrayed the hardness of the Roman Kingdom. The feet, with their ten toes of iron and clay, represented the tenfold division of the Roman Kingdom and the degeneracy of its strength; part of the toes were clay (weak, unreliable), and part of the toes were iron (strong, immovable).

In chapter seven, Daniel received a revelation of the beastly nature and disposition of each of the Gentile world kingdoms that made up the image of Gentile powers. Daniel saw the Kingdom of Babylon as a Lion, the Kingdom of Media-Persia as a Bear, the Kingdom of Greece as a Leopard, and the Roman Empire as a great Iron Beast. The Antichrist will have the same wild, fierce nature as the Leopard-kingdom of Greece, the Bear-kingdom of the Medes and Persians, and the Lion-kingdom of Babylon that was revealed to Daniel by prophetic vision.

#### **A. Leopard (Swiftess)**

The wild, fierce nature of the Greek Kingdom was compared to the leopard's fierce, bloodthirsty nature. The swiftness of conquest by the Greeks of the then-known world, under the leadership of Alexander the Great, also made him appear as a leopard that silently and swiftly steals upon his prey. When the Antichrist appears on the Earth again, his insatiable, bloodthirsty greed to rule in the place of Jesus Christ and his leopardlike swiftness will enable him, immediately and swiftly, to conquer the world. He will sneak stealthily forth, then suddenly spring and pounce like a leopard upon his prey.

#### **B. Bear (Brute Force)**

The Antichrist's bearlike feet reveal the second characteristic of the Antichrist's bestial nature. The wild, fierce Kingdom of the Medes and Persians was compared to the bear because, during its times of world prominence, it used tremendously fierce strength and brutal force to tread underfoot all the other nations.

After the Antichrist pounces on his prey, he will be like the bear in his vehemence and powerful ability to subdue all things under his feet, as he sets out to conquer all the world by his ferociously savage and brutal force. The Antichrist's bearlike feet will tread the whole world under, which will include those whose names are not written in the Book of Life.

#### **C. Lion (Ferociousness and Supreme Rule)**

The Antichrist's lionlike mouth reveals the third characteristic of the Antichrist's bestial nature. The barbarous, furious nature of the Kingdom of Babylon was like a lion, the king of beasts. Babylon's great *lion-mettled* heart and mouth terrorized all who dared oppose her rule and reign. Likewise, the Antichrist will have a mouth like a lion to crush, devour, and destroy anyone who dares oppose his wicked rule and reign. The Scriptures refer to a lion's "cheek teeth," which are powerful teeth that can break, crush, and devour the bones of its prey. This type of ferocious breaking, crushing, and devouring power will characterize the rule and reign of the Antichrist when he sits of the throne as the supreme world-ruler during the Tribulation.

### **IV. Spirit of the Antichrist**

The fourth characteristic the Word of God describes concerning the stature of the Antichrist is his spirit.

And I saw **three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of**

**the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame (Revelation 16:13-15).**

The same corrupt breath, vital power, evil enthusiasm, and fearless courage that are evident the Dragon will be evident in the False Prophet and in the Antichrist. Their common characteristics show that the wicked trinity, spawned by Lucifer, have the same kind of spirit. Their spirits are depicted in the Book of Revelation as frogs that come out of their mouths.

In typology, a frog often indicates deceitfulness and covetousness. The Apostle Paul warned the Thessalonians that the Antichrist will work with all deceitfulness of unrighteousness. The untruths of the Dragon and the frauds of the Antichrist are contrary to all Truth. The Antichrist will use many subtle artifices and many plausible pretenses in order to beguile unwary and unstable souls into embracing his false doctrine that he is the True Christ. From his position of power, which he will usurp, he will require submission from his subjects, as unto a god.

In a last great effort to defend his worldly and earthly kingdom against Jesus Christ and His invading Armies from Heaven, the Dragon will send forth three froglike spirits\* from his mouth, the mouth of the Antichrist, and the mouth of the False Prophet. These greedy, frog-like spirits will go forth to work miracles of hellish malice, powerful falsehoods, and damnable deceits. The miracles accomplished by lying signs and wonders will be used by them to muster the Dragon's forces for a decisive battle against the True Christ when He descends from Heaven with His Armies, who will be wearing White Linen. Deceived by the miracle-working power of the frog-like spirits, the armies of the world will be gathered together to wage the decisive Battle of Armageddon (II Thessalonians 2:9,10).

Under the power and influence of the three froglike spirits, the forces of this world will combine to send their several instruments, furnished with hellish malice, powerful falsehoods, and damnable deceits, to try to defeat the LORD Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and LORD of LORDS.

It is true that Michael the Archangel fought in Heaven and cast Lucifer (the Dragon, the Serpent, the Devil, and Satan) down to Earth, but it is necessary for the LORD of LORDS and His Armies who wear White Linen to come to Earth to overcome Lucifer's wicked trinity.

The LORD Jesus Christ (as a Spiritual Divine Being and as the Son of Man) overcame all powers of darkness and flesh at Calvary's Cross. Therefore, as the Divine Son of God, He will overcome the Dragon at the Battle of Armageddon, and as the Resurrected Son of Man, He will overcome the Antichrist and the False Prophet who are resurrected human beings. This is why the LORD Jesus Christ must come and fight, in Person, Lucifer's wicked trinity. Michael won over the Dragon, alone, but it will take the LORD Jesus Christ to win over all three.

In this chapter, we have studied about the Antichrist's stature as it is revealed through his names, his image, his nature, and his spirit.

The Antichrist is called the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition, the Wicked One, and the Beast. In the beginning of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will appear as a man. Soon, however, he will start manifesting greater degrees of his wicked nature until he will finally drop his facade and stand forth as the Beast. The world, as a whole, rejected Jesus Christ, Who came in His Father's Name; they would not have Him as their Messiah and Redeemer, but they will accept the cruel, heartless Beast who comes in his own name.

The Antichrist will have his own personal image, which will be made after the image of the Dragon, fallen Lucifer. During the Tribulation, the False Prophet will erect a great image of the Beast and will impart miracle-working power to it. Because of the miracles they will see being performed by the image, men will worship the Beast. Also small idol-images will be made of the Beast so that everyone will have an image of the Beast constantly before his face.

The Antichrist's bestial nature is revealed in the form of a leopard, a bear, and a lion. His leopardlike body signifies the swiftness of his attack. His bearlike feet portray his brute force. His lionlike head and mouth show the ferociousness of his supreme ruling power.

The Dragon shares his unclean, covetous spirit with the Antichrist and the False Prophet. The Apostle John saw this spirit in the form of three froglike spirits that came out of the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast (the Antichrist), and the False Prophet.

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\* For a study on the Dragon form of Lucifer, read: B. R. Hicks, [Lucifer](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l, Inc., 1970).

\* For further study on these three froglike spirits, read: B.R. Hicks, [The Three Frog-like Spirits That Come Out Of the Mouth Of The Dragon, The Antichrist, And The False Prophet](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l, Inc., 1980).

# Chapter Three

## The Reign Of The Antichrist

The Antichrist's reign pertains to the wicked exaltation he will enjoy for three-and-one-half years before he is cut off and judged for the wicked deeds he has committed against God and God's Creation. He will occupy the throne he usurped for a short reign of terror in his dominion of Darkness. His royal authority and sovereign power will be brief. It is incredible to think that a creature could betray His Creator and Redeemer for such a transient throne in Lucifer's kingdom of Darkness when he could be an eternal king in Christ's Eternal Kingdom of Light.

The Antichrist's reign is characterized in four main ways: by the gifts he receives from the Dragon; by his greed for worship; by the ministry of the False Prophet; and by the Antichrist's bride.

### I. Gifts the Antichrist Receives from the Dragon

The Antichrist always seeks to imitate the true Christ. He tries to reproduce, in every detail, as close a resemblance as possible to Jesus Christ. Since the Heavenly Father has bestowed Gifts upon His Son, Jesus Christ, we know that the Dragon will bestow his gifts upon his son, the Antichrist.

The Dragon will give the Antichrist four great gifts: power, authority, a throne, and a mouth to speak like a king. These four gifts are the essential things the Antichrist will need in order to rule and to reign over the world during his three-and-one-half years of dominion during the Tribulation.

Because the Antichrist will imitate God's Son, then by observing the gifts that God gave to Jesus Christ, we will better understand the gifts that the Antichrist will receive from the Dragon. The Father gave His Only Begotten Son the following Gifts: Life, Works, Words, and All Power. The Son used these Gifts to Reign in Humility over the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

The Heavenly Father gave Jesus *the Gifts of Life*.

**For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;** (John 5:26).

This Scripture has to be referring to the Life in the Body of Jesus Christ, for it is through His broken Body that we partake of the Gift of His Life.

The Father gave the *Gifts* (plural) of Life unto His Son. He gave natural Life to Jesus when He was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Then, the Father gave Resurrection Life to His Son when He brought Jesus Christ up from Death and the grave.

The Father gave *the Gift of Works* to Jesus.

But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the **works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me** (John 5:36).

The Gift of supernatural Works, which the Father bestowed upon the Son, bore witness of His Deity and His supernatural Origin.

The Father gave to His Son *the Gift of Words*.

I have manifested thy name unto **the men which thou gavest me** out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and **they have kept thy word**. Now **they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee**. **For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them**, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me" (John 17:6-8).

The Father gave a Gift of His own Words to His Son. And, in the Incarnation, the Father also presented the Son with a physical Body and a Mouth which He could use to speak those words unto all men.

The Heavenly Father gave *the Gift of All Power* to His Son when He resurrected Him from the dead. Jesus Christ

bore witness of this when he said: “[A]ll power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18).

All these Gifts now belong to Jesus Christ; therefore, He can bestow them upon those who follow Him.

The gifts that the Dragon will bestow upon the Antichrist are counterfeits; they are imitations of the Gifts the Heavenly Father gave to His Beloved Son.

## **A. Gift of Power**

God’s *first Gift* to His Son was *Holy Life*. The Dragon’s *first gift* to his son, the Antichrist, will be *evil power*. Power appeals to carnal, evil man. During the Tribulation Period, carnal man’s thirst for power will drive him to accept the Antichrist’s power of darkness.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and **the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority** (Revelation 13:2).

The Dragon will vest his son with great power to exercise authority and control over the whole world. The Antichrist will be a sovereign potentate who will rule and govern the world. He will be a superhuman with supernatural power, which he will use to sway God’s Creation into worshipping him.

The Antichrist’s power pertains to the energy and force of his miraculous resurrection life that will be controlled by the Dragon, when the Antichrist ascends from the Sea or Bottomless Pit.

### **1. Power to Continue**

The Dragon’s gift of power will enable the Antichrist to persevere in his short rule and reign. God has limited the Dragon’s power to three-and-one-half years, after he is cast out of Heaven. Therefore, the Dragon can give to the Antichrist the power to continue, to keep persisting in his rule and reign in the Earth, for only three-and-one-half years.

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; **and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months** (Revelation 13:5).

The Antichrist’s resurrection power or life will be joined to the power of the Dragon, who will help him to continue his rule and reign of three-and-one-half years, the duration of the Tribulation Period.

### **2. Power to War**

The Dragon’s gift of power will enable his son, the Antichrist, to make war.

**And it was given unto him to make war with the saints**, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations (Revelation 13:7).

The Antichrist will use the power of his resurrected life and the power he receives from the Dragon to implement his military assault on the saints of God who have missed the Rapture.

### **3. Power to Overcome**

The Dragon’s gift of power will enable his son, the Antichrist, to overcome many of the saints.

**And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them:** and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations (Revelation 13:7).

Suddenly, like the coming of a summer’s thundercloud, the Antichrist will attack the saints and overcome them.

The Antichrist’s overcoming power will not be limited to the saints of God; his great power will spread over the entire Earth, bringing all kindreds, tongues, and nations under his control. He will fill the whole Earth with his overflowing, vanquishing power and dominion.

## B. Gift of a Seat or Throne

The Dragon's second great gift to his son, the Antichrist, will be his seat or throne.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and **the dragon gave him** his power, and **his seat**, and great authority (Revelation 13:2).

The Dragon will give his son a royal seat or throne. A throne represents a place or state of royal exaltation. Thus, from his throne of exaltation, the Antichrist will rule with his evil sovereign power and dignity.

Just as the Father gave the Gift of Works to His Son, Jesus Christ, Who works from His Throne of Humility and Exaltation to implement the Master Plan of His Heavenly Father, so the Dragon will give his son, the Antichrist, a royal seat, a throne of royal state, from which he will implement the deceitful and unrighteous plans and plots of his father, the Dragon.

It is inconceivable that these mere creatures and their cruel cohorts would try to imitate the primal Godhead, the Trinity in Unity, Who alone is absolute and ineffable. The Godhead is the Only One God, Who is essential Purity, Light, Knowledge, Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.

The Dragon will exalt the Antichrist to an official position of sovereign power and dignity. The Dragon will support the Antichrist during his wicked reign and will promote his interest in all the Earth. The symbol of the Antichrist's sovereign power will be the mark that the False Prophet will cause to be placed either in the right hand or forehead of the Beast's subjects.

**And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:** And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (Revelation 13:16,17).

The Greek word for *mark* means to stamp as a badge of servitude, to scratch, etching, sculptured figure, statue. Without this mark or sculptured figure of the Antichrist in their right hand or their forehead, people will be unable to buy or sell during the Tribulation Period.

The Dragon will give the Antichrist power and works, patterned after his own corrupt nature, in a desperate attempt to imitate the Divine, Absolute, and Ineffable God.

**Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved (II Thessalonians 2:9,10).

The nature of the Antichrist's power and the manner of his working will be patterned after fallen Lucifer's full stature of power that is manifested through his forms as Satan, the Devil, the Serpent, and the Dragon. Lucifer is the great enemy of souls and the great adversary of God and man. Antichrist also will be the great patron of error and lies, a sworn enemy of God, His Truth, and His people. By producing powerful signs and lying wonders with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, he will delude, mislead, charm, and cheat souls. He will use many subtle wiles and devices and various deceitful pretenses to ensnare and to overcome those who do not love the Truth.

## C. Gift of Authority

The Dragon's third gift to his son, the Antichrist, will be authority.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and **the dragon gave him** his power, and his seat, and **great authority** (Revelation 13:2).

The Dragon will give high ecclesiastical and political authority to the Antichrist. The deceitful Dragon will project his son as being the true Christ. Therefore, the Antichrist will demand the right of obedience from his subjects. His delegated authority from the Dragon will make him assert himself as the master of everyone's fate, the lawgiver over everyone's behavior, and the redeemer of all their souls.

In imitation of the Gift of all Power and Authority that the Heavenly Father gave to His Son, the Dragon will bestow his great authority upon the Antichrist. Antichrist will have the authority to command or to act in taking dominion and control over the Nation of Israel and the world. The Antichrist's authority also will come from the great image and reputation that he builds before the people.

## **D. Gift of a Mouth and Words**

The Dragon's fourth gift to his son will be a supernatural mouth to speak great things and blasphemies.

God the Father gave a Gift of His own Divine Words to His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. The Dragon will give to his son, the Antichrist, a gift of a mouth filled with his wicked words.

### **1. Mouth to Speak Great Things**

**And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies;** and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months (Revelation 13:5).

The Greek word for *great* means big, fearful, exceedingly, greatest, high, large, loud, mighty, be sore afraid, strong. Antichrist will use the great lionlike mouth that the Dragon gives him to speak loud, proud, exceedingly strong and mighty words that will create great fear in the hearts of people.

The Antichrist will rule through his great words and exceedingly wicked acts, striking dread, horror, and painful apprehension of danger and impending evil in the hearts of his subjects. Jesus Christ will rule with love and fear or reverence of God. But the Antichrist will rule with hate, dread, and fear of the Dragon in order to deject and humble the minds of his subjects in complete submission to him.

### **2. Mouth to Speak Blasphemies**

The Dragon will give his son his supernatural mouth that overflows with the corruption of blasphemy.

And **he opened his mouth in blasphemy** against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven (Revelation 13:6).

The Antichrist will blaspheme and find fault with the God of Heaven. God continually will defend Himself by judging the Earth during the three-and-one-half-year reign of the Antichrist. The Antichrist will speak profanely and slanderously against God, His Name, His Tabernacle, and those who dwell in Heaven. Blaspheming God, by claiming what is not his own, the Antichrist will parade his unduly exalted claims and flaunt his baseless pretensions. The Antichrist's blasphemy is the offspring of his own self-conceit. His slanderous blasphemy is for the purpose of harming, utterly injuring, and insulting God's Truth by his untruth. His blasphemy will damage and disable the souls of men because it will hinder the souls of men from finding the Truth.

Antichrist will have the most deceitful, powerful, crushing mouth that any creature has ever had. Out of his lionlike mouth, he will speak earthshaking things that will cause people to swoon with either dread or delight. Notice what he will blaspheme (degrade, vilify) in particular.

- God (His very Person and all He entails);
- God's Name (His Nature, Character, and Authority);
- God's Tabernacle (Jesus Christ);
- All those who dwell in Heaven (the redeemed and the Angelic Hosts).

God the Father bestowed the Gifts of Life, Works, Words, and All Power upon His Son, Jesus Christ. So, in the Son, resides the Fullness of God. "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). God literally emptied Himself into Jesus.

The Dragon, the great imitator, also will empty the fullness of himself into the person of the Antichrist. The Dragon will give to his son, the Antichrist, the gift of his power, his throne, his authority, and a mighty mouth to speak his words of blasphemy. Thus, the kingdom of Darkness will array itself for one of Lucifer's last, great conflicts against God's Kingdom of Light.

## **II. The Worship of the Antichrist**

The second point on the Stature of Truth describing the Antichrist's reign is his worship.

And he [the second beast or False Prophet] exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, **and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast** [the Antichrist], whose deadly wound was healed (Revelation 13:12).

The Antichrist's greedy lust for worship will not be satisfied with having the whole world pay natural honour to him by treating him with respect and admiration; he will demand that they also pay *divine* honour to him. Antichrist will require his subjects to adore him and to give him supreme praises. People will be made to love and to admire him inordinately, to devote their lives to him, to idolize him, and to treat him as the Divine Christ.

The Antichrist will not be content with having just a political kingdom of power and authority. Because his filthy, fierce heart desires to be above God, he will seek divine worship. Only God, the Creator, is worthy of receiving divine worship from the souls of men.

In the Old Testament Dispensation, Korah rebelled against God's appointed leaders, Moses and Aaron, and, as a result, he went to the Pit. In the New Testament Dispensation, Judas Iscariot rebelled against God's Divine Leader, Jesus Christ, and he also went to the Pit. When Judas Iscariot is resurrected out of the Bottomless Pit as the Antichrist, he will have his same spirit of rebellion. Thus, Judas will be joined to Korah's rebellion. He will usurp God's place of ruling and leading God's Creation and will usurp the worship that belongs only to God.

The False Prophet will exercise the same power as the Antichrist. He has the same interest as the Antichrist in promoting and pursuing the same worship from the whole world. The False Prophet will use all his evil power to draw men away from the true worship of the True God and to lead them to false worship of the false christ. In defiance to the Will of God, the False Prophet will use his wicked nature to make the souls of men subject to the will and authority of the creature, the false christ.

The world will be awestruck by the miracles they see performed by the False Prophet. Therefore, the world also will worship the Dragon who gives power to the Beast.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. **And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast:** and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? (Revelation 13:3,4).

The False Prophet will help to heal one of the Antichrist's heads, the head of deceit. When the Rapture takes place, immediately after the Antichrist comes up out of the Bottomless Pit, the screams and testimonies of those who have missed the Rapture will have such a devastating effect upon the Earth that the Antichrist's head of deceit will be wounded to death. He will be killed in his role of deceit as the True Christ. But the False Prophet, through his mighty powerful acts and lying testimony, will cause the world to believe, again, that the Beast is the true Christ. Thus, the head of deceit will be healed and will continue spewing out its deceit for the rest of the three-and-one-half years.

Through the working of the False Prophet, the world's admiration of the Beast will be restored. The False Prophet will then lead the world in worship of the Beast and the Dragon who gives power to the Beast.

The False Prophet also will cause the world to worship the Image of the Beast.

And **he had power to give life unto the image of the beast**, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed (Revelation 13:15).

During the Tribulation, the world's worship of the image of the Beast will complete Lucifer's trinity of beings who will be worshipped; the world will worship the Beast, the Dragon, and the Image of the Beast.

In spite of all God's Judgments that will be poured out on the Earth during the Tribulation, men will refuse to cease their false worship; they will refuse to repent of their idolatry and give the God of Heaven the Glory that is due His Name.

And men were scorched with great heat, and **blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory** (Revelation 16:9).

### III. The Ministry of the False Prophet

The third main point of Truth describing the Antichrist's reign pertains to the False Prophet.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. **And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues** (Revelation 18:1-4).

Not only will the Antichrist be an imitator of the Son, but the False Prophet, who will work in conjunction with the Antichrist, will be an imitator of the Holy Ghost. After His Resurrection, Jesus Christ returned to the Father; then, He sent the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, Who came with Power, Gifts, and Fire. The Holy Ghost came, not to speak of Himself, but to lead and to direct all worship to the Son. The ministry of the Holy Ghost is to lead and guide God's people into all Truth about the Son, Jesus Christ, thereby revealing Him unto us. The Holy Ghost sheds abroad the Love of God in our heart, causing us to worship, glorify, and magnify the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

The False Prophet (the second Beast, who rises out of the Earth) will be Balaam, resurrected out of the Earth. Balaam, the backslidden Prophet from the Old Testament Dispensation, taught Balak how to lead Israel in the worship of idols at Baal-peor. Therefore, he is well experienced in leading people away from God and into false worship of idols. He will speak with the same wicked power and authority as the Dragon and will have great power to cause all men to worship the first Beast, the Antichrist. Just as the Holy Ghost directs worship to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the False Prophet will direct worship to the Antichrist, the Seed of the Serpent or the Dragon.

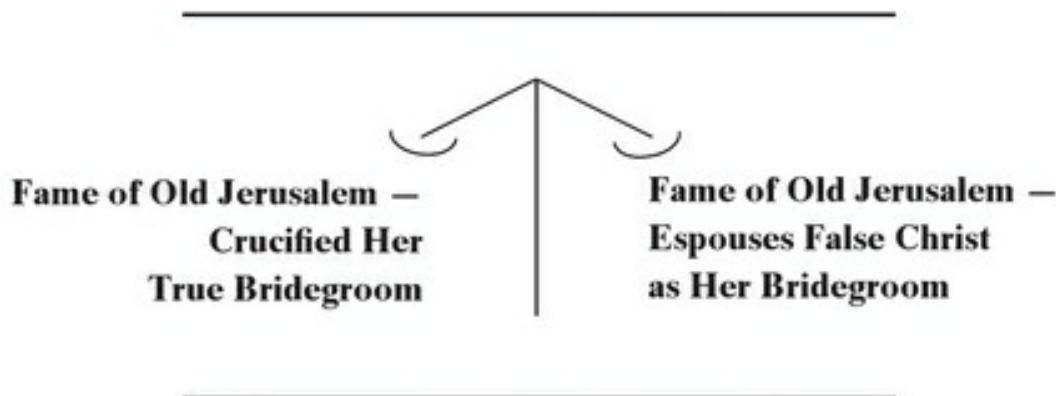
#### IV. The Bride of the Antichrist

The fourth main point of Truth describing the Antichrist's reign relates to the Bride of the Antichrist.

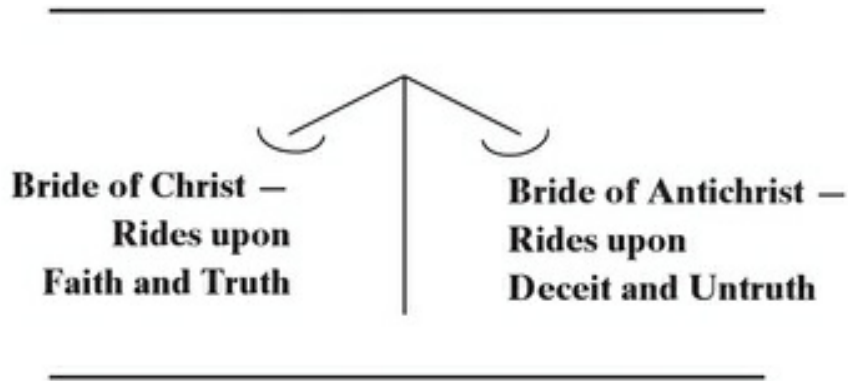
Jesus Christ will have a Bride, the New Jerusalem, which is from *above*, in the Heavens, with its holy inhabitants (Revelation 21:2). The Antichrist will imitate the true Christ by having his bride, Old Jerusalem, *below*, in the Earth. In the seventeenth chapter of the Book of Revelation, Old Jerusalem is personified as the bride of the Antichrist, the great whore, who is seen riding on the Beast or the Antichrist-bridegroom. The bride of the Antichrist is called the "Mother of Harlots."

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH (Revelation 17:5).

Antichrist will have his royal seat or imperial throne in Old Jerusalem. As a natural husband supports his wife with his power and authority, just so, with his great powers and authority, will Antichrist support Old Jerusalem. Through the great dominion and sovereignty of the Antichrist, Old Jerusalem will be exalted as a fair queen of great renown in the midst of the Earth. Old Jerusalem is famous, now, for crucifying her true Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. During the Tribulation Period, she will be famous for espousing the false christ as her bridegroom.



The Antichrist will ride on the back of the Beast, the *false christ*, the untruth.



There will be many contrasts between Jesus Christ and His Holy Bride and the Antichrist and his whorish bride. Jesus Christ loves His Bride with an everlasting Love; He will care for her throughout Eternity. The Antichrist, on the other hand, ultimately will turn upon his whorish wife, Old Jerusalem. Through his ten wicked horns, he will hate and destroy her.

Old Jerusalem's destruction will be accomplished by God's appointment. She will be judged and punished for her rejection and crucifixion of the true Christ and her unholy, idolatrous, and adulterous marriage union with the false christ.

**And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.** For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, **and give their kingdom unto the beast,** until the words of God shall be fulfilled. **And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth** (Revelation 17:16-18).

God is the Head over all things. God will put it in the hearts of the ten kings (the ten horns that form part of the beastly Image of the Antichrist) to be blinded and hardened, to give their power unto the Beast, the Antichrist. Then, God will turn the hearts of the kings against the whorish bride so that they will hate her, make her desolate, make her naked, eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Old Jerusalem killed her Messiah, Jesus Christ. She also will kill His two Prophets who will be sent to her during the Tribulation Period.

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. **And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified** (Revelation 11:7,8).

Old Jerusalem was the Harlot Mother who gave birth to the bastard Child of Rebellion who caused Jesus Christ to be rejected as Israel's Promised Messiah. Old Jerusalem, the Harlot Mother, finally crucified our precious LORD. During the Tribulation, she also will kill the two Prophets, Enoch and Elijah. The bodies of the two dead witnesses shall lie in the streets of that great city.

When the Antichrist comes to Old Jerusalem, he will be greeted and welcomed as the Messiah. Jesus prophesied that this would happen. "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive" (John 5:43). In order for Israel to receive Antichrist as the Promised Messiah, the Antichrist will have to be a Jew, and Judas Iscariot is a Jew.

When the adulterous city of Old Jerusalem is brought into remembrance before God for her rejection of her Bridegroom, the true Messiah, Jesus Christ, and for her whorish acceptance of the false messiah, the Antichrist, she will receive her just and due punishment.



Because of her twin sins of idolatry and adultery, Old Jerusalem will be judged and burned with fire.

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and **power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God**, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory (Revelation 16:8,9).

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: **and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath** (Revelation 16:17-19).

The city of Old Jerusalem will be brought into remembrance before God for all her sins. She will be destroyed and left in a heap as a witness of her twin sins of idolatry and spiritual adultery, when she rejected the true Christ and accepted the false messiah, the Antichrist. She never again will be built by wicked men.

The LORD Jesus Christ, the true Messiah, will build a new Holy Jerusalem upon the heap and ruins of Old Jerusalem so that the true children of God will have a Holy Place in which to worship the true God. The LORD will build a new earthly Jerusalem so that He will have a Holy Place in which to put His Royal Throne during His Millennial Reign.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils**, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues** (Revelation 18:1-4).

While God is pouring out His Wrath and Judgment upon Old Jerusalem, He will preserve His saints who have remained in their chambers, a secret place, by warning them and calling them forth before the final destruction of the whorish city. God will sustain His people with His Bread, even as He provided Bread for Israel in the wilderness and as He provided Bread for Elijah in the time of famine in his day.

God, in His Righteous Judgment, will cause Old Jerusalem to be burned with fire.

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and **she shall be utterly burned with fire**: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come (Revelation 18:8-10).

I believe these verses speak of literal smoke and fire, as well as God's spiritual Smoke and Fire. The destruction of Jerusalem was seen by the Old Testament Prophets. Under the Law in the Old Testament Dispensation, God's Judgments for the Priest's daughter who was found guilty of the sin of adultery was that she be burned with fire. Old Jerusalem was the "daughter" of God's Aaronic Priesthood. But she played the part of a spiritual harlot by rejecting the true Messiah, Jesus Christ, and she will play the part of a spiritual whore by accepting the false messiah, the

Antichrist. Consequently, she will be judged worthy of a *double portion of Judgment Fire*.

God will heap Fiery Judgment upon her *from above*, and the Antichrist will heap fire upon her *from below*. What dreadful destruction this will be! In one hour's time, the fabulously great city, Old Jerusalem, which did sit as a royal queen in the Earth, will be utterly destroyed by a double portion of God's Judgment Fire.

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, **these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.** For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth (Revelation 17:16-18).

**The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!** For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, (Revelation 18:15-17).

God's Headship will turn the ten horns or ten kings against the great whore, Old Jerusalem, and they, with their burning, fiery hatred, will destroy her. These kings will be artillery in God's Hands to make Jerusalem desolate, naked, and to consume her by God's Fire. Great lamentation will be heard after the sudden destruction of the great city. There will be weeping and wailing over the lost beauty of this city that was decked so royally in fine linen, purple, scarlet, gold, precious stones, and pearls.

Old Jerusalem's rich covering will not be an adornment for the Glory of God, her true Spiritual Husband. Her adornment will be given to her by her adulterous and idolatrous marriage with the Antichrist, who will clothe her with fine linen, purple, and scarlet. These will be imitations of the rich adornments that God placed upon her when she was called the Holy City. In the end of the Tribulation Period, she will come under God's Fiery Wrath and Judgment of Fire because she will have played the harlot and will have prostituted herself to the Antichrist, as the "Great Whore."

The sixteenth chapter of Ezekiel tells how God adorned Jerusalem when she was a Holy City. For example, God said:

Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite. And *as for* thy nativity, **in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.** None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live. I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: *thy* breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas **thou wast naked and bare.** Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and **I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness:** yea, I swear unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and **thou becamest mine. Then washed I thee with water;** yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and **I anointed thee with oil. I clothed thee also with brodered work,** and shod thee with badgers skin, and I girded thee about **with fine linen,** and I covered thee with silk. **I decked thee also with ornaments,** and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head. **Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work;** thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. **And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD** (Ezekiel 16:1-14).

Under the covenant that God had made with Israel, in the Old Testament Dispensation, Israel was called the Wife of God. As her Spiritual Husband, the LORD God royally provided for her as His Queen. But she prostituted herself, giving herself in adulterous and idolatrous union with the false gods of the neighboring heathen nations. Consequently, she came under God's wrathful Fiery Judgment, when God allowed the Babylonians to strip her, burn her with fire, and carry her away captive. When she repented in Babylon of her adultery and idolatry, God brought a remnant home and sanctified and rebuilt the Temple and the city.

In the New Testament, Israel's rebellion and pride again brought her to the place of spiritual adultery and idolatry. She rejected her true Husband, Jesus Christ, and had Him crucified so that she would be free to choose another

husband. Certainly, she is a fit bride for the Antichrist. She deserves him, and he deserves her.

**Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.** And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast *it* into the sea, saying, **Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.** And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be*, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; **for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth** (Revelation 18:20-24).

The holy Apostles came out of the city of Old Jerusalem and rejoiced over God's Righteous, Holy, Just Judgment that He poured upon her. It was in Old Jerusalem that the Voice of the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, was heard. God gave Old Jerusalem the Light and Glory of His Truth, but she despised and rejected the Truth and the Light and Glory of it. Therefore, God promised that she would be destroyed and never again have the privilege of hearing the Voice of Truth and seeing the Light and Glory of Truth. Through her sorceries, Old Jerusalem will make the world believe that the Antichrist is the true messiah. Through the centuries, Old Jerusalem has spilled the blood of Prophets and saints and has rejected and killed God's servants because she did not want to hear the Voice of God's Word of Truth nor see the Light and Glory of Truth.

**How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.** Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: Thy princes *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. **Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:** And I will restore thy judges as at the **first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city** (Isaiah 1:21-26).

Isaiah prophesied that, one day, Jerusalem will be called a faithful and righteous city.

After the Tribulation Period, and in the beginning of the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ, under the Headship of the true Messiah, Jesus Christ, a New Jerusalem will be reconstructed on the heap and ruins of the old one. Then, after Jerusalem has become rightly related to her Messiah, and after she has entered into His Reign of Righteousness and Peace, she shall be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City.

Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of a cloud: **the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low** (Isaiah 25:5).

**For he bringeth down them that dwell on high;** the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, *even* to the ground; **he bringeth it even to the dust** (Isaiah 26:5).

There are many Scriptures that refer to the destruction of Jerusalem. The "terrible ones," referred to in Isaiah 25:5, are those who have exalted themselves in pride. Isaiah 26:5 restates that God's Judgment will bring Jerusalem down to the dust of her lofty pride. And in Isaiah 24:10-12, Old Jerusalem is called the "city of confusion and desolation."

**The city of confusion** is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in. *There is* a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. **In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction** (Isaiah 24:10-12).

Never again will Old Jerusalem be built by wicked men. In the beginning of the Millennium, there will be spiritual, godly men who, under the rule of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, will build a New Jerusalem, according to the Master Plan of God the Father.

**Yet the defenced city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness:** there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof. When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: **the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.** And it shall come to pass in that day, **that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel** (Isaiah 27:10-12).

Old Jerusalem will look like a burned wilderness, after God's Fiery Judgment has made an end of her. However, there will be a regathering of the remnant of Israel, which the LORD will have preserved in various parts of the Earth, as well as in Old Jerusalem. The LORD will send forth His Angels to gather them together to worship in the Jerusalem that shall be built in the Holy Mount.

Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city *where* David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. Yet **I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow:** and it shall be unto me as Ariel. And **I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee. And thou shalt be brought down,** *and* shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones *shall be* as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly. **Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts** with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire (Isaiah 29:1-6).

Ariel is a symbolic name for Jerusalem. The Hebrew word for *Ariel* means *lion of God*; that is, heroic, lionlike men. It comes from a word that refers to a young lion—one with great strength and vitality. But in spite of Old Jerusalem's great strength, her fall and destruction shall come in a moment, an instant, quickly and suddenly.

Jeremiah was another Prophet who had a revelation of the Judgment that God is going to pour out upon Jerusalem.

And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, **Hear ye the word of the LORD; O house of David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.** Behold, I *am* against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, *and* rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? But **I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it** (Jeremiah 21:11-14).

This Prophecy was spoken to the King of Judah, whose capital was the city of Jerusalem. The Prophecy revealed Jerusalem's coming destruction by the Fire of God's Anger.

**Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacobs trouble;** but he shall be saved out of it (Jeremiah 30:7).

For **thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous** (Jeremiah 30:12).

For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying*, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after. **Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling-places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap,** and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof (Jeremiah 30:17,18).

This description of Jerusalem is coupled with the promise that a remnant shall be saved and Jerusalem restored again. There is no contradiction in the Promise of healing and restoration for Jerusalem and in the statement, in verse twelve, that her wound is incurable. The wound of Old Jerusalem is incurable. But God will heal by destroying Old Jerusalem and building a New Jerusalem. He will make the New Jerusalem the blessing and praise in the Earth that the LORD purposed in the beginning.

**Behold, the day of the LORD cometh,** and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. **For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken,** and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. **Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations,** as when he fought in the day of battle (Zechariah 14:1-3).

God will put it in the hearts of the ten kings (ten horns) to rise up against Jerusalem with their fiery death and destruction. Then, the LORD will go forth with His mighty Army to war against the Dragon, the Antichrist, and their armies that will be gathered against Jerusalem, and He will overcome them. The defeated armies will become the great supper for the fowls of Heaven.

**And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron:** and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on *his* thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great (Revelation 19:14-18).

After the LORD has smitten the kings and their armies with His Breath of Fire and the Sharp Sword of Truth from His Mouth, the fowls of Heaven will be invited to that great supper and commissioned to consume the putrefying flesh of the armies of the Antichrist, leaving only the bones to be buried.

### A. Burdensome Stone of *Torah* in Israel

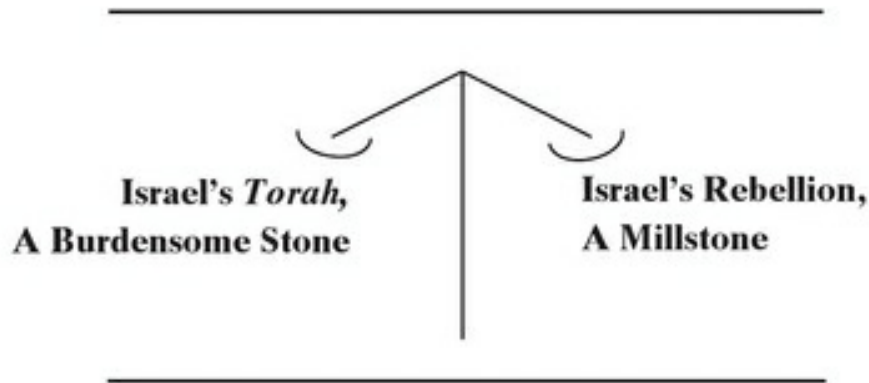
A “burdensome stone,” in the natural realm, was one of the heavy stones used in the foundations and walls of buildings. In ancient times, men had to move these heavy stones from the quarries to the building sites because there was no machinery. Consequently, the moving inevitably resulted in accidents and loss of life.

God called Jerusalem a “burdensome stone” so that all the surrounding nations would realize the serious consequences they could expect if they attempted to remove it or carry it away. Any such effort would be accompanied by accidents and loss of life. Jerusalem belonged to the LORD God in a special way because He had placed in her the heavy “Burdensome Stone” of His *Torah*, His Law, which He used in His Spiritual Building. Anyone who would have dared to attempt to remove the “Burdensome Stone” of God’s *Torah* from Jerusalem or carry it away from His Holy Temple would experience accidents and loss of life.

**The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel**, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem. **And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people:** all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it (Zechariah 12:1-3).

In the Book of Revelation, Old Jerusalem, that Great City, Mystery Babylon, is compared to a *millstone* cast into the sea; in the Book of Zechariah, Old Jerusalem is called a *burdensome stone*.

The “Millstone” and the “Burdensome Stone” reveal two contrasting aspects in Israel.

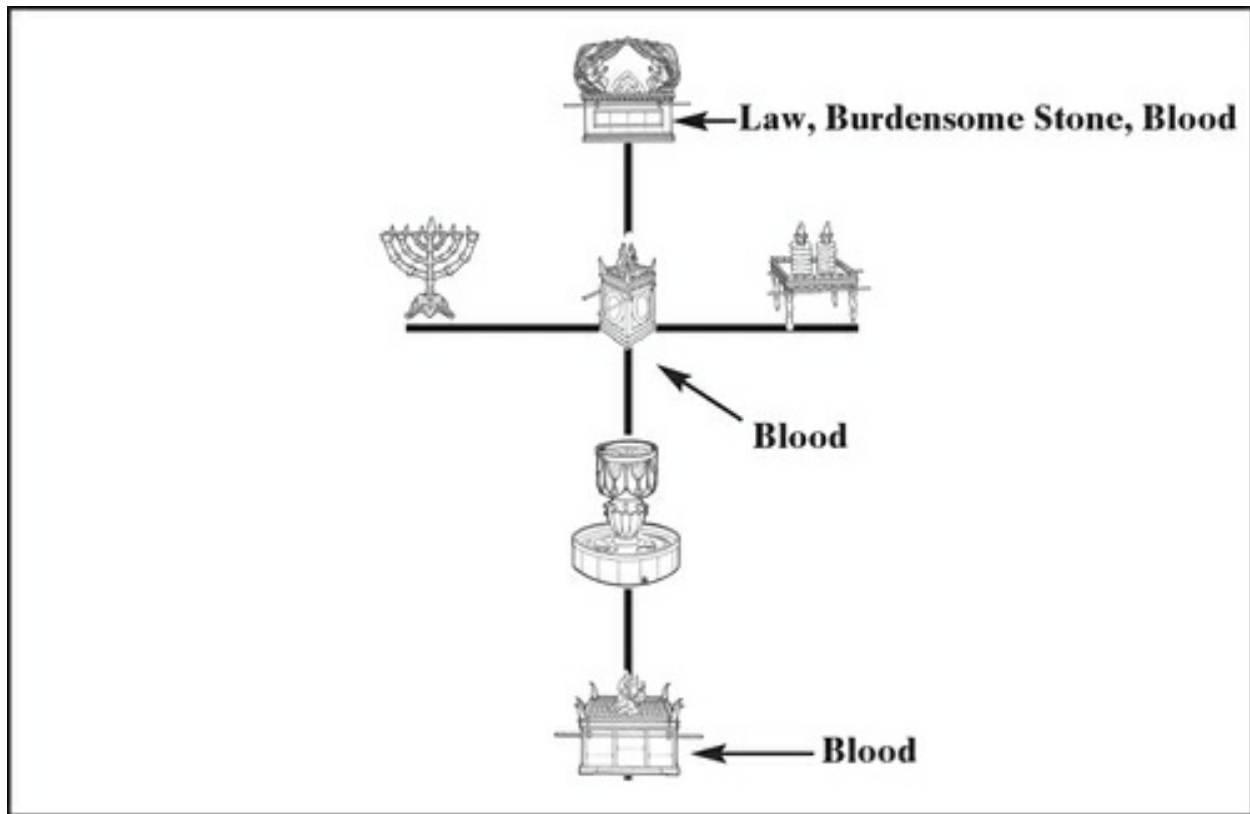


The LORD God gave Israel His *Torah*, His Law, which is a heavy “Burdensome Stone.” Israel’s rebellion against God’s Law was like a heavy “Millstone” that ground God’s Law to pieces.

Since God gave His Law to Israel, first, let us consider the “Burdensome Stone” first.

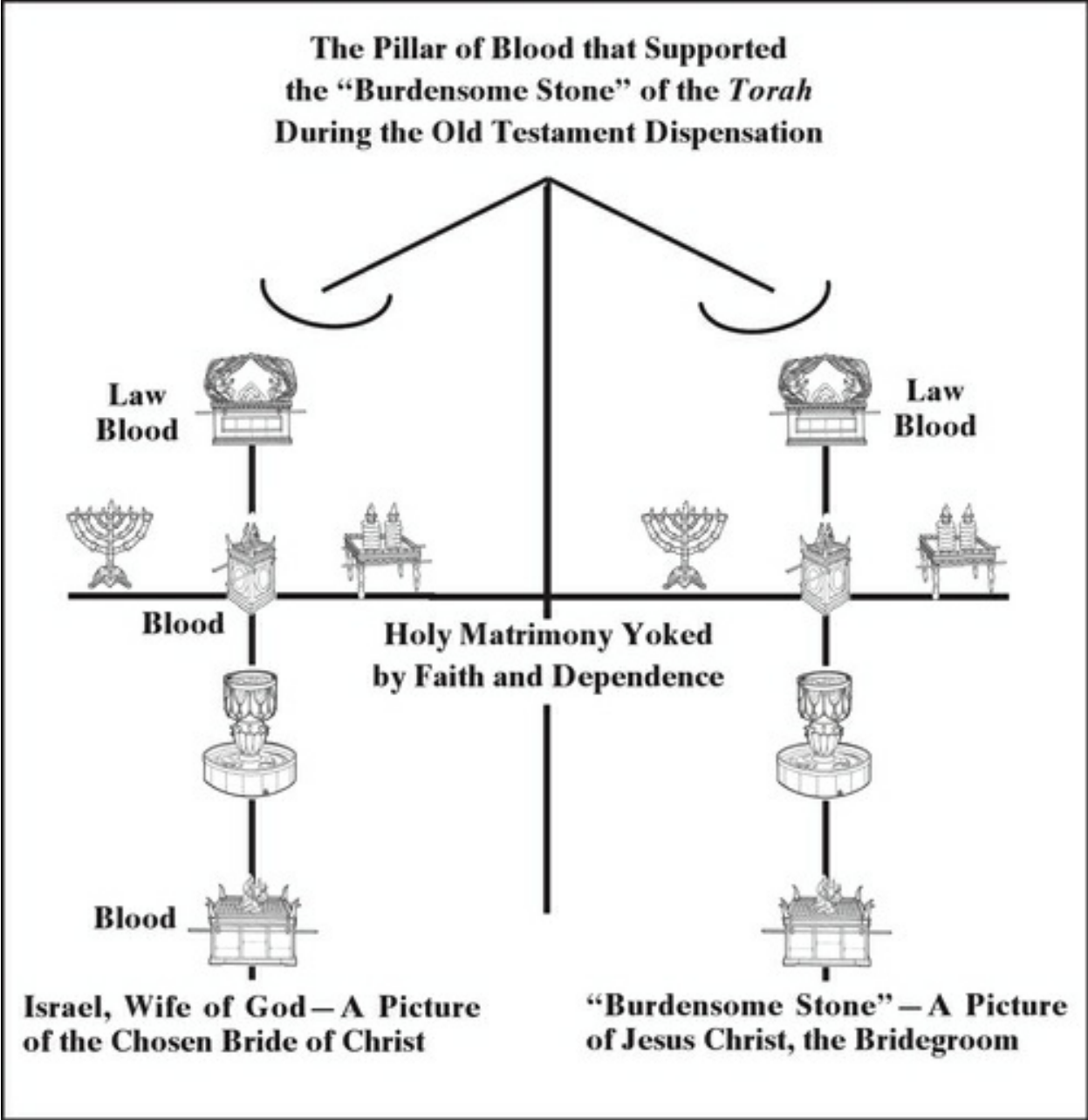
The precious *Torah*, the Law of God, was a heavy, weighty Stone that God put in Israel; the Law carried the burden and responsibility of Moral Judgment. The moral requirements of the Law were difficult to bear or to be borne. It was tedious to the mind. It was too heavy to be sustained or supported by Israel except with God’s help. Yet the “Burdensome Stone” of the Law laid a heavy and weighty responsibility upon all Israel to be doers of the Law.

In His great Mercy, the LORD God provided a way whereby Israel could carry this “Burdensome Stone” of the Law. God gave Israel a Tabernacle and sacrifices of blood (which were a type of the Blood of Christ) that she could offer by faith. Thus, God made a visible demonstration that the blood would be the sustaining force, the supporting strength, that would carry the “Burdensome Stone” of the *Torah*, the Law.



In the Mosaic Tabernacle, God's Master Plan was for the blood to be the support of the "Burdensome Stone." The Mosaic Tabernacle was a picture of God's Son, Jesus Christ. The LORD God knew that man's frailty and weakness made it impossible for him to carry the "Burdensome Stone" of the Law, so He provided a pillar of blood in the Mosaic Tabernacle. All Israel had to do was to join herself to the blood, by faith, and depend constantly upon it to cleanse her, sanctify her, and strengthen her to be a doer of the Word.

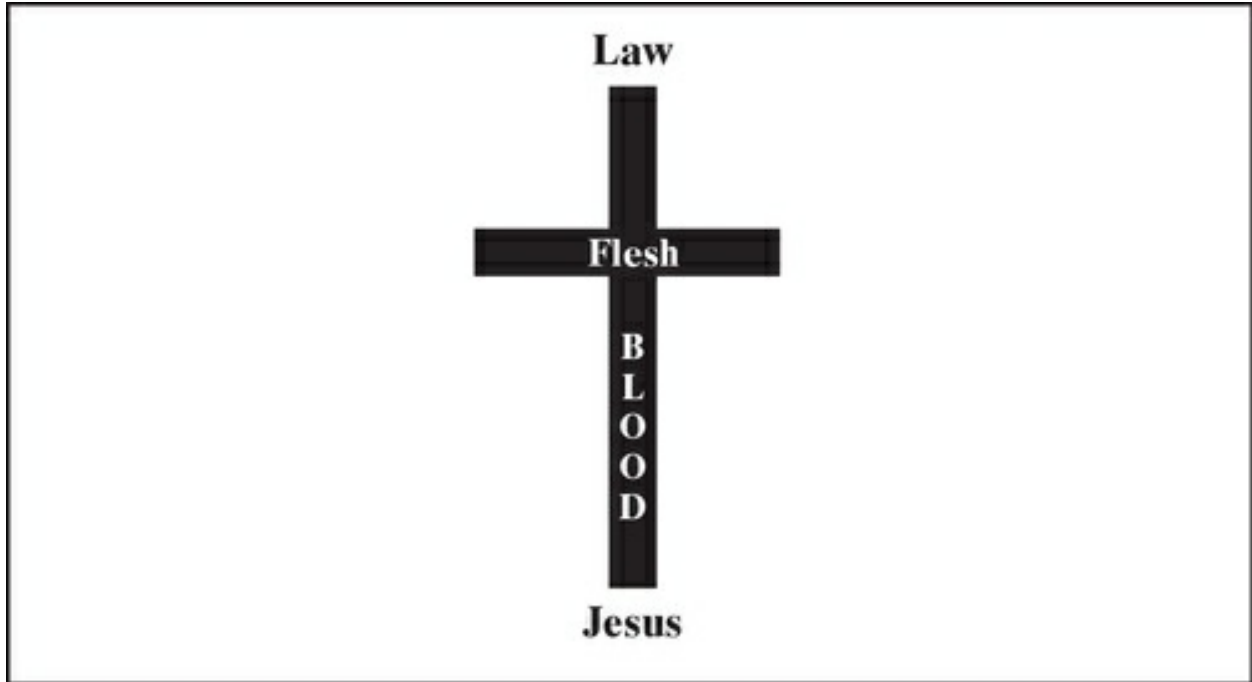
The Mosaic Tabernacle was Israel's Bridegroom in picture form. As long as she leaned upon her Beloved, she carried the "Burdensome Stone" through the strength of His Blood. Israel leaned upon her beloved Bridegroom, the LORD God, and He helped her carry the "Burdensome Stone" in the Ark, through the trackless wilderness, through a waste and howling wilderness, and through a wilderness infested with serpents and scorpions. Israel came up out of the wilderness leaning upon her Beloved, carrying the "Burdensome Stone" in the Ark, through Jordan's rolling waters, and on to Jerusalem. Later, the Temple, which King Solomon built in Jerusalem, became the resting place for the "Burdensome Stone" that was impossible to carry without the supporting pillar of blood and the miraculous help of the LORD God.



The LORD God ultimately placed the “Burdensome Stone” of His Word, His Law, in the Body of Jesus Christ.

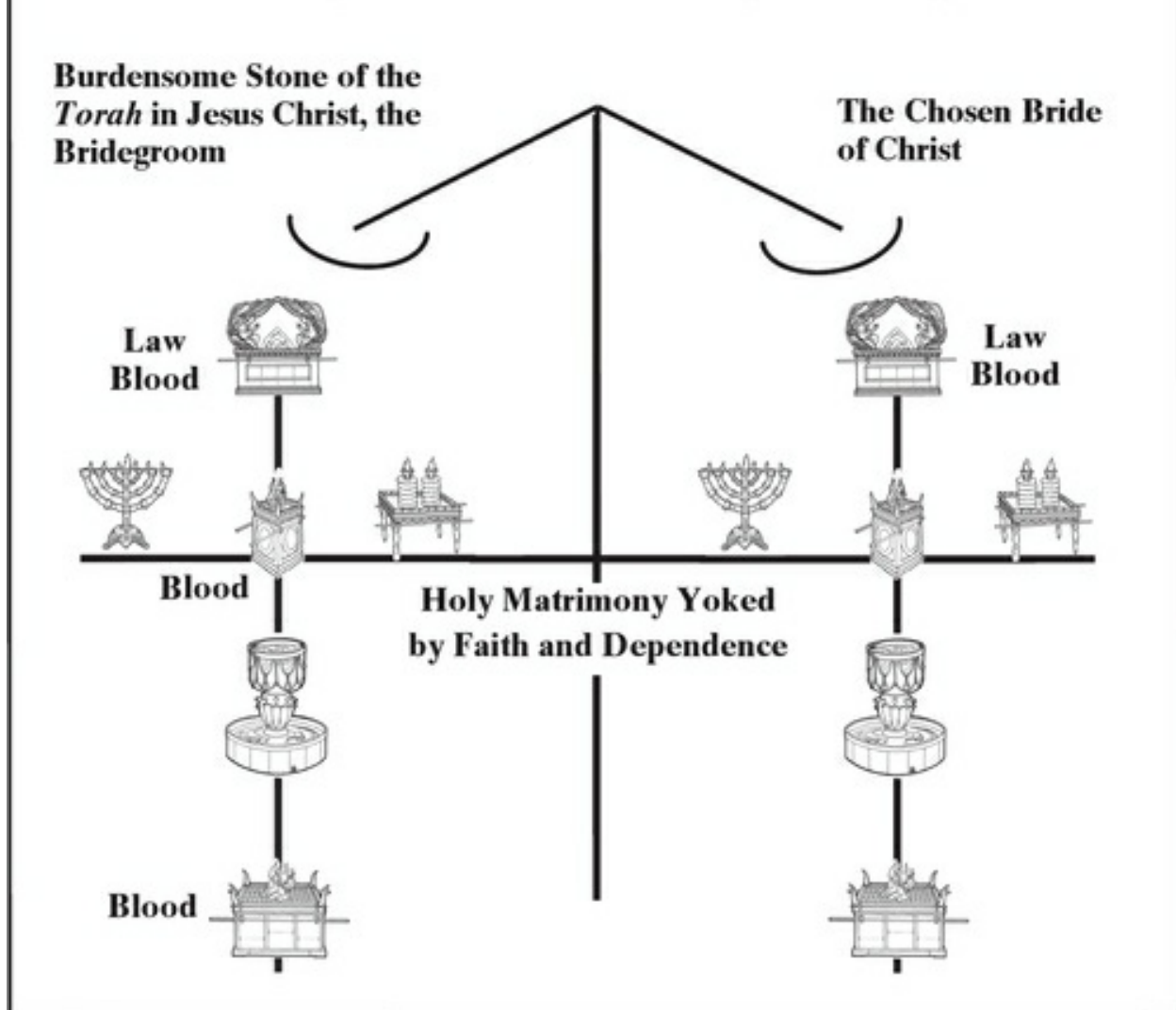
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

Jesus Christ, in Living Flesh and Blood, supported the great weight of the “Burdensome Stone,” obeying it in our place.



When Jesus Christ returns to this Earth with His spiritual Bride, they will sit together upon the Throne of David in Jerusalem, reigning over all the nations, according to the Righteousness of God's Holy *Torah*. Again, through the Bridegroom and Bride Relationship, God will provide a pillar of Living Blood to support the "Burdensome Stone" of His *Torah*.

**The Pillar of Blood that Will Support  
the “Burdensome Stone” of the *Torah*  
During the Millennium and Throughout Eternity**



The LORD God chose Jerusalem for the Eternal Abode of His *Torah*, His Law. Therefore, the “Burdensome Stone” never will be removed from Jerusalem.

Old Jerusalem will fill up her cup of wickedness by totally and completely rebelling against the LORD when she accepts the Antichrist. Although the LORD will destroy Old Jerusalem, He will not remove His “Burdensome Stone.” The LORD will build a sanctified, earthly Holy Jerusalem, making a new clean home for His precious “Burdensome Stone.” Then, all nations will come to Jerusalem, during the Millennium, to learn of the “Burdensome Stone.”

**In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the LORD shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by**

night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there *shall be* a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain (Isaiah 4:2-6).

**And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3).**

During the Millennial Reign, the LORD Jesus Christ will teach the whole world about this “Burdensome Stone” of His Law, and He will help, sustain, and support all nations so that they carry this “Burdensome Stone” of the Law, which no one can carry except with the LORD’s help.

Any nation that comes against Israel will be cut in pieces. Even though all the people of the Earth gather against Israel, they will be pushed and divided asunder by the sharp “Stone of Truth,” the Law, in Jerusalem. If Israel could not carry the heavy, weighty “Burdensome Stone” by herself, it is certain that Israel’s enemies will not be able to carry it out of Jerusalem. It took the blood of sacrifice and all the trail of God’s divine, miracle-working Power to bring the “Burdensome Stone” all the way from Mount Sinai to Jerusalem. How, then, can any finite, frail, and feeble power of mortal man remove this “Burdensome Stone” of the *Torah* from Jerusalem?

Jesus Christ, the true “Burdensome Stone,” will sever the Antichrist from his seat of authority and power, and He will divide his armies asunder. He also will cut the Harlot, the Great Whore, Old Jerusalem, to pieces because of her offense against His *Torah* that He had placed within her walls.

## **B. Millstone in Israel**

The LORD God gave Israel the beautiful “Burdensome Stone” of His Moral Truth. Ungrateful Israel gave the LORD God a millstone in exchange.

**And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.** And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be*, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; (Revelation 18:21,22).

The LORD God, in His great Love and Mercy, gave Israel His gracious Words of Light and Truth, written on the great “Burdensome Stone” called the Law, the *Torah*. The *Torah* also carried the secret *tetragrammaton*, the Holy Name of the LORD. The LORD God chose Jerusalem as a dwelling place for His Truth and His Name. Instead of loving and appreciating God’s “Burdensome Stone,” Old Jerusalem rejected it. Her rejection of the Truth and the Name of the LORD became like a millstone, grinding the Truth, as it were, to small dust by crucifying the Truth on the Cross; it made her grind the Name of Jesus Christ to powder by accepting the Antichrist as LORD.

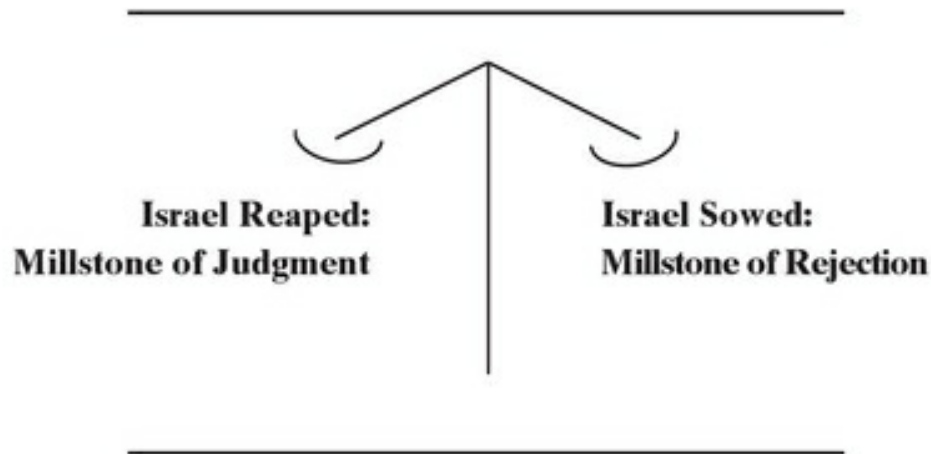
Natural millstones are made from a pair of round stones and are used for crushing grain. The stones are peculiar. The upper stone, called the “male stone,” is the moving stone, the riding stone. The lower stone, called the “female stone,” is stationary. The protruding part of the upper stone fits into the depression of the lower stone, and together they bruise the grains of corn from which bread is made.

God compared Old Jerusalem to a millstone. The word used in the Hebrew text is *reh-keb*, which means a *rider*, or the *upper* millstone, the male stone, the moving stone.

For centuries, Old Jerusalem has practiced the art of her “millstone of rejection.” Old Jerusalem rejected God’s *Torah*, both in its written-stone form and its Living-Flesh form in Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament Dispensation, Old Jerusalem ground to powder the *Torah*-Truth and the Voice of the *Torah*-Truth by slaying her Prophets. In the New Testament Dispensation, she ground the *Torah*-Truth to powder, as it were, by crucifying Jesus Christ upon the Cross. She continued to grind the voices of *Torah*-Truth to powder by making martyrs of the servants of Christ. The ultimate grinding in her mill of rejection of the *Torah*-Truth and the Name of the LORD will be in the Tribulation Period when she will accept the name of the Antichrist in place of the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ, and his idolatrous, blasphemous laws in place of God’s *Torah*-Truth.

In her proud, arrogant rejection of the Truth of the Name of the LORD, Old Jerusalem will climb on the back of the Beast, the Antichrist; and as a rider (an upper millstone), she will grind out her deceitful bread of sorceries. Then, she will use her bewitching, beguiling bread to charm the whole world into believing the Antichrist is the true Messiah.

Old Jerusalem sowed the sin of the millstone of rejection; consequently, she must reap God's Millstone of Judgment.



God's "Millstone of Judgment" turns slowly, but it ultimately grinds out the bread of affliction and Judgment. We can choose to turn God's gracious Truth and His Holy Name, into a millstone of rejection, but we have no choice or rule over the turning of God's Millstone of Judgment. When we sow rejection, we will reap judgment.

By destroying Old Jerusalem, the LORD God will take away her power to grind out any more deceitful bread for herself and for others. The LORD will cast Old Jerusalem's Millstone into the Sea, the Bottomless Pit.

**In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem;** and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem* (Zechariah 12:8,9).

The LORD God will come to defend Jerusalem against all nations because that is where He placed His "Burdensome Stone" of the Law and His Name. God will tear down the corrupt buildings that man has erected upon the land, but He will save the land itself because God made the land and planted His "Burdensome Stone" and His Holy Name in it.

The Scriptures prophesy that in the Tribulation there will be a remnant who will experience the LORD's defense (His "Burdensome Stone" and His Name) on their behalf because they will have held fast to His "Burdensome Stone" and to His Holy Name.

The ten kings (horns) of the Beast will be given power for only one hour to destroy Old Jerusalem, the works of man, but they will not be given power to destroy God's Holy Land, upon which Old Jerusalem was built. When their work of destruction is finished, the LORD Jesus Christ will appear and smite these armies and nations with the Breath of His Mouth because they have dared tread upon the Holy Place of His "Burdensome Stone" and His Name. When Christ returns to the Earth, the remnant of Israel will recognize their Messiah, the LORD Jesus Christ. With great mourning, they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced.

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.** In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. **And the land shall mourn,** every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart (Zechariah 12:10-14).

**In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem** for sin and for uncleanness (Zechariah 13:1).

After the LORD has sanctified the *land* of Jerusalem and has built upon it His Holy Temple (the House for His "Burdensome Stone" and His Name), He will loose the streams of Living Waters of His "Burdensome Stone" and His Name; and there will be streams of Life issuing out of the Temple. These flowing Waters will be for purification

and cleansing of the spirits, souls, and bodies of the people of Israel and the peoples of the whole world. The people will feel remorse for their misdeeds against the “Burdensome Stone” and His Name, and they will make penitent lamentation. The LORD will give them a spirit of mercy and compassion toward His “Burdensome Stone,” His Name, and toward each other. They shall be moved to make supplication to the Holy Name of the LORD, and they will find Grace in the Eyes of the LORD and in the Eyes of the “Burdensome Stone.”

The LORD will reveal the Living Waters of the *Torah* unto His people, and He will forgive their sins. They will neither remember their idols nor speak their names anymore.

It is possible, now, to see clearly in the Word why God judged Jerusalem so severely and why He poured out His great Fiery Wrath upon the city. God’s Word teaches us that the LORD God is Merciful and Gracious, Long-suffering, and Abundant in Goodness and Truth. The Word also teaches us that the LORD God is Righteous and Just in all that He does. Therefore, God did not judge Jerusalem harshly or punish her unfairly.

As Israel’s Spiritual Husband, the LORD God exalted her and adorned her with garments of Glory and Beauty. Yet, Israel proved herself to be an unfaithful wife by turning from Him and prostituting herself to Lucifer’s false gods, and, finally, she will turn to Lucifer’s Antichrist. Israel’s idolatrous and adulterous union with false gods had broken God’s Divine Spiritual Wedlock with her. Consequently, Judgment and Punishment were meted out to Israel, according to God’s Holy Law, because of her great sins of idolatry and adultery.

In the Old Testament, Israelites who were guilty of being adulterers or adulteresses were stoned until dead for their sin. The punishment was even more severe for a Priest’s daughter who was taken in adultery. The adulterous daughter of a Priest was burned with fire until dead.

There was a just reason for the daughter of a Priest having to suffer a greater punishment for her adultery than the ordinary Israelite. God has very stringent laws that governed the sanctity of His Priests. Because the daughter of the Priest lived by and ate of the Holy Bread and Meat dedicated unto God, she was punished more severely because she defiled the Holy Bread and Meat by joining it to the corrupt bread of adultery in her whoredom. The following Scriptures give the Laws that God set for the Priests and their families.

**They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God:** for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, *and* the bread of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy. **They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane;** neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he *is* holy unto his God. Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, *am* holy. **And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.** And *he that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes; Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother; Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God *is* upon him: I *am* the LORD. And he shall take a wife in her virginity. A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but **he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife. Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him** (Leviticus 21:6-15).

How serious, severe, and stern were the demands that God made upon the Priesthood in the Old Testament Dispensation. Yet His demands in the New Testament Dispensation are even more rigid and restrained. In the New Testament Dispensation, the LORD Jesus Christ introduced a new order—the Law of Freedom and Liberty. In comparison to the Law given in the Old Testament, under the shadow and type, the Law of Freedom and Liberty in Christ Jesus is far more demanding. For example, the Law of Liberty and Freedom in Christ demands that man not only refrain from committing adultery in the body, but that he freely choose not to commit adultery in his heart. Christ demands that man not only love God and his friends, but that man love his enemies! The LORD Jesus Christ knew that if man obeys His Truth inwardly, he will obey it outwardly. The LORD also knew that it is possible to obey the Law outwardly, without obeying it inwardly. The LORD Jesus Christ has given His precious Blood as a sustaining support to help us carry the burden of obedience to the Law, both inwardly and outwardly.

**For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation,** which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: **Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?** (Hebrews 10:26-29).

As Spirit-filled Christians, the Law of Freedom and Liberty in Christ Jesus requires more from us because, in

addition to having the Blood of Christ, we have the Holy Ghost within us. The Holy Ghost is a Teacher and Guide to help us search out our inward carnal heart so that we can know the evil seeds hidden there. Then, through confession and repentance, we can give the evil seeds over to the cleansing Power of Christ's Blood. The Holy Ghost is our Guide into all Truth, and He will help us to find the good Seeds of God's Word to replace the evil seeds. Therefore, our greater Light in Christ Jesus and the experience of the Power of the Holy Ghost brings us under greater responsibility.

This same Principle applies to the daughter of the Priest: she had great light and experience in regard to the Holy Bread and Meat that she ate, allowing her to experience greater realms of the Holiness of God. So when she committed adultery, her Judgment and Punishment were greater because her sin was greater.

When Jesus Christ taught the Sermon on the Mount, He emphasized inward obedience to God's Law.

Ye have heard that **it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:** and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but **whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire** (Matthew 5:21,22).

Ye have heard that **it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell (Matthew 5:27-29).

God looks upon the city of Jerusalem just as He did the Priest's daughter who received greater Light than the daughter of the average Israelite. The city of Old Jerusalem will be held responsible for the great Light and privileges she enjoyed when the LORD God placed within her the "Burdensome Stone" of the *Torah* and His Holy Name LORD. Old Jerusalem once knew the LORD God in a spiritual marriage relationship, but she became a spiritual adulteress when she prostituted herself to the false gods of evil thoughts against Jesus Christ, her Messiah.

The *Torah* warns us against profaning the LORD God and His Holy Name, which is our spiritual inheritance. If we profane His Holy Name, the "Burdensome Stone" will cut and grind out righteous and just Judgment for us.

**Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright** (Hebrews 12:16).

Esau is an illustration of a profane person who disdained the Name of the LORD and his birthright by choosing his carnal appetite as his *god* instead of choosing to suffer for the LORD's sake and for the birthright's sake. Esau chose to satisfy his carnal appetite by choosing one morsel of meat instead of choosing to feed on the Name of the LORD and his birthright. Esau prostituted himself to the god of desire and profaned the Name of the LORD and his birthright.

The birthright of the Priest's daughter allowed her to eat the Holy Espousal Bread offered before the LORD. Certain portions of the bread or meat offerings, offered in the Courtyard, belonged to the Priests. The Priest also was allowed to eat the Shewbread that came out of the Holy Place.

The Incense represented the Name of Jesus, so one thing that made the Shewbread special was that, for a whole week, it absorbed the fragrance and smoke of the Incense as it ascended from the Golden Altar. The Shewbread also absorbed the Light from the Golden Candlestick, which represented the Light of Jesus Christ. The Incense did not ascend in the form of fragrance and smoke until it was joined, in the Holy Place, with the Fire from the Great Altar in the Courtyard.

The Light-giving rays from the Golden Candlestick could not penetrate or permeate the Shewbread that was stacked upon the Golden Table until the Fire from the Brazen Altar was joined to the Oil (a picture of Wisdom) at the Candlestick.

The Shewbread also absorbed the fragrance from the Oil and the Frankincense that sat on top of the twelve loaves on the Golden Table. Warmth from the *Shekinah* Glory of God in the Holy of Holies was certain to be felt in the Holy Place where the Bread was because the Shewbread was called "Bread of the Face" and "Bread of the Presence." Surely, this was very special Bread that the Priest had the privilege of sharing with his family.

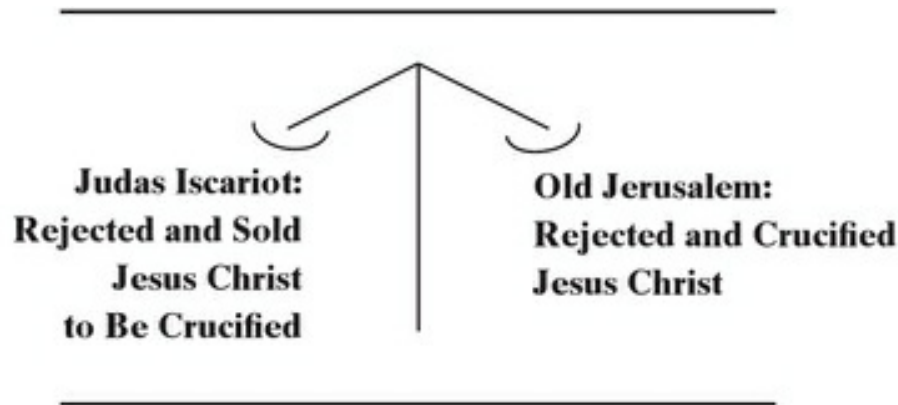
The Priest's daughter had the privilege of eating of this glorious Espousal Bread or Hidden Manna in the Holy Place. If she had eaten in faith, the Bread would have worked true righteousness and holiness in her. However, if she lightly esteemed the Bread that was her privilege to eat (as Esau did), and committed fornication, she was put to death by being burned with fire.

In the Tribulation Period, God will be angry with Jerusalem because of her sinful, adulterous idolatry. She once

was an Espoused City, a Holy City, a Married City; she once was called the “Wife” of God. Nevertheless, after eating her Spiritual Husband’s Bread of Holiness, Jerusalem broke wedlock by taking other gods, other loves, to her bosom instead of the LORD God. She took the Holy Things that her Spiritual Husband, the LORD God, abundantly had given her to sustain her, glorify her, and exalt her in His Eyes and in the eyes of the world, and she poured them out in idolatrous and adulterous worship to false gods. Instead of pouring out her grateful worship unto the LORD God and delighting in serving Him, Jerusalem went out of His Presence and delighted herself in serving false gods.

Old Jerusalem became an adulterous city, and she ultimately will give her love to the Antichrist, the false messiah. Because she played the part of the spiritual harlot, she is pictured as the Great Whore in the Book of Revelation.

Old Jerusalem is a fit bride for the Antichrist, Judas Iscariot. Judas Iscariot and Old Jerusalem began their idolatrous and adulterous relationship at Jesus Christ’s crucifixion. Judas Iscariot rejected Jesus Christ and betrayed Him to be crucified. Old Jerusalem rejected Jesus Christ and crucified Him. Their illicit relationship will be culminated during the Tribulation Period when Old Jerusalem will accept the Antichrist, Judas Iscariot, as the messiah.



The end of the Antichrist and Old Jerusalem will be total destruction in both the natural and spiritual realms. Old Jerusalem will be left in a burning heat of ruins as a witness of God’s Just Judgment and Punishment for her harlotry.

When Jesus Christ returns as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, a New Jerusalem will be raised, again, on the land in which God placed the “Burdensome Stone” of His *Torah* and the Name of the LORD. In that day, Jerusalem will be called a Faithful and Holy City, again, but in a new way. Then, the Throne of David will be established, as it was prophesied, and the reign of everlasting peace and righteousness will begin.

In this chapter, we have studied about the reign of the Antichrist. In the beginning of his reign, the Antichrist will receive gifts from his father (the Dragon), just as Jesus Christ received Gifts from His Heavenly Father. The Dragon will give the Antichrist the following gifts: power, a seat or throne, ruling authority, and a mouth and words.

The Antichrist will demand that the whole world give him worship in both the natural and spiritual realms. Through the image of the Beast, which the False Prophet will erect and impart with power to work miracles, the Antichrist will receive more worship. Because the Dragon is the one who gives his power to the Antichrist and his image, the world will worship the Dragon himself. Thus, during the Tribulation Period, wicked men will worship Lucifer’s trinity of the Dragon, the Antichrist, and the image of the Beast.

The ministry of the False Prophet will imitate the Ministry of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost does not speak of Himself, but He leads and directs all worship to the Son, Jesus Christ. The False Prophet will not speak of himself (make himself known), but he will exalt the Beast, the Antichrist, by erecting an image to the Beast and giving miracle-working power to the image so that men will worship the Beast, the Antichrist, and the Dragon who gives the Beast his power.

The Antichrist will have a bride, Old Jerusalem, the Great Whore who gave birth to the rejection of the true Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Judas Iscariot rejected Jesus Christ and betrayed Him into the hands of wicked men who crucified the LORD of Glory. Old Jerusalem’s ultimate rejection of the True Bridegroom will come during the Tribulation when she accepts the Antichrist as her messiah.

# Chapter Four

## The Destination Of The Antichrist

There is no possibility of the Antichrist's not arriving at the place of his destination. God has granted every creature power to choose his destination and to determine his destiny, according to his choice *for* God or *against* God. Those who refuse to serve God and to fulfill His Purpose and aim for which they were created, designed, and appointed, on the positive side of the Scales, must accept God's Purpose, Aim, and Destination that He has appointed them in Judgment, on the negative side of the Scales.

By choosing to become a traveler on Lucifer's crooked road, the Antichrist carved out his own destiny, fate, and doom. He chose against God; consequently, he must find his destiny in the form of the Lake of Fire.

And **the beast** was taken, **and with him the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone** (Revelation 19:20).

The Lake of Fire, burning with brimstone, will be the destination and eternal abode of the Antichrist. After playing an alarming and appalling role as Antichrist, Judas Iscariot will arrive at his shameful and shocking destination. What a horrible, destructive, and degrading end for one who once was an exalted Apostle of Jesus Christ!

Judas Iscariot is called *the Son of Perdition* by the LORD Jesus Christ (John 17:12). In Acts 1:25, the Spirit of God said that Judas *went to his own place*. Judas's *first place* was Perdition, in the Bottomless Pit. He will go to his final house of Perdition when the Bottomless Pit, with its Perdition, are cast into the Lake of Fire. The eternal abode of Judas Iscariot, the Antichrist, will be Perdition in the Lake of Fire.

Lucifer, with his Satan-nature and his Devil-nature, will be appointed a place in the Lake of Fire. Death and Hell also will be cast into the Lake of Fire to continue their work of being judged and purged. Thus, the inhabitants of the Lake of Fire will be judged and purged by Death, by Hell, and by the Lake of Fire. All whose names are not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire** (Revelation 20:14,15).

Marvelous, astonishing, and spectacular is the victory gained by the great and glorious LORD Jesus Christ!. The Beast (Antichrist), the False Prophet, and the leaders of the army shall be taken prisoners by Jesus Christ. Both he who led them, by his cunning role in which he pretended to be the True Christ (the Antichrist), and he who led them by the power of his falsehood (the False Prophet) shall be cast into the Lake of Fire and rendered incapable of molesting the people of God. The Dragon, the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and their followers shall be given up to military execution by the sharp Sword of the Word of God, the *Torah*, that proceeds out of the Mouth of Jesus Christ, THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, and their bodies shall be used to make a feast for the fowls of Heaven.

The divine Vengeance of the LORD Jesus Christ will fall upon all who fight against the Truth, which includes the Dragon, the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and their followers. If we are wise, we will heed the warning given by David in the second Psalm:

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. **Serve the LORD with fear**, and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way**, when his wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed are all they that put their trust in him** (Psalm 2:10-12).

The Son of God, Christ, is both a *Lamb* and a *Lion*. The roaring Lion becomes angry if the Grace and Mercy of the Lamb is refused and rejected. The roaring Lion becomes angry if the Lamb, God's Remedy and Cure for sin, is

spurned. But if we *kiss* the Lamb, by accepting Him and approving Him as our Remedy and Cure, we will receive Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness.

In this book, we have studied the Stature of Truth about the Antichrist. The first major point of Truth revealed the origin of the Antichrist. In the Garden of Eden, he had his beginning as the Seed of the Serpent. Then, in time, Satan took on a physical body in the person of Judas Iscariot. Just before the Tribulation Period begins on Earth, Antichrist's resurrected body will come up out of the Bottomless Pit in the form of the Beast who has seven heads and ten horns.

The second major point of Truth dealt with the Antichrist's stature, which includes his names, his image, his nature, and his spirit. Antichrist's wicked stature is revealed in his names: Man of Sin, Son of Perdition, Wicked One, and Beast. The Antichrist will receive worship through his own personal image. The great image, which the False Prophet will make in the likeness of the Beast, will be worshipped. There also will be many other smaller images, made in the likeness of the Beast (Antichrist), so that everyone will have an idol of him in their homes.

The bestial nature of Antichrist is like the animal that Daniel saw portraying the nature of the image of the Gentile Kingdoms of the world. Like a Leopard, Antichrist will pounce swiftly upon his prey. Like a Bear, he will overcome his enemies with his brute force. Like a ferocious Lion, he will rule with supreme authority over the world.

The spirit of Antichrist will be reflected in the three froglike spirits that will come out of the Dragon's mouth, the Beast's mouth, and the False Prophet's mouth. These froglike spirits will be spirits of devils that will have power to work miracles and power to gather the armies of the world together to fight at Armageddon against Jesus Christ.

The third major point of Truth describes the Antichrist's reign, which will be an imitative form of the way in which the LORD Jesus Christ reigned when He lived on Earth in a Body of mortal flesh. Just as the Heavenly Father gave His Son, Jesus Christ, Gifts of Life, Works, Words, and All Power so that the Son could reign over the world, the flesh, and the Devil, so also will the Dragon give his son, Antichrist, gifts to help him reign during the Tribulation Period. The Dragon will give the Antichrist gifts of power, a seat or throne, authority, and a mouth to speak great things and blasphemies. Through the ministry of the False Prophet, worship will be given to the Antichrist or Beast, the Dragon, and the Image of the Beast. Just as the true Christ will have His Bride, the New Jerusalem, Antichrist will have a bride, Old Jerusalem, who once was a married city, called the "Wife" of God. However, instead of the Antichrist loving his bride as Christ loves His holy Bride, the Beast will use his ten horns to destroy Old Jerusalem. Never again will she be rebuilt by wicked men.

When Jesus Christ returns as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, Jerusalem will be raised, again, to world prominence by men who love the LORD and who worship and serve Him. In that day, Jerusalem will be a faithful Holy City once more.

The fourth point in our study of the Antichrist reveals that his ultimate and eternal destination will be the Lake of Fire. Although the Antichrist will be highly exalted during the Tribulation Period, he will be brought down to the low place of Perdition in the Lake of Fire in Eternity. Eternal pain will be the shameful reward the Antichrist will receive for his wicked works against God's true Christ.

The spirit of Antichrist is on every hand, even now, causing men and women to deny the true Christ. "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son" (I John 2:22). The spirit of Antichrist that is in the world, today, is causing people to deny the existence of the true Christ and is preparing the way for the Antichrist to come in person. The Antichrist will come in his own name, and the world, as a whole, will receive him as the true messiah. When Judas Iscariot appears again in the world, as the Antichrist, he will stand up as a resurrected being and go forth in the full stature and authority of the Dragon. This will be the beginning of the Great Tribulation. But thanks be unto God, those who have read the last chapters of God's prophetic Book know that the Antichrist will be overcome by the true Christ and cast into the Lake of Fire, where he will burn eternally.

Surely the Word of God has stripped our archenemy of the trappings he has used to deceive and destroy the souls of mankind down through the ages. Careful comparison of the spiritual heights of purity and glory enjoyed by Lucifer in the beginning, with the depths of depravity and humiliation he now knows, should cause the sincere person to walk soberly before the LORD.

Although fallen Lucifer retains corrupted grandeur and power that are able to strike fear in human hearts, the believer need not cringe at the sight of this foe. Our God is the LORD of Hosts, the King of Glory, the LORD Mighty in Battle!"

(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down

**imagination, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;** (II Corinthians 10:4,5).

Our hearts should be encouraged and strengthened as we gaze upon the awe-inspiring Majesty of the LORD Jesus Christ, in Whose Presence every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that He is the LORD, to the Glory of God the Father. If we bow our knees and our human will to the LORD Jesus Christ, in this life, then, in Eternity, we will have the privilege of beholding Lucifer for the deceiver he is. Lucifer and all his wicked forces, including the Antichrist, will be humbled and forced to offer praise and Glory to the LORD God and to His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, against Whom they have rebelled.

Glory and honour and praise be to the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ. He is our Redeemer and soon-coming King!

