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The Bible clearly portrays the coming of a world leader who will negotiate a peace treaty with Israel in the Last Days. Ironically, the term “*Antichrist*” appears only in *1 John 2:18-22; 4:3* and *2 John 1:7*. The apostle John indicates that THE Antichrist of the apocalyptic era is coming in the future. But he also adds that many “*antichrists*” (false teachers) have already come. In the broadest sense, the “*spirit of the Antichrist*” is already at work in the world and has been since the beginning of time (*1 John 4:3*). This spirit is the anti-Christian spirit that opposes everything that is true about Jesus Christ. However, from the very beginning of the Christian era, believers were convinced that a world leader would come on the scene that would be the embodiment of Satan (*Rev. 12-13*). Thus, the real power behind the Antichrist is Satan himself.

The person we commonly refer to as “*The Antichrist*” is actually known by several names and titles throughout the Bible. Each of these provides a

glimpse into the many facets of his diabolical character and name: “*a beast*” (*Rev. 13:1*, “*man of sin*” (*2 Thess. 2:3*), “*lawless one*” (*2 Thess. 2:8*), “*abomination*” (*Matt. 24:15*), “*little horn*” (*Dan. 7:8*), “*prince who is to come*” (*Dan. 11:36*), “*vile person*” (*Dan. 11:21*), “*King who does according to his own will*” (*Dan. 11:36*).

Much has been written about the prefix “*anti*” in connection with the Antichrist. It can mean either “*against*” (in opposition of) or “*instead of*” (in place of). It is best to understand that he is both “*against*” Christ and that he may well perpetrate himself as a “*false*” Christ. His rule will forge an alliance of Gentile powers and will be part of the “*times of the Gentiles*” (*Luke 21:24*).

The Antichrist will be the most incredible human leader the world has ever known. He will be the epitome of human genius and power, and a master of deception empowered by the “*father of lies*” (*Dan. 11:21*). Promising peace, he pushes the world into war.

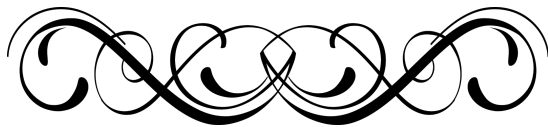
At least ten factors will identify the Antichrist when he comes to power. Only one person in history will fit every one of these factors. There have been many prototypes, but there will only be one Antichrist.

1. He will rise to power in the Last Days (*Dan. 8:19-23*).
2. He will not come on the world scene until after the Rapture (*2 Thess. 2:3-8*).
3. He will rule the entire world (*Rev. 13:7*).
4. He will rule by international consent (*Rev. 17:12-13*).
5. He will rule by deception (*Dan. 8:24-25*).
6. He will be intelligent and persuasive (*Dan. 7:20*).
7. He will control the global economy (*Rev. 13:16-17*).
8. He will be assisted by the False Prophet (*Rev. 13:16-17*).
9. He will make and break a peace treaty with Israel (*Dan. 9:26-27*).
10. He will claim to be God (*2 Thess. 2:4*).



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There are many other details given in the Bible regarding the Antichrist. Whether he is Jewish or Gentile is not entirely clear. What is clear, however, is that he will control the last great bastion of Gentile world power and will extend his control over the entire world, promising to ensure world peace through a series of international treaties, agreements, and alliances. Despite his promises of world peace, he will inevitably plunge the world into the most catastrophic war of all time.



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