

1. He will be a *Gentile* [Rev. 13:15; Dan. 7] out of the sea.
The Prince of the people that shall come> specifically he will be from the old Roman Empire.
2. Politically he will become the dictator of the revived Imperial Roman empire of the last half of the Tribulation [Rev. 13; Dan. 9:27; 7:8]. The beast and his system will become the final form of this *Gentile* world power. He begins as a political peacemaker and leader of a 10 nation European confederation, but soon turns into the beast and dictator energized by Satan.
3. Religiously he supports, as all other *Gentile* powers before him, the ecumenical religion of Babylon, the harlot system of the first half of the Tribulation [Rev. 17:7], but turns against it in the last half to become himself the object of man's worship [II Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:17:16-17].
4. He is under the direct control of Satan and is Satan possessed [II Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:2]. He is called the beast because Satan, the dragon is his master [9:11; 11:7; 17:6; 16:13].
5. He has many names:

The Prince That Shall Come

1. Adversary	Ps. 74:8-10; Isa. 59:19; Lam. 4:11-12; Amos 3:11
2. Assyrian	Isa. 10:5, 12
3. Belial	Nahum 1:15
4. Blood & Deceitful Man	Ps. 5:6
5. Branch of the Terrible Ones	Isa. 25:5
6. Chief Prince	Ex. 38:2
7. Crooked Serpent	Job 26:13; Isa. 27:1
8. Cruel One	Jer. 30:14, 23
9. Destroyer of the <i>Gentiles</i>	Jer. 4:7
10. Enemy	Ps. 55:3; Jer. 30:14, 23
11. Evil Man	Ps. 140:1
12. Head over many countries	Ps. 110:6
13. Head of Northern Army	Joel 2:20
14. Idol Shepherd	Zech. 11:16-17
15. King of Princes	Hosea 8:10
16. King of Babylon	Isa. 14:11-20
17. Little Horn	Daniel 7:8-11, 21-26; 8:9, 12, 23-25
18. Man of the Earth	Ps. 10:18
19. Merchant, with balances of deceit	Hosea 12:7
20. Mighty Man	Ps. 52:1
21. Nail	Isa. 22:25
22. Prince that shall come	Dan. 9:26
23. Prince of Tyre	Ezek. 28:2-10
24. Profane Wicked Prince of Israel	Ezek. 21:25-27
25. Proud Man	Hab. 2:5

26. Rod of God's anger	Isa. 10:5
27. Seed of the Serpent	Gen. 3:15
28. Son of the Morning	Isa. 14:12
29. Spoiler, Destroyer	Isa. 16:4-5
30. Vile Person	Dan. 11:21
31. Violent Man	Ps. 140:1, 10-11
32. Wicked, Wicked One	Ps. 9:17; 10:2, 4; Isa. 11:4; Jer. 30:14, 23
33. Willful King	Dan. 11:36

New Testament

1. Angel of the Bottomless Pit	Rev. 9:11
2. Antichrist, pseudo-Christ	I John 2:22
3. Beast	Rev. 11:7, 13
4. Father of the Lie	John 8:44
5. Lawless One	II Thess. 2:8
6. Man of Sin	II Thess. 2:3
7. One come in his own name	John 5:43
8. Prince of Darkness	I Thess. 5
9. Son of Perdition	II Thess. 2:3
10. Star	Rev. 8:10; 9:1
11. Unclean Spirit	Matt. 12:43
12. Rider On The White Horse	Rev. 6:2
13. Vine of the Earth	Rev. 14:18

6. His empire is viewed as:

- ❖ Rev. 17:8-13; 13:1-2 Beast with 7 heads and 10 horns like a leopard, a bear, and a lion.
- ❖ Dan. 2:31-45 The feet of the image of Daniel with 10 toes made of iron and clay mingled together

7. His character and rise to power: Because of fear of a nuclear holocaust, population explosion, environmental destruction, etc., the world will be crying for "peace and safety." This man will come on the scene with great persuasive power, personality magnetism, craft and oratorical skill. He will gain his ascendancy to power as a peacemaker.

[Dan. 8:25; I Thess. 5:3; Rev. 6:2; Dan. 9:27]

A 10 nation confederation will be formed, an alliance against the king of the North and the East [Dan. 2:7:7; Rev. 13:1; 17:12]. He begins under demon influence and possession, to be lifted up with pride and to magnify himself and begins to have visions of world power.

[Dan. 8:25; 11:36; II Thess. 2:4]

Three kings out of the ten rebel and are destroyed [Dan. 7:8, 24].

The king of the North (perhaps Russia) is destroyed about the middle of the Tribulation and this leaves a vacuum [Ezek. 38].

Satan is also restricted to earth, totally possessing this man and produces the beast who then begins to persecute Israel, breaks the covenant and overtly magnifies himself as god. [Rev. 12:13; II Thess. 2:3f; Dan. 8:24; 9:21]. He introduces idol worship of himself. His apparent death and resurrection followed by his rise to power as emperor of the revived Roman empire will astound the world. It may be that Satan will create the impression of a resurrection of this man from a mortal wound which will coincide with his swift rise as dictator in the middle of the Tribulation [Rev. 13:3, 12, 14; 17:8].

There will come a challenge of his authority from the East at the end of the Tribulation [Rev. 16:12-16]. This is the second phase of Armageddon. All the remaining armies, those aligned with the West and those of the East will be brought together to fight at Megiddo. [Rev. 16:16; 19:17-19]

Jesus Christ will come at this time and the rule of the beast will be terminated by the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ [Rev. 19:19-20; Dan. 7:22, 26; 8:25; 9:27; 11:45].

Antichrist is not a "Rival" or "Counterfeit" Christ, he is an "Opposing" Christ.

This is clearly seen when we compare the Antichrist, Beast, with Christ.

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| 1, Christ came from Above. | John 6:38 |
| Antichrist ascends from The Pit. | Rev. 11:7 |
| 2. Christ came in His Father's name | John 5:43 |
| Antichrist comes in his Own name. | John 5:43 |
| 3. Christ humbled Himself. | Phil. 2:8 |
| Antichrist exalts himself. | II Thess. 2:4 |
| 4. Christ was despised. | Isa. 53:3; Luke 23:18 |
| Antichrist will be admired. | Rev. 13:3-4 |
| 5. Christ will be exalted. | Phil. 2:9 |
| Antichrist will be cast down to Hell. | Isa. 14:14-15; Rev. 19:20 |
| 6. Christ came to do His Father's will. | John 6:38 |
| Antichrist came to do his own will. | Dan. 11:36 |
| 7 Christ came to Save. | Luke 19:10 |
| Antichrist came to destroy. | Dan. 8:24 |
| 8 Christ is the Good Shepherd | John 10:4-6 |
| Antichrist is the idol or evil shepherd | Zechariah 11:16-17 |
| 9 Christ is the True Vine. | John 15:1 |
| Antichrist is the vine of the earth. | Rev. 14:18 |
| 10 Christ is Truth | John 14:6 |
| Antichrist is the Lie. | II Thess. 2:11 |
| 11 Christ is the "Holy One." | Mark 1:24 |
| Antichrist is the "Lawless One." | II Thess. 2:8 |
| 12 Christ is the "Man of Sorrows." | Isa. 53:3 |
| Antichrist is the "Man of Sin." | II Thess. 2:3 |

13 Christ is the "Son of God."	Luke 1:35	
Antichrist is the "Son of Perdition."	II Thess. 2:3	
14 Christ is "The Mystery of Godliness."	I Tim. 3:16	God manifest in the flesh
Antichrist is "The Mystery of Iniquity"	II Thess. 2:7	Satan manifest in the flesh

Consider: Satan will see to it the Antichrist has all that Jesus Christ has.

1. Christ has a Church - the Ecclesia
 Antichrist will have a church, the "Synagogue of Satan." Rev. 2:9; 3:9
2. Christ will have a Bride, the Church. Eph. 5:25-17
 Antichrist will have a bride, the "Mystic Harlot Church." Rev. 17:1-16
3. Christ has a Cup, "The Communion Cup: I Cor. 10:16; 11:25
 Antichrist has a cup, the "Cup of Devils." I Cor. 10:21
4. Christ's earthly ministry lasted for 3 ½ years.
 Satan shall reign in Antichrist for 3 ½ years.
5. The Godhead is a Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 Satan proposes as the "God of this age," to manifest himself as a Trinity.