

A Biblical Profile of the Antichrist: PROFILE #1 – Gentile not Jewish

Whether the Antichrist will be Gentile or Jewish has been the source of much debate, and unnecessarily so. Both Old and New Testaments make it exceedingly clear that he will be Gentile. In terms of the chronology of Scripture, the first clear cut confirmation occurs in Daniel 9:26, where we read the following –

“Then after the sixty two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.”

In this significant prophecy, Daniel is referring to the Roman army and the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and the Temple in A.D.70; while also establishing a connection between “the prince who is to come” and the “people” who will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Since those people were Gentiles, this prince will be as well. How can we be so sure that this prince will be none other than the Biblical Antichrist? The answer is provided in Daniel 9:27 –

“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

This is an unmistakable description of the Antichrist’s activity, and it refers back to the prince of v26 by means of Daniel’s use of the third person singular pronoun “he.” Further confirmation is given by our Lord in Matthew 24:15, as well as the apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:4.

For those who use Daniel 11:37 as a proof text for identifying the Antichrist as a Jewish homosexual, I would encourage you to seriously consider the NIV rendering of that text, which gives an entirely different perspective as to its meaning, perfectly consistent with the original Hebrew, and reads as follows –

“He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all.”

Finally, in Revelation 13:1, the Antichrist is portrayed as “a beast coming up out of the sea,” confirming the Gentile origin from the sea of humanity out of which he appears (cf. Revelation 17:15). This will position him to fulfill the agenda that Satan and his demon host have planned for the entire world. This supernatural connection will be an essential aspect of that plan, and our focus in profile #2.