

A Biblical Profile of the Antichrist: PROFILE #11 – Miscellaneous Speculations

There are three aspects to the profile of this end-times lawless man of sin which require a certain amount of guess work. We will devote this segment to identifying what they are and do our best in providing an explanation of how they might fit in God's prophetic scenario.

The first involves an apparent contradiction found in Daniel 7:8, in contrast to the corresponding description in Daniel 7:20. In other words, how can the Antichrist be both "little" (7:8) and "large" (7:20)? It seems as if the first reference describes his inner character, with the second portraying his physical stature. Simply put, the Antichrist's moral and ethical integrity will be virtually non-existent. On the other hand, his height and weight will cause him to stand out in a crowd.

Second, Revelation 6:1-2 presents the Antichrist as riding a white horse at the very outset of the Tribulation period. Since Jesus Christ is depicted as literally returning to earth, riding a white horse, at the end of the Tribulation (Revelation 19:11); it makes perfect sense that Satan would have his counterfeit Messiah doing the same in order to usher in a contrived time of peace. Since we have learned in our previous studies that the Antichrist will be a massive egomaniac, I can certainly envision him riding a white horse through the city of Jerusalem, on his way to signing the Middle East peace treaty, spoken of in Daniel 9:27.

Third, we are told in Revelation 13:3 and 13:14 that the lawless man of sin will be healed from having a mortal head wound; leaving the entire world in a state of amazement. Since he will be a counterfeit Messiah, perhaps this will be the devil, in all of his cunning craftiness, seeking to fabricate a bogus resurrection. Will this head wound be the result of warfare or an attempted assassination? Either way, it will provide the false prophet with a pretext for motivating the followers of the beast to worship an idolatrous image, described for us in Revelation 13:14-15 –

“And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.”