

A Biblical Profile of the Antichrist: PROFILE #4 – Persuasiveness

Deception is rarely an end in itself. More often than not, it is a means to an end, where covering up the truth is the primary goal. However, deception can serve a far more evil purpose by intentionally persuading others to follow a path of falsehood. This is why Jesus warns us in Matthew 24:11 that false prophets in the last days will mislead many. But their success will pale in comparison to the Antichrist and his achievements in deceptive persuasion during the Tribulation.

We must again refer back to the oracle of the prophet Daniel, in order to gain insight into precisely the kind of man the Antichrist will be. So in Daniel 8:23-25, we read the following –

“In the latter period of their rule, when the transgressors have run their course, a king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue. His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; he will destroy mighty men and the holy people. And through his shrewdness he will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; and he will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, but he will be broken without human agency.”

It is clear from the Divine revelation above, that the Antichrist will use the supernatural powers given to him by the devil in order to deceitfully influence others to follow him to their own destruction. This demonically inspired seduction will be primarily verbal. This is why we are told in Daniel 7:8, 20 that the Antichrist will possess **“a mouth uttering great boasts.”** From that descriptive expression by Daniel, we can know with certainty that one of the leading characteristics of Antichrist’s personality will be that of an arrogant mouth; confirmed to us by the apostle John in Revelation 13:5 –

“There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.”

A significant measure of this authoritative action will not be carried out by the Antichrist, but by his assistant, referred to as “the false prophet,” in Revelation 19:20. He will possess a ministry of false signs and wonders in order to provide credibility to the persuasive words from the Antichrist’s mouth, for the ultimate purpose of “deceiving those who dwell on the earth.” (Revelation 13:11-15).