

Man of Sin

We have been warned that false Christ will come and deceive many - Matt 24:4-5 - 4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For **many WILL COME in my name**, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and **WILL DECEIVE MANY**.

Jesus let us know when it will really be Him so we are not deceived - Matt 24:23-27 - 23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' DO NOT BELIEVE IT. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect — if that were possible. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. 26 "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For **as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

It is our responsibility to test the spirits - 1 John 4:1-3 - Dear friends, **do not believe every spirit**, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 **THIS IS HOW YOU CAN RECOGNIZE THE SPIRIT OF GOD: EVERY SPIRIT THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS COME IN THE FLESH IS FROM GOD,** 3 but **EVERY SPIRIT THAT DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS IS NOT FROM GOD. THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST,** which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

Two things must happen BEFORE we are gathered to Jesus and one being the revealing of the man of sin - 2 Thess 2:1-4 - **Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him,** we ask you, brothers, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 **DON'T LET ANYONE DECEIVE YOU IN ANY WAY, for THAT DAY WILL NOT COME UNTIL THE REBELLION OCCURS AND THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS IS REVEALED,** the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

- **The rebellion in the Church & The revealing of the man of sin**

The work of the man of sin is being done now, however, the actual man of sin is being held back by someone - 2 Thess 2:5-8 - 5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? 6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For **the secret power of lawlessness is already at work;** but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

Daniel Starts by describing four great kingdoms - Dan 7:2-6 - 2 Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. 3 **Four great beasts**, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. 4 "The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it. 5 "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!' 6 "After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule. ***We will explain who we think the beasts are later**

We first hear of this man of sin in Daniel, and he is labeled "Little horn" - Dan 7:7-12 - 7 "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast — terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns. 8 "While I was thinking about the horns, there **BEFORE ME WAS ANOTHER HORN, A LITTLE ONE,** which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.*** 9 "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and **the Ancient of Days took his seat.** His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. 10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. (Rev 20:11-15) 11 "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until **the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire.** 12 **(THE OTHER BEASTS HAD BEEN STRIPPED OF THEIR AUTHORITY, BUT WERE ALLOWED TO LIVE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.)** *

- Beasts represent dominating kingdoms with the fourth being terrifying
- The horns are the kings or the Rulers
- The Ancient of Days is Christ

*The most common accepted view says the first three animals are a lion (in Daniel, a picture of the Babylonian Empire), a bear (a picture of Medo-Persian Empire), a leopard (a picture of the Greek Empire) the fourth beast (Rome). We usually accept this because they match the first four kingdoms of the statue in Daniel. Another view (because of Dan 7:12) has said the lion (Britain) the wings of an eagle (US) the bear (Russia) Leopard (Germany) wings (France). →

→ Most agree the fourth animal is a **dreadful, indescribable beast which shared the most terrifying characteristics of the previous beasts, yet represents the final world empire under the leadership of a Satanic dictator (Daniel 7:7-8).**

More information on the kings and the little horn – Dan 7:24-25 - 24 **The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom.** After them **ANOTHER KING WILL ARISE, DIFFERENT FROM THE EARLIER ONES;** he will subdue three kings. 25 He will **speak against the Most High** and **oppress his saints** and **try to change the set times and the laws.** The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

Describes other Kingdoms formed from the fallen kingdom - Dan 8:22-25 -22 The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power. 23 **"In the latter part of their reign, WHEN REBELS HAVE BECOME COMPLETELY WICKED, A STERN-FACED KING, A MASTER OF INTRIGUE, WILL ARISE. 24 HE WILL BECOME VERY STRONG, BUT NOT BY HIS OWN POWER.** He will cause astounding devastation and **WILL SUCCEED IN WHATEVER HE DOES. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people.** 25 **He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure,** he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet **he will be destroyed, but not by human power.**

More characteristics of the man of sin - Dan 11:36-39- 36 **"The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL UNTIL THE TIME OF WRATH IS COMPLETED,** for what has been determined must take place. 37 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. 38 Instead of them, **he will honor a god of fortresses;** a god unknown to his fathers he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. 39 He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price.

The power of the man of sin is Satan. He will affect those who CHOOSE not to believe - 2 Thess 2:9-12 - 9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the **work of Satan displayed in all kinds of COUNTERFEIT miracles, signs and wonders,** 10 and in **every sort of evil that DECEIVES THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING. They perish because they REFUSED TO LOVE THE TRUTH AND SO BE SAVED.** 11 **For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie** 12 and so that **all will be condemned who have not believed the truth** but have delighted in wickedness.

Tribulation will be so bad many will leave the Faith, this is why building our Faith is so necessary - Matt 24:9-14 - 9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be **hated by all nations because of me.** 10 **AT THAT TIME MANY WILL TURN AWAY FROM THE FAITH AND WILL BETRAY AND HATE EACH OTHER,** 11 and **many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.** 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but **HE WHO STANDS FIRM TO THE END WILL BE SAVED.** 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Another name for the man of sin is "The Beast" whom we hear comes and kills the two witnesses in Revelations - Rev 11:7 Now when they have finished their testimony, **the beast that comes up from the Abyss** will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

The Power behind the man of sin is Satan, is also known as the devil, serpent, or great dragon - Rev 12:7-13:1 - 7 And there was war in heaven. **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.** 8 **But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.** 9 **The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.** He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For **the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.** 11 **They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they DID NOT LOVE THEIR LIVES SO MUCH AS TO SHRINK FROM DEATH.** 12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But **woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."** 13 **When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.** 14 **The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle,** so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, **where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time,** out of the serpent's reach. 15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. 16 But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 **Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring — THOSE WHO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND HOLD TO THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS*.**

- The woman that gave birth is Israel

The man of sin is the first beast in revelations (*note: In Daniel emphasis was placed on the kingdoms and referenced the kings while Revelations emphasizes the king and references the kingdoms) - Rev 13:1-10 - And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast* coming up OUT OF THE SEA*, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. 3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And **THE WHOLE EARTH WAS AMAZED AND FOLLOWED AFTER THE BEAST**; 4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" 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. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and **AUTHORITY OVER EVERY TRIBE AND PEOPLE AND TONGUE AND NATION WAS GIVEN TO HIM**. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, **EVERYONE WHOSE NAME HAS NOT BEEN WRITTEN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD IN THE BOOK OF LIFE** of the Lamb who has been slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

* **Out of the sea supposedly means a Gentile**

The second beast will be the first beast's "second in charge" also known as the "false prophet" - Rev 13:11-18 - 11 Then I saw another beast, coming **OUT OF THE EARTH**. He had two horns like a lamb, **BUT** he spoke like a dragon. 12 He exercised all the authority of the **FIRST BEAST** on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. 13 And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. 14 Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15 He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. 16 He also **FORCED everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17 SO THAT NO ONE COULD BUY OR SELL UNLESS HE HAD THE MARK****, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

***Out of the Earth supposedly means an Israelite**

** **This is why this passage is so important** - Matt 6:31-33 - 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Doom for worshipers of the beast –

Rev 14:9-12 - 9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, **10 he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury**, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. **He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb**. 11 And **THE SMOKE OF THEIR TORMENT RISES FOR EVER AND EVER**. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name." 12 This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

Rev 16:2 The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and **painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image**.

Reward for those victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name - Rev 15:1-4 - I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues — last, because with them God's wrath is completed. 2 And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God 3 and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. 4 Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

The start of punishment of the Unholy trinity - Rev 16:10-14- 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. 12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. 13 Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; →

→they came out of the mouth of THE DRAGON, out of the mouth of **THE BEAST** and out of the mouth of the **FALSE PROPHET**.
14 They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

The Doom of Babylon the great prostitute and the Beast - Rev 17 - 1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters*. 2 With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries." 3 Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. 5 This title was written on her forehead: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. 7 Then the angel said to me: "Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. 8 **THE BEAST, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction.** The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come. 9 "This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. 10 They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while. 11 **THE BEAST who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king.** He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction. 12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. 13 They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings — and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers." 15 Then the angel said to me, **"The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are PEOPLES, MULTITUDES, NATIONS AND LANGUAGES.** 16 **The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.** 17 **For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose** by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God's words are fulfilled. 18 **THE WOMAN YOU SAW IS THE GREAT CITY THAT RULES OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.**" *Many say this is the Catholic church

The Fall of Babylon - Rev 18 - After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. 2 With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird. 3 For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries." 4 Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; 5 for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. 6 Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Mix her a double portion from her own cup. 7 Give her as much torture and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself. In her heart she boasts, 'I sit as queen; I am not a widow, and I will never mourn.' 8 Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her. 9 "When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. 10 Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: "Woe! Woe, O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In one hour your doom has come!" 11 "The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more— 12 cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; 13 cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and bodies and souls of men. 14 "They will say, 'The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your riches and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.' 15 The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn 16 and cry out: "'Woe! Woe, O great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! 17 In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!' "Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. 18 When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, 'Was there ever a city like this great city?' 19 They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: "'Woe! Woe, O great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour she has been brought to ruin! Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you.'" 21 Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again. 22 The music of harpists and musicians, →

→flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No workman of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again. 23 The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray. 24 In her was found the blood of prophets and of the saints, and of all who have been killed on the earth."

The demise of the Beast and the false prophet - Rev 19:19-21 - 19 Then I saw THE BEAST and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. 20 But THE BEAST was captured, and with him THE FALSE PROPHET who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. **The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.** 21 The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Satan is imprisoned and the Millennium begins - Rev 20:4-6 - 4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.)** This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

After the Millennium ends, Satan will be released to deceive, but eventually will meet his eternal doom - Rev 20:7-10 - 7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth — Gog and Magog — to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The final Judgement - Rev 20:11-15 - 11 **Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it.** Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 **IF ANYONE'S NAME WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, HE WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.**