

The Prince That Shall Come

The Rider on the White Horse – Revelation 6: 1-2

His Name Revealed in Scripture

- The Prince That Shall Come – OT Allusions
 - Seed of the Serpent *Genesis 3: 15*
 - Idol Shepherd *Zechariah 11: 16-17*
 - Little Horn *Daniel 7: 8-11, 21-26; 8: 9-12, 23-25*
 - Prince that shall come *Daniel 9: 26*
 - Wilful King *Daniel 11: 36*

- The Prince That Shall Come – NT Allusions
 - The Beast from the Pit *Revelation 11: 7*
 - The Beast from the Sea *Revelation 13: 1-10*
 - Antichrist (Pseudo Christ) *1 John 2: 22*
 - Lawless One *2 Thessalonians 2: 8*
 - Man of Sin - Son of Perdition *2 Thessalonians 2: 3*
 - One come in his own name *John 5: 43*
 - This ‘prince’ is a counterfeit ‘Christ’ – who is in the service of the Serpent (the Devil, who is a counterfeit ‘Father’) *Revelation 13: 2*
 - This ‘prince’ will have a colleague, the False Prophet – a counterfeit ‘Holy Spirit’ *Revelation 13: 11-17*

His Personality

- His Characteristics
 - An intellectual genius *Daniel 7: 20, 8: 23; Ezekiel. 28: 3-5*
 - A persuasive orator *Daniel 7: 20; Revelation 13: 2*
 - A shrewd politician *Daniel 8: 25, 11: 21*
 - A financial genius *Psalm 52: 7; Ezekiel 28: 4-5; Daniel 11: 38, 43*
 - A forceful military leader *Daniel 8: 24; Revelation 6: 2, 13: 4; Isaiah 14: 16-17*
 - A powerful organiser *Revelation 13: 1-2, 17: 17*
 - A unifying religious guru *2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4; Rev. 13: 3-4, 14-15*
 - Fierce features and a mortal wound *Daniel 8: 23; Zechariah 11: 17; Revelation 13: 3, 12*
 - Speaking pompous words *Daniel 7: 8, 20, 25; 11: 36; Revelation 13: 5-6*
 - Other references *Psalm 10: 52, 55; Isaiah 10: 11, 13-14; Jeremiah 49-51; Zechariah 5; Revelation 18*

- His Companion – The False Prophet
 - The First Beast is the Political Leader
 - Rising From the Sea – an biblical idiom for the nations
 - Seven Heads – representing seven successive world empires (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome [Rome I], and the final kingdom of the ‘prince who shall come’ [Rome II])
 - Ten Horns – political and power entities (probably nations/confederations)

- A Blasphemous Name - his blasphemy is his most notable spiritual demonstration of his character *Daniel 7: 8, 20; 2 Thessalonians 2: 4; Revelation 13: 5-6, 17: 3*
- The Second Beast is the False Prophet
 - Rising From the Earth – an biblical idiom for the nation of Israel
 - Horns like a lamb – but speech like a dragon
 - He is like ‘an angel of light’ (*2 Corinthians 11: 14*)
 - He Exercises the Authority of the First Beast – he has delegated power...it is satanic power...implying he is as more of a political leader (tyrannical) than a religious one
 - He Causes People to Worship the First Beast – he persuades and invokes such worship (with the aid of ‘signs and wonders’) – he then forces such worship on pain of death (*Revelation 13: 15*)
 - He Creates and Animates an Image (idol) of the first beast for worship
 - He Forces People to Receive the ‘Mark of the Beast’ – implying that he has great legal authority delegated by the first beast
- Is he a Jew or Gentile?
 - The leader will be the Son of Satan *Genesis 3: 15; Isaiah 27: 1; Ezekiel 28: 12-19; Revelation 13: 4*
 - Some believe this leader will be a Jew
 - Based on *Ezekiel 21: 25-27; 28: 2-10* (of the circumcision); *Daniel 11: 36-37*; and *John 5: 43* – but note ‘another’ (Greek: *allos* [not *heteros*] meaning of a different kind, thus a Jew not a Gentile)
 - Received by Israel (*John 5: 43; Revelation 13: 7-8*) – but this may simply mean they are deceived along with all the gentile nations...possibly because of the ‘confirmed covenant (*Daniel 9: 27*)
 - Just because the Jews benefit from a covenant confirmed by the Antichrist (*Isaiah 28: 15, 18; Daniel 9: 27*) does not mean that they accept him as their Messiah
 - In reality there is no solid biblical foundation for a Jewish antichrist
 - Some believe he will be a Gentile – a ‘Roman’ Prince
 - Biblical Imagery – the Beast from the Sea; the sea being an idiom for the gentile nations
 - Biblical Typology – most commentators agree that Daniel 11 speaks of Antiochus Epiphanes, a Gentile, who typifies the future Antichrist
 - A Gentile Antichrist – nowhere in scripture is a Gentile ever seen as a type of Christ
 - The “Times of the Gentiles” (*Luke 21: 24*) supports a Gentile antichrist
 - The ‘prince who will come’ is clearly of Roman descent from Daniel 9
 - Antichrist is a Gentile ruler is also the thrust of *Revelation 17: 9-13*
 - This passage says that the Beast (John’s term in Revelation for the Antichrist) is one of “seven kings” (*Revelation 17: 10*), thus he is a Gentile (Roman) ruler
 - Some have said he will be an Assyrian, based on *Isaiah 14: 24-27*, but most scholars do not support this view