

# The 'Antichrist' in Scripture

- In the Book of Revelation the phrase 'Antichrist' does not appear – but it is a phrase which occurs in John's epistles. The Greek word is *antichristos* which means opponent of the Messiah, or... instead of Messiah.
  - In John's epistles the phrase occurs 5 times
    - 1 John 2: 18 (twice) – '*you have heard that the Antichrist is coming*' and '*even now many antichrists have come*'
    - 1 John 2: 22 – '*He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son*'
    - 1 John 4: 3 – '*every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is (the spirit) of (the) Antichrist*'
    - 2 John 1: 7 – '*For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ (as) coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*'
  - From these scriptures we see a number of things about Antichrist
    - Antichrist is a spirit which manifests in this world – normally through men and women – and has manifested throughout the ages
    - Antichrist denies both the Deity and Humanity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God
    - A character is coming who will be the archetype and ultimate representation and embodiment of the spirit of antichrist – such that this person is often referred to as 'The Antichrist'
  - Revelation 13 describes two principal deceivers in the Tribulation – the Beast from the Sea (a false Christ) and the Beast from the Earth (the False Apostle... a false Holy Spirit) – together with the Dragon (Satan..a false Father) they form an unholy trinity
- The Beast from the Sea
  - Commonly called the Antichrist, though Revelation does not refer to him in that way
  - He is the Coming World Leader in the Tribulation period (7 years)
  - He receives his power, his throne and great authority from the Dragon (Satan)
  - When we speak of antichrist we are speaking of a spirit or spiritual power – a satanic power opposed to and falsely presenting as Christ – and this the Coming World Leader will do more than anyone else has done
- The Beast from the Earth – the False Apostle – promotes worship of the Beast from the Sea
- There are 33 different labels or allusions to the antichrist in the Old Testament alone
  - Adversary Psalm 74: 8-10; Isaiah 59: 19; Lamentations. 4: 11-12; Amos 3: 11
  - Assyrian Isaiah 10: 5; Micah 5: 5-6
  - Belial Nahum 1: 15
  - Bloody and Deceitful Man Psalm 5: 6
  - Branch of the Terrible Ones Isaiah 25: 5
  - Chief Prince Ezekiel 38: 2-3
  - Crooked Serpent Job 26: 13; Isaiah 27: 1
  - Cruel One Jeremiah 30: 14
  - Destroyer of the Gentiles Jeremiah 4: 7
  - Enemy Psalm 55: 3; Jeremiah 30: 14
  - Evil Man Psalm 140: 1
  - Head Over Many Countries Psalm 110: 6
  - Head of the Northern Army Joel 2: 20
  - Idol Shepherd Zechariah 11: 16-17

- King of Princes Hosea 8: 10
  - King of Babylon Isaiah 14: 4, 22
  - Little Horn Daniel 7: 8; 8: 9
  - Man of the Earth Psalm 10: 18
  - Merchant with Balances of Deceit Hosea 12: 7
  - Mighty Man Psalm 52: 1
  - Nail Isaiah 22: 25
  - Prince That Shall Come Daniel 9: 26
  - Prince of Tyre Ezekiel 28: 2-10
  - Profane Wicked Prince of Israel Ezekiel 21: 25-27
  - Proud Man Habakkuk 2: 5
  - Rod of God's Anger Isaiah 10: 5
  - Seed of the Serpent Genesis 3: 15
  - Son of the Morning Isaiah 14: 12
  - Spoiler Destroyer Isaiah 16: 4
  - Vile Person Daniel 11: 21
  - Violent Man Psalm 140: 1-4
  - Wicked One Psalm 9: 16-17, 10: 2, 4; Isaiah 11: 4; Jeremiah 30: 23
  - Wilful King Daniel 11: 36
- In the New Testament there are 13 different names for the person of the antichrist
    - Angel of the Bottomless Pit Revelation 9: 11
    - Antichrist 1 John 2: 22
    - Beast Revelation 11: 7, 13: 1-8
    - False Prophet (*His Sidekick*) Revelation 13: 11-18, 16: 13; 19: 20; 20: 10
    - Father of the Lie John 8: 44; 2 Thessalonians 2: 11
    - Lawless One 2 Thessalonians 2: 8
    - Man of Sin 2 Thessalonians 2: 3
    - One Come in His Own Name John 5: 43
    - Prince of Darkness 1 Thessalonians 5: 4-5
    - Son of Perdition 2 Thessalonians 2: 3
    - Star Revelation 8: 10, 9: 1
    - Unclean Spirit Matthew 12: 43
    - Vine of the Earth Revelation 14: 8
  - The Coming World Leader
    - 'Big Mouth' – a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies – 6 times in scripture: Daniel 7: 8, 11, 20; 11: 36; Psalm 52: 2; 2 Thessalonians 2: 4
    - The Son of Satan: Genesis 3: 15; Isaiah 27: 1; Ezekiel 28: 12-19
    - An Intellectual Genius – the world marvels: Daniel 7: 20, 8: 23; Ezekiel 28: 3
    - An Oratorical Genius - persuasive: Daniel 7: 20; Revelation 13: 5
    - A Political Genius – uniting nations: Daniel 11: 21; Revelation 13: 7
    - A Commercial Genius – solving financial problems: Daniel 8: 25, 11: 38 and 43; Psalm 52: 7; Ezekiel 28: 4-5; Revelation 13: 17
    - A Military Genius: Daniel 8: 24; Isaiah 14: 16; Revelation 6: 2, 13: 4
    - A Governmental Genius – a 'one-world' leader: Revelation 13: 1-2, 17: 17
    - A Religious Genius – he is going to be acceptable to people of many faiths including the Jews, and his 'false prophet' will perform miracles: 2 Thessalonians 2: 4 (Allah?); Revelation 13: 3, 14-15
    - See also the following chapters...Psalms 10, 52 and 55; Isaiah 10, 11, 13 and 14; Jeremiah 49-51; Zechariah 5; Revelation 18