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Jesus Christ Second Coming – Lesson 22

Tribulation 16

Antichrist

Before anything happened on the earth something happened in the heaven.

Isiah 14:12-15, ¹² *“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

Satan was cast out of heaven along with one third of angels. Because of his pride he was fallen. You will notice there are five times you will find the phrase “I will”

Again, when God brought forth Adam and Eve and Satan deceived the women and thus man's fall happened.

But God did promise in **Genesis 3:15**, *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

God promised that there would come a seed of a woman who would bruise the serpent's head. God said there's coming a man who will destroy Satan.

Satan has known about that the man is Jesus Christ. Throughout the history of the world and redemptive history, Satan has tried to stop the birth of Jesus Christ. He has tried to destroy the people of God and the plan of God and the Messiah Christ.

First Satan tried to corrupt the human lineage by sending the fallen angels to have physical relationship with women so that humankind will be corrupted.

Genesis 6:2, *that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*

God brought the flood and destroyed that race and saved only Noah and his family.

Satan tried again when Abraham went to Egypt and lied about Sarah, nearly causing Pharaoh to violate her.

Satan did try when Abraham had Ishmael with Hagar, bypassing Sarah.

When Esau attempted to gain Jacob's blessing from Isaac Satan try to nullify the plan of God.

Exodus chapter 1 we see again Satan used Pharaoh to kill all the male child of the Israelites.

As the Hebrews left Egypt in the Exodus following a series of miracles. Pharaoh chased them with his army. As Pharaoh's armed troops approached, the Jews became fearful because they were trapped between the Red Sea and army behind them. Again, Satan got defeated.

Jehoram kills his brothers - 2 Chronicles 21

King Jehoram of Judah came to power, he killed his brothers along with others of the royal family. He suffered a cruel death after a brief reign of only eight years. Despite Jehoram's personal evil the Lord did not destroy the nation. God remembered his everlasting covenant with David that David's line would continue forever. Satan tried again to stop the family line by causing Jehoram to kill his brothers, but not the entire

Messianic line. God intervened and killed Jehoram and allowed Jehoram's sons to remain alive.

Arabians slew all but Ahaziah - 2 Chronicles 22

Satan sent a group of Arabians to Jerusalem to kill the sons of the King Jehoram to break the Messianic line. And only Ahaziah the youngest survived. He was wicked and died in battle with Jehu's army, the king of the Northern kingdom. The king's servants buried him in Jerusalem (2 Kings 9:28). In addition to murdering the two kings, Jehu almost annihilated the royal families of both Israel and Judah (2 Chronicles 22:8; 2 Kings 10:1-14). The Lord preserved another Satanic attempt to destroy the seed line by preserving the life of Ahaziah's youngest son Joash.

Athaliah kills all but Joash - 2 Chronicles 22

Jehu was in power in the north and there was no male survivor in the Davidic dynasty except Joash. Ahaziah's wicked mother Athaliah took the throne and started to exterminate the royal family to put an end to the Messianic line. Then Jehosheba, Ahaziah's sister, hid her baby nephew from the queen, and spared the infant Joash's life, Ahaziah's son. He was kept in safety until the six years of Athaliah's reign ended (841-835 B.C.).

Haman's attempts - Esther 3

Mordecai was the lone Jew in the Persian King Xerxes' court. Haman, a trusted army soldier to the king wanted to kill Mordecai for not bowing to him. When ordered to do so Mordecai said that he is being a Jew will not bow to Haman.

Haman and his wife instigate a plot to kill all the Jews of ancient Persia. Haman attempts to convince King Xerxes to order the killing of Mordecai and all the Jews of the lands he ruled.

Killing Mordecai would have solved the problem but instead Haman decided to kill all the Jewish people. The plot is foiled by Queen Esther, who herself is a Jew. Haman is hanged from the gallows that had originally been built to hang Mordecai. The Lord used Esther to intervene and save the entire Jewish nation and thereby preserve the Messianic line to Jesus.

Joseph's fears - Matthew 1

As we had seen in our lesson 2 about Jewish wedding, once you are betrothed then you call your fiancé as your wife. Joseph was betrothed to marry Mary.

Any sexual activity during or outside of the engagement period was considered adultery will be punishable by death.

When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit he wanted to privately, quickly and quietly break the engagement. This would have given Jesus the status of illegitimate child.

Therefore, disqualified her baby from a Jewish legal perspective as the Messiah. Satan had obviously convinced him that Mary's story of being visited by the angel Gabriel and pregnant with the Holy Spirit was unbelievable. It was only through God's intervention that Joseph believed Mary's words. Thus, it gave Jesus a Jewish legal mother and father in an earthly sense. Satan's plot was again foiled.

Herod's attempts - Matthew 2

King Herod was an insecure man. He was from Edom and was always against Jewish people. He paid huge money to Romans to be on the throne.

When Magi visited him to pay respect to the new born King of the Jews he wanted to kill every child under the age of 2.

Scripture explains that Herod was troubled and all Jerusalem with him over the Magi's visit. Herod consulted his chief priests and scribes to find out what the Scriptures said about the location of the birth of the Messiah. (Micah 5:2) Joseph, Jesus' stepfather was also warned in a dream and went to Egypt for safety.

Satan have been working against God and His people for a long time. Satan hasn't won yet, but Satan always attacks God, God's people and God's program. He was attempting in every one of those instances to do just that. He is attacking the church today with everything he has got, mostly by infiltration, which he has learned is the most effective.

Apostle John warns the church about the coming Antichrist and many come as Antichrist.

1 John 2:18, *Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.*

Many antichrists are now and they will rise in the days coming. But 'the Antichrist' will come and rule during the tribulation time of 7 years.

1 John 4:3, and 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**, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

So, we will have many false prophets and ‘the false prophet’ will rise in the tribulation period.

1 John 2:22, Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.**

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.**

The Antichrist will deceive the people saying that he is the messiah.

Now let us look at how Satan will come back again. First let us look at his characteristics of the person who is going to come.

1. Talented, Gifted / intellectual Genius

Daniel 7:8, I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the

roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

He will have eyes like a man. Eyes in the bible prophetically explains of intellectual knowledge. Remember when Satan tempted Adam and Eve he said your eyes will be opened and you will know the right and wrong.

2. Great Speaker

Daniel 7:20, and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

He will be good looking. Better physique than others. Will be an excellent orator.

3. Great Politician

Daniel 11:21, A very sinful person will rise to power in his place. He will not be given the honour of being king, but he will come in a time of peace and take over the nation using smooth sounding words and false ways. (NLV)

He will come in peace but will use smooth words and false ways, exactly like a politician. We can see now how the

politicians lie outright but with smooth words. They promise things which they themselves know that they can't keep it yet they do.

Revelation 6:2 it says that he will come with 'bow' but no arrows. It shows he will come in peace only.

4. Great Businessmen

Daniel 8:25, *He'll plot and scheme to make crime flourish— and oh, how it will flourish! He'll think he's invincible and get rid of anyone who gets in his way. But when he takes on the Prince of all princes, he'll be smashed to bits— but not by human hands.* (MSG)

Great business acumen to make a flourishing business. Commercially he will make a fortune.

Revelation 18:3 says the associates of the Antichrist will become very wealthy and live in luxury.

5. Mighty Military power

Daniel 7:23, *“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.*

He will devour the whole earth. He will be a genius in strategy in getting the power. Not only that he will also worship the god of power. Revelation 13:4.

6. Religious leader

We find many references in the book of Daniel asking him to worship. Also, the Revelation chapter 17 shows how the Antichrist demands the whole world worship him and sets himself up in the temple as the only god to be worshipped.

7. He will be Homosexual

Daniel 11:37, *He shall regard neither the God of his fathers **nor the desire of women**, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.*

I hope you understand why the spirit of homosexuality is making such a big noise in our times.

8. He will force the people to worship him as god

Antichrist will force the people to worship him. He will force the people to have the mark on their right hand 666 mark.

2 Thessalonians 2:4, *who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that*

he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Revelation 13:17-18, ¹⁷ and that **no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.** ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: **His number is 666.**

9. He will die and rise again

The Antichrist will die at the midpoint and then Satan will come through him and will rule over the earth for 3 ½ years.

Revelation 13:3-4, ³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had **been mortally wounded,** and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ⁴ So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

Revelation 13:12-13, ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose **deadly wound was healed.** ¹³ He performs great signs, so

that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

Antichrist will always try to copy what the Lord Jesus had done. Here again Satan enters through the Antichrist body.

God prophesied where the Antichrist will be wounded to die.

Zechariah 11:17, *Woe to the **idol shepherd** that leaves the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.*

I sincerely pray for those who are listening and reading will be ready to be taken up to be with the Lord during the Rapture.

In case if you missed it and you are reading this then you will know he is the Antichrist!!

Let us look at the times of nations and the Antichrist how linked they are.

Remember we saw in our last lesson about Gentile nations time what our Lord Jesus Christ spoke from Luke 21.

Daniel 2:41-44, *Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.* ⁴² *And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.* ⁴³ *As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.* ⁴⁴ *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

Rome was the eastern Roman and the western Roman empire. The fourth kingdom is Rome. The final phase is going to be a ten-toed federation. This is reiterated clearly in the book of Revelation.

But in the days of the final form of the Roman kingdom **Daniel 7:7**, *"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.*

Daniel 7:24, The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.

So, we know from this prophecy very clearly that it is the revived Roma Empire will rise up once again. Then through them the Antichrist will arise. He will subdue the three kings then the rest of them will surrender to him. He will create a world power and conquer the whole world by deception. In the middle of seven-year period he will force them to worship and set up an abomination desolation.

This is God's plan for the history of the nations.

Now, what do you think Satan would like to do?

Mess up that plan.

I believe that what Satan would want to do would be to add a fifth world kingdom. So that the word of God will fail.

Raise of Hitler to world power was demonic in nature. There were two secular books gives us much of the details of inside power ranks of Hitler.

- Mein Kampf – The Myth of the Twentieth Century
- The Devil's Disciples: Hitler's Inner Circle by Anthony Read
- 'The Morning of the Magicians' written by Louis Pauwels and Jacques Bergier.
- The Hollow Earth written by Eric Norman

This is the conclusion you can get from this authors books which was written after interviewing and experiencing the holocaust by these men themselves.

“Hitler was a self-taught madman surrounded by a handful of megalomaniacs, rejected Descartes, spurning the whole humanist culture, trampling on reason, invoking Lucifer, conquering Europe and nearly conquering the world.”

Daniel 8:8-12, ⁸ *Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. ⁹And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. ¹⁰And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. ¹¹He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the*

daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. ¹² Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.

There was a king who came, the eighth king in the Seleucus dynasty who rose, one of the four of Greece. His name was Antiochus Epiphanes. He is the little horn of chapter 8, different than the little horn of chapter 7.

Antiochus desecrated the temple, he persecuted Israel, and he exalted himself. He did that for six years and 110 days.

Daniel 8:14, *And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."*

Antichrist will be given 3 ½ years but this guy was given over 6 years.

Antichrist had been given certain titles.

Little horn

Daniel 7:8, *I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another **LITTLE HORN**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by*

the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Many ponder who this little horn is. The reason being is that it has all the same characteristics of the beast and its image of Revelation 13. The importance of identifying this character is to identify its mark which will then help us to know what the mark of the Beast is, who is enforcing this mark on the people.

- a) It will come up among the divided Kingdom [v8]
- b) It would be a little Kingdom. by the little horn [v8]
- c) It would have a man speak at the head of it. [v8]
- d) It would be "diverse" or different from the other 10 Kingdoms. [v24]
- e) It would "subdue" 3 of the 10 kingdoms. [v8, v24]
- f) It would speak great words against God. [v25]
- g) It would emerge from Rome [v7, 8]
- h) It would wear out the Saints for 3 ½ years [v25]
- i) It would "THINK" to change times and laws[v25]

Christ	Antichrist
Christ came from Above (John 6:38)	Antichrist ascends from the Pit (Revelation 11:7)
Christ came in His Father's name (John 5:43)	Antichrist comes in his Own name (John 5:43)
Christ humbled Himself. (Phil. 2:8)	Antichrist Exalts himself. (2 Th 2:4)
Christ despised. (Isaiah 53:3; Luke 23:18)	Antichrist admired. (Revelation 13:3,4)
Christ exalted. (Phil. 2:9)	Antichrist Cast Down to Hell. (Isaiah 14:14,15; Revelation 19:20)
Christ to do His Father's will. (John 6:38)	Antichrist to do his Own will. (Daniel 11:36)
Christ came to save. (Luke 19:10)	Antichrist comes to Destroy. (Daniel 8:24)
Christ is the good shepherd. (John 10:4-14)	Antichrist is the Idol(evil) shepherd. (Zech. 11:16,17)
Christ is the "True Vine." (John 15:1)	Antichrist is the "vine of the earth." (Revelation 14:18)
Christ is the "Truth." (John 14:6)	Antichrist is the "lie." (2 Th 2:11)
Christ is the "Holy One." (Mark 1:24)	Antichrist is the "Lawless One." (2 Th 2:8)
Christ is the "Son of God." (Luke 1:35)	Antichrist is the "son of Perdition." 2 Th 2:3)

Conclusion:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, *Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ²not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though **the day of Christ had come**. ³Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless **the falling away comes first**, and **the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition**, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

‘Day of Christ’ is the proof of rapture. If you use a Bible which doesn’t say Day of Christ then please immediately change the version!

Antichrist is called here as ‘man of sin’ or ‘man of lawlessness’

We have seen from the book of Daniel he will change the laws. He will rebel against God. He is also called as son of hell.

There are many speculations about Pope becoming a Antichrist and also United Nations as a Antichrist. But my humble request once again to you all is please put your

faith in Christ and look for His glorious coming, which is the blessed hope!

Revelation 13:1, *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.*

Revelation 17:12, *“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.*

Antichrist comes by another name and here it is "beast." The sea has a reference to Gentiles and to the nations. And it is very possible that what it's saying is, he could well be a Gentile.

But remember God is in control of the whole history and He will be forever.