

SATANS MASTERPIECE -- THE ANTICHRIST

Dan. 8

In the 8th Chap. of DAN., Daniel has his second personal vision. He's the great interpreter of visions, but in Chap. 7 and Chap. 8, he has personal visions himself. He has to be the interpreter, except he has help from Gabriel, in the 8th Chap. I want us to look at it and in here, we have the most minute description of the antichrist, I believe, in all the Bible.

Certainly this chap. and Rev. 13. I want to go through the chapter, if possible, though I think I'm rushing it too much. Then put some things on the screen above.

V. 1(read) 'third yr. of reign of Belshazzar' would be about 551 B.C. Why does he say 'even unto me Daniel'? Well, this is the second one. He says 'even me,' - unworthy as I am, I've been honored with a second vision. See how humble he is? Great man. 'After that which appeared unto me at the first' - we saw that in Chap. 7.

V.2(read) the word 'vision' means 'you see what God is going to do'. A vision means 'to see'. Evidently he wasn't asleep or he wasn't on the bed. Or anyway, it doesn't say he was. Shushan is really the fortress. 'Province of Elam' now these are historical or geographical places. Shushan or 'susa' was the capital of the Province of Elam, about 125 miles, maybe a little further, East of Babylon. What is called the Middle East.

He could have been in Shushan himself, physically or he could have ^{just} ~~been~~ seen Shushan in a vision. We cannot tell and it doesn't matter. He says 'I saw and I was by the river Ulai' or Ulaious'. Really, this was an artificial canal about 900 miles long. But, anyhow, these are historical, geographical places, in the Middle East.

V. 3(read) 'and saw' and here's what he saw. 'Behold' that means to stop, look and listen. This is the first part of the vision: a ram with two horns. What is this? Another vision of the Medo-Persian Empire. One horn higher than the other but the higher horn came up last. You ~~may~~ know what this is? Persia. Persia was the stronger but the Medes were the first stronger, but Persia finally became mighty over the Medes. Very simple when you understand it from History what he saw.

V. 4(read) 'pushing' means military aggression of the Medes and Persians. 'Pushing Westward' and that's the way they moved, chiefly, the Persians and Medes, but also North and South. He describes the direction they made their conquest in. 'So that no beasts (course it would be nations) 'he did according to his will (or he did what he wanted to)..... You get it? The Medes and Persians were so mighty they ~~knave~~ knocked all the nations down. No one could stop them at the height of their power. But we come to V. 5 and we find someone that can stop them.

V. 5(read) 'behold' (as I was pondering this first vision)... Here's a nation West of Persia, 'touched not the ground' - what does that mean? Speed! This nation moved so fast he says 'they didn't touch the ground'. We use that expression today. His feet didn't touch the ground, he ran so fast. 'Notable' (or prominent). Well, that's a rather unique goat! For it had only one horn. I think an average goat would have two horns.

But you just have a unique goat here. It's just different from any goat the world has ever known. What is this goat? Greece. What is the notable horn? Alexander the Great. We know this from history. There's no disagreement at all on this. All of this is described in secular history.

V. 6(read) 'ram with two horns' and that's the Medes and the Persians and that's exactly what the Greeks did. They crossed the Helispont, which of course, is the Eastern border of Europe, down South of Rumania, the Dardanelles area. Alexander, the Great, crossed those straits with 35,000 troops and marched West. 'Before' is really 'ON' the river ... and that's the Granicus River in Asia Minor.

'FURY' or the read heat. The Persians had mistreated the Greeks and the Greeks were mad at them. Here it describes how they rushed upon them in fury and red hot power, the Hebrew says.

V. 7(read) 'him come close unto the ram' and this is Alexander the Great and his army. 'Choler' (fury). Greece absolutely conquered the Persian-Mede Empire. Conquered the Medes and conquered the Persians - see? Broke his two horns. Alexander, the Great fought the battle at Granicus (we can date it - 334 B.C.) then he went on to Issus; then to Tyre and finally, Egypt. Here's describing what he did, militarily.

'Cast him down to the ground' - that is: he slaughtered a lot of them. Left they lying on the ground. 'Stamped (stomped) on them'. Not only did he throw them to the ground but the hoofs of the horses ran over them. Describing military conquests of Alexander, the Great. 'None could deliver the ram out of his hand' - Alexander, the Great - I guess the greatest military genius of all times. He conquered the territory from the Dardanelles to India.

He just had a relatively small army. Kinda like the Israeli army - not large but so powerfully trained. Alexander, the Great.

V. 8(read) 'he goat' is the Greeks lead by Alexander. 'When he was strong'..

it is said he was crying one day and someone said 'why are you crying, Alexander?' He said 'because there's no more Empires to conquer'. Tremendous conquerer. Studied under Aristotle. He distributed Greek culture throughout the world. That was the reason the N.T. is written in Greek is because Alexander the Great had distributed the Greek language all over the world and it became the language of the common man.

What we call ^{koine} ~~kona~~greek' (?) the N.T. is not written in classical Greek. Just written in kona, the common Greek of the people. Alexander, the Great - God was preparing the world for the Gospel, through Alex. the Great.

V. 8(read) what the great horn? Alex. the Great. Broken? What happened? He died. Died at the same age of Jesus. The poet, Weed, has written a tremendous poem, contrasting Jesus and Alex. They both died at 33. If you want some good reading, you get ~~xxx~~ that poem. I'd read it today, but I don't have time. The great horn was broken - that's the death of Alex. the Great. 'For it' or 'instead of it' came up four notable ones. In place of the ONE king, Alex. After he died, four notable ones came up.

You know what that was? His Empire was divided between four Generals. This is a matter of history. I remember this, very well, in studying history. All of this is utterly clear, from history. No problem here.

V. 9(read) 'one of them' - one of what? One of the four kingdoms of Alex. Now we met a little horn in the 7th Chap. and 8th verse. The little horn in 7:8 is undoubtedly the antichrist. No question in 7:8, if you want to look back there because he uprooted three other horns and became dominant over the ten nations of the revised Roman Empire.

But here we meet another little horn. But this is not the same horn as 7:8

Well, why is it called by the same name? Because the character that is going to be described is a type of the antichrist. But not the antichrist himself. But he's called a little horn because he foreshadows the ~~person~~ type person the antichrist will be. So it says this little horn, 'that waxed exceeding great' - he began little (this one here in 8:9) but waxed 'toward the pleasant land' (or toward the glory - that's Israel).

Who is this? This is what is known to history as Antiochus Epiphanes. No problem for you historians and meticulous Bible students but unless you're a historian and a careful Bible student, you may not have heard of Antiochus Epiphanes. This is who this character is. He was of the Seleucid line and ruled what is ^{called} ~~is~~ Syria - a vast Empire. Antiochus Epiphanes - he changed his name to Theos Epiphanes or God revealed. The Jews called him Antiochus Epimanes which means 'Antiochus, the mad man'. He rules Syria, which included Palestine, Israel, from 171 B.C. to 165 B.C. We'll come back to this. But here's the man we're talking about.

This sprang out of the four kingdoms of the old Alexandrian kingdom or the Grecian Kingdom. Look what it says 'waxed great toward the south, east and 'pleasant land,' (Israel). The land of the glory or Israel. Very interesting how the Bible speaks of Israel. The glory land and indeed, it is. The center of the world. Absolutely! The center of Truth; the center of Prophecy; the center of Glory. The Glory will settle there one day. Jesus is coming right back there.

V. 10(read) still ealking about Antiochus Epiphanes. What's the 'host of Heaven'? We know from other Scrip., like the 12th chap. the host of Heaven is the people of God. This is the family of God - the believers. The believing Jews. 'Cast some of the host and of the stars to the ground' - what

does that mean? Describing the terrible slaughter of the Jews under Antiochus Epiphanes. The greatest persecution of the Jews every to occur, in history, was under Antiochus Epiphanes, for their number and for their status.

It says he cast them to the ground and stomped upon them. ¹ Antiochus Epiphanes ² slaughtered eighty thousand Jews in Jerusalem; he sold forty thousand Jews into slavery; he burnt the Law; ³ he abolished the Sabbath; ⁴ he forbid circumcision; ⁵ he did away with their Holy days and instead, he instituted the sauternalia and the baukanalia, which were pagan feasts of immorality and of drinking. He forbid there be any circumcision. In the Book of the Macabees - the reason we know this - the Book of the Macabees tell all about what he did.

14 One mother defied him who had seven sons. He took these sons, one by one, and in the rpresence of their mother, cut out their tongue and one by one, he roasted these sons on a flatiron. Then he murdered the mother. This is what it's describing right here. When was this written? 551 B.C. When did this happen? Between 171 and 165 B.C. It says in

V.11(read) who would the prince of the host be? That's God. The prince of Gods people. You see, he foreshadows the antichrist. Now when we get to the antichrist, we'll see how he does this perfectly. But Antiochus Epiphanes is the greatest type of the antichrist in all the Bible. That's the reason I'm talking on the antichrist today. He magnified himself even (against) the prince (or the God) of the people of God. He abolished the daily sacrifice in the Temple.

'place of sanctuary was cast down' that is: the Holy place - the Temple - the Holy of Holies - was dedicated to Olempus Zeus. Zeus was brought right

in to the Temple. He brought a sow into the Temple and sacrificed a sow on the altar and took the fox juices of this hog and spilled it all over the Temple. He did everything he could to abominate and to offend Gods people, the Jews. This foreshadows very, very clearly what the antichrist will do at the end of the ages. But we'll come to him in just a few minutes.

V. 12(read) now here's a difficult sentence. What is the host here? This means a bunch of the Jews. Jewish hypocrites, sided with him, against the ~~the~~ daily sacrifice, because of their own sinfulness or lawlessness. Do you see? 'A host (a bunch) of Jewish hypocrites, sided with him - that is with Antiochus Epiphanes, against the daily sacrifice (that is, they agreed with Antiochus - they voted with him - they were unbelievers, though they said they were believers - I call them 'Jewish Hypocrites') because of their transgressions' or because of their own sins.

You always have that. If the communists were to march into this country, they would have some people who would go with them. Do you realize there are people in Ft. Smith who would go with the communists, if they came in Ft. Smith. Now it's hard to believe that, but there's some people in Ft. Smith - not many, I don't think - there's a lot in N.Y. and Washington, D.C. - they might get a majority there. You'd be amazed to know, if the communists came to this country, how many people would go with them.

Well, that's just what you have here in V. 12. 'It cast down the Truth to the ground'. What is Truth? The Word of God. They burnt the Bible. 'It practiced and prospered' - MY, what a statement! You know it's an awful thing when sin is permitted to prosper. Sometimes it does for a season. I call Jezebel, in the O.T., the 'sinner ~~permitted~~ God permitted to prosper'. She really prospered for a time. God permits this, sometimes. We don't understand

it but sometimes He will just let sin rage and prosper. And He did, only for a short time. Only twenty three hundred days but that was a long time for what was going on.

V. 13(read) here are two saints speaking and Dan. hears them. Probably an angel. 'How long shall the vision.....' they're asking the questions how long will it take for this vision to be fulfilled? How long is this terrible persecution and awful things gonna take place? How long? The answer is given in

V. 14(read) pretty interesting, isn't it? The Bible is either true or the Bible is the biggest lie ever written. He gives exactly the number of days; twenty three hundred. The angel of Heaven said 'it's gonna last for twenty three hundred days!' Now you will recall last time when we were studying about the antichrist, in 7:25, it said he would be at the height of his power for time, times and half a time or 42 months, one thousand two hundred

A. E. and sixty days.
2300 days

Here it says Antiochus Epiphanes (who is a type of antichrist) will be in the saddle for twenty three hundred days. You say 'well, what's the difference?' Well, I'll you exactly what the difference is: ~~with the antichrist~~ do you realize this shows you how much more awful the antichrist will be than even Antiochus Epiphanes? All that the world could stand would be one thousand two hundred sixty days of antichrist.

Jesus says in Matt. 24:22 (read) He's talking about the time of the antichrist. It was one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Antiochus Epiphanes is given twenty three hundred days because he's only half as bad as the antichrist.

This give syou some idea of how awful the antichrist is gonna be. 'Then shall

the sanctuary be cleansed'. When was that? From 171 to 165 - December - we know when it was. This is called 'honacha'. ANY Jew here? Anybody who ever was a Jew or attended a Syngogue. HOW sad. ^{Hannukkah}~~Honacha~~ - this is honacha. Then the sanctuary will be cleansed.

v. 14 - *Hannukkah*

This is what we call 'the Feast of Lights (or Honacha) sometimes spelled with a 'C' but generally hannukkah is the way I pronounce it. Festival of Light. The Temple had been completely broken down; it was in rubble and Judus McAbeeus (this is a matter of history) restored it and cleansed it and for eight days, the Jews lighted candles. Tradition has it Judus found just one little crucible of oil and it burned for eight days.

This - the festival of light is more important to a Jew than the dedication of Solomons Temple, because here they reclaimed the Temple. Here it is. Festival of Lights. Under Antiochus Epiphanes. After the two thousand three hundred days, the antichrist will be permitted to go full ~~xxx~~ steam, just one thousand two hundred sixty or approximately half. Jesus says there wouldn't one soul alive on the earth except the days were shortened.

Now, sometimes, we quote this Scrip., you know, and we say 'except these days be shortened, none will be saved'. That does not apply to this era. You and I have never lived under the antichrist; we don't know anything about that and I'm telling you: people talking about you know, this is hell. No, this is not hell, uh huh. No one has ever caught a glimpse of hell. That's the devil that makes us say things like this to tune down these things.

All right. In V. 15(read) now Dan. has a little help. 'Even I, Daniel!', see it again? Little me, Daniel. See his humility. Even I, Daniel.

V. 16(read)

'OF a man'. Must have been the voice of God, (although he took it to be a mans voice) evidently God speaking to Gabriel. 'Make this man'... that is: 'make Daniel understand the vision'. Here's Gabriel. You know what Gabriel means? The mighty man of God. You see that 'el'? If you're name's Hazel that 'el' is God. That's 'elohem'. 'Gabor' is man; el is 'elohem' - mighty man of God. So GABRIEL moved close to Dan. so he could communicate with him. (that's in V. 17 (READ)).

'Fell upon my face' - you see, when we're in the presence of Holiness, we fall on our face. If Ronald Reagan came down the aisle this morning, we'd everyone stand. I wouldn't even have to ask you. But if JC entered our front door, not a one of us would stand. We would every one be prostrate on this floor. There's not a one that could ^{stand} ~~stand~~ in the presence of Jesus. He's in the presence of Holiness and God, and Dan. falls on his face, he says. On his FACE!

Why did Gabriel call DAN. ''O son of man'? To remind him of his inability and his human frailty. Understand you're just a man. The thing you saw is gonna be in the far distant future. When was this? 551 B.C. When is this gonna take ~~xxx~~ place? Well, the first of it is gonna be quite a distance from 551 and ultimately, clear to the end of the ages.

V. 18(read) see? Now he doesn't worship the angel. They are not to be worshipped. Angels are not to be worshipped. They are created beings of God. God said 'thou shalt worship Me and none other'. But he was in the presence of Gabriel and he's thrown to the ground.

V. 19(read) 'I will make thee' or 'I am instructed' or 'I am to instruct you' to understand. Literally, the latter portion of the indignation. The word

'indignation' mean 'the great tribulation'. He says 'I am to show you what is going to be in the latter days of the great tribulation.' This will be the days when the REAL antichrist is gonna rule the world.

'For at the time appointed, the end shall be'. Time appointed what? The time of the end of the Gentiles or to make it real plain, the last 3½ yrs. of the final kingdom of the earth, which will spring out of the old Roman Empire, which I talked to you about last Sunday. Just before the Lord comes with His people from Heaven to put down the antichrist. Isn't this AMAZING??? My!! 551 years before Christ! Daniel seeing the very end of history, just before Jes. comes.

V. 20(read) I've already told you that. V.21(read) - 'first king' that is Alex. the Great. I've already told you that.

V. 22(read) what is 'that'? Alex. the Great. That's his death. 'Four stood up for it' - that's the four kingdoms into which the Alexandrian kingdom formed after Alex. died, at the age of 33. Four kingdoms sprang out of the old Greek Empire has already been stated. But none of them were equivalent to Alex. There's not been anything like Alex.'s Empire. Now, look at the next verse! Here is a crucial verse.

V. 23:(read) 'latter time of their kingdom' - here's a difficult verse. I've prayed more over this verse than any verse in the chapter. It's crucial to understand ^{who} ~~it's~~ the character described in the following lines, is.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 'Transgressors are come to the full'. Who is their kingdom? If it refers to the four kingdoms and the revised Roman Empire, we've already seen the antichrist empire is gonna come out of it. You might think, in the context, it might refer to the third kingdom. The Greecian

kingdom. It is a fact a part of the final kingdom of this world will cover part of the old Grecian Empire. There can be no question that V. 23 is speaking of that final time of the antichrist.

I'll tell you why I know that: it says 'when the transgressors are come to the full' - that is--when sin and the terrible casting down of Gods people and the Truth of God, has reached its highest point, (that's the antichrist) 'a king of fierce countenance shall stand up'. That's the antichrist! There could be a double prophecy here. In a sense the verses we're about to study, could be a description of Antichus Epiphanes, but this is not the primary thing.

You have a description of satans master piece-- the antichrist! I'm perfectly confident that this is the truth of what I'm saying. We have the most detailed description, in type of Antiochus Epiphanes, but in this description here, you have a description that goes beyond Antiochus Epiphanes and I want us to look at it very carefully. Because that is my subject today, basically.

It describes him as a king of fierce countenance. Now he'll have tremendous Hollywood charisma but when it says 'fierce countenance' it means his very face will electrify the world. There's not been anyone like him in history. It's ridiculous to say 'Sedat was the antichrist'. Or Kissinger. No, there has been no one in history like this. 'Understanding dark sentences' - that is the antichrist. What does that mean? That means to deal with the most baffling problems of humanity.

This is exactly the way he's gonna get in power. Do you realize how Hitler came in power in the 30's? After WW I? The German people were depressed;

they had lost their prestige and they didn't have anything and they knew science and Old Hitler comes in and says 'listen, if you'll follow me, I'll put the English and I will put our enemies out of business. I'll put you on the map. I have an answer for our problems!' And they turned to him. A statesman of Europe has recently said 'if the devil were to arise and we thought he could answer our problems in Europe, we'd follow him'. This is exactly where the world is coming to.

Did you hear Jerry Falwell? One of the signs of the coming of the Lord is a vacuum in leadership. We have no leaders in the world today to speak of. Pres. Reagan is pretty strong. We better recognize that. We have very few people in America who can handle the presidency any longer. We have a vacuum of leadership and the world is moving more and more, to that time that it's gonna be so desperate, until it will grab for this masterpiece.

'Who will understand dark sentences' and who also will be able to communicate with the occults. It means that. Baffling problems and the occults are tremendous description of the antichrist. Says 'he shall stand up'. Indeed, he ~~shall~~ shall stand up. And take the reins of the world.

V. 24(read) Rev. 13:2 says 'he'll have no power of his own'. He's satan's masterpiece. He'll be ~~energized~~ energized by satan. 'Shall destroy wonderfully' doesn't mean his destruction is wonderful, but it means remarkably! 'Shall prosper and practice and destroy mighty and holy people'... this is the antichrist.

V. 25(read) literally, through his cunning 'also he shall cause craft' (that is deceit) to prosper in his hand'. II Thess. 2: 9 & 10 (read) what is the big lie? That he's God. It says here, 551 years before Christ, before the

first Christ came. He says his policy shall be cunning and deceit and all of that will prosper in his hand. 'He shall magnify himself in his heart'... II Thes. 2 says 'he shall say 'I am God'. Antiochus Epiphanes, in the most apt-type in all the Scrip., says 'I'm Theos Epiphanes' - 'I'm God, revealed'. Here it is a man in history that's gonna say 'I'm God. Worship me'.

'BY peace shall destroy man' - for the first 3½ yrs. of the time of the Great Tribulation, he will make a peace covenant with Israel and the people won't even know he is the antichrist. They will think he's the Messiah and he's gonna promise Israel and the world everything and it's gonna look like we've finally found a man who can solve the world's problem. Here's the great peace man - a peace program.

'But he shall be broken without hand'. ANTIOCHUS Epiphanes was not broken without hand. Ant. Epiphanes was destroyed by Judas Macabeas, in 165 B.C. Broken without hand means the supernatural intervention of JC, who's gonna come and put down the antichrist.

V. 26(read) first part of this verse is the conclusion. Greatly misunderstood words is the last part of this verse. That is not saying to lock it up and never consider it. Oh no! These words shut up means 'preserve^{it}/and hold it and tell it'. But the real fulfillment concerns the distant future. 'For it shall be for many days' = literally, it concerns the distant future; indeed to the end of history. Here is one of the miracles of this Bible.

Do you realize Xtnity is the only religion, if you can call it a religion, in the world that has prophecy? The only one. One of the phenomena of history is 'prophecy'. It'll all be fulfilled. God has to be the author of Scrip. Prophecy is one of the greatest proofs. The theme of Holy Week will

be 'The Cross in Prophecy and Fulfillment'. In the next verse, look at it

V. 27(read) do you think if you could have seen what he saw that you wouldn't ~~have~~ have fainted? He says 'I was sick' but you see he was moved by the Word of the Lord. When did

SIDE 2 of TAPE

~~Don~~ faint.? BEcause you say, really, what the Word of the Lord said. And you got sick. If we really read the Word of God, with understanding and saw it's seriousness, I don't know whether we'd stay up or not, at times. Sometimes I read the Word of God and it hits my heart so heavy I have to go - next door to my secretary, to just share with her. Or call Doris up on the telephone or else I'd lose my mind. It penetrates my soul so deeply.

We just hear the Word of God and read it and it falls off our back. But, listen, it ought to grip up until we would faint and almost be sick at times, because we see what God is saying to this old world. It's serious - this thing of the Word of God. Dan. took it seriously.

'Afterward I rose up and did the kings business' - remember he's the PRime Minister. He's got a job to do. 'I was astonished at the vision but none understood it'. None understood it. More than I can cover today: Ant. Epiphanes being but a type. Listen, zero in on satans masterpiece.

Antichrist will b satans last big move and the best he can do. 666. He'll be the final word of satan to this old world and this is|satans last chance. Satans Masterpiece - the antichrist. Six things - all in one person. Is he a man? A man. Alex. the Great was a man. He's described in DAn. 8. ~~XXXXXXXX~~

Antiochus Epip. -was a man. The antichrist will be a man. But a man energized by satan. Political genius (and I have these references) intellectual genius and oratorical genius; a military genius; a commercial genius and a religious genius. There's never been a man that's lived, in the history of the world, that can touch him.

We thought of Churchills's wisdom; John Kennedy and people like that, they'll be stupid, compared to the antichrist. He's satan's masterpiece.

I want to give you some O.T. titles. These are really compiled by a man by the name of Arthur Pink and I haven't had time to research every one of them, but I think they are accurate. You can read them for yourself.: ⁽¹⁾ Bloody Deceitful and ~~WICKED~~ ⁽²⁾ Man; ⁽²⁾ The Wicked One (notice the references) ⁽³⁾ Man of the Earth, ⁽⁴⁾ Mighty Man; ⁽⁵⁾ Enemy; ⁽⁶⁾ Adversary; ⁽⁷⁾ Hand over Many Countries... there are twenty of these names from the O. T. alone. He's a very prominent character in both the O. and the N. Test. If you're writing these down, I'll give you just a few moments - I hope you can write shorthand.

O.K. #8: A Violent Man; #9: the Assyrian; #10: King of Babylon; #11: Son of the Morning; #12: Spoiler; #13: the Nail; #14: the Branch of the Terrible One; #15: Profane and Wicked Prince of Israel; ... all these titles. Bible is full of them; This character, the antichrist! Then, #16: The Little Horn (we've already seen this); #17: the Prince that Shall Come; Next Sunday Morning, I'll be teaching on the subject 'What's Ahead for Israel' but I'll be dealing with their calendar. They have seven years left of time. The Seventieth Week of Daniel. What's ahead for Israel. The Prince that Shall Come will be in the text. Please get some Jews here.

#18: the Vile Person; #19: the Wilful King and #20: the Idle Shepherd. These are

O.T. titles. Does the antichrist appear in the N. T.? Indeed he does. Matter of fact, you have his biography in the N. T. and in Dan. 8. If you gonna study him, you study Dan. 8; Dan. 11, Rev. 13. You get all this together.

Now the N.T. titles: 1. Abomination of Desolation (because he's gonna move in the Temple and Antiochus Epip. did that, sacrificed the sow. The antichrist is gonna fulfill this to be complete. Matter of fact, he's gonna help the Jews rebuild the Temple the first 3½ yrs; (I'm convinced) and right at the middle, he's gonna move into the Temple himself and say 'I'm God, worship me' and that's when the Jews will turn on him.

#2-One Coming in His Own Name; #3. Man of Lawlessness; (he'll head up a lawless world or Man of Sin, but it's lawlessness in Greek. If you're reading the KJV, it says 'Man of Sin, but the word 'sin' is lawlessness-aunemeia); #4. Son of Perdition (now Judas is called the Son of Perdition in John 17: 12, but the antichrist will not be Judas resurrection. Cannot be. I'll show you that in a few moments); #5. Antichrist in I John 2; and #6. he's called the Beast. These are the most important titles in the Bible, the N. T. Now I want to give you

EIGHT FANTASTIC FACTS ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST:

1. He will appear at the latter time in Israel's history. Now this is in V. 23. This will be the last three and a half yrs. of the seven yrs. that's left for the Jews. That's what V. 23 says here.

2. He will gain world wide control through national alliance. That's in V. 24.

3. He will have a great peace program. It says 'by the peace' V.25.

That's the first 3 and a half Yrs. The last 3 and a half will be bloody war. You'll remember in Rev. 6, he comes riding a white horse and he has a bow but he has no arrows. That's very important to know. He comes on the scene, as riding a white horse. He has a bow but no arrows. Comes as one of peace. ~~Some~~ You know who talks peace more than any people in the world? The communists. That's a preparation for antichrist. The world's desperate for peace.

4. Solver of Baffling Problems. Remember there in V. 23 that we read: 'understanding dark sentences' (that's baffling problems).

5. MASTER OF THE OCCULT. That's dark sentences. He'll understand the world of the occult and be in league with it.

(6 not given by number - mc) See below)

7. Satan Energized. That's in V. 24.

8. God will Destroy Him.

These are facts that describe him, in a great way. I don't think I read 6. ADVERSARY OF ISRAEL AND GOD.: (V. 24 & 25).

He appears at the latter time, in Israel's history. Now I told you when this would be. It'll be after the final form of the final kingdom of the fourth kingdom - remember? The antichrist will be the final ruler of the final form of the fourth kingdom. Here he is. Here's his program.

All right:

SEVEN QUESTIONS ON THE ANTICHRIST:

It's very, very interesting. 1. IS THE ANTICHRIST ALIVE TODAY? Well, no one

can answer that question. If the rapture of the church is close, as Jerry Falwell said Tuesday night, he probably is alive. Because he will be an adult when the rapture of the church occurs. And Jerry Falwell said the rapture of the church will occur before 2000. He's perfectly confident he'll be alive. Well, if the rapture of the church occurs before 2000, it would logically follow the antichrist would HAVE to be alive today.

But no one can answer this. No one can answer it.

2. WHY IS HE CALLED ANTICHRIST? He's called that in I John 2. But you see, he is the mimic of Christ. 'Anti' means 'instead of'. He's the mimic of Christ. It's like Martin Luther said 'the devil is God's ape'. He apes Christ.

3. WILL HE BE A MAN? Absolutely!

4. WILL IT BE JUDAS RESURRECTED? No, he won't be Judas resurrected. He will be a Gentile. Will rule the last great Gentile Empire, of the world. Satan does not have power to resurrect anyway. But he will be so beyond Judas that Judas will look like a S.S. Teacher, compared to him. Judas, as you see him in the Bible, is not in any way, the antichrist. Not Judas.

5. WILL HE USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST JESUS? No one can answer that, but I believe he shall. If not Nuclear weapons, whatever the weapons are, but I believe he will try to use nuclear weapons against Jesus. I believe II Peter 3:10 describes nuclear warfare. But it will not occur before the rapture of the church, in my judgment.

There'll be people here and in the time of the great tribulation; II Peter 3:10

is going to occur later, either at the end of the tribulation or the thousand year reign. Read II Peter 3:10. It says the world will pass away with a great noise. But I believe the antichrist will use nuclear weapons. Well, will they succeed? Do you realize if a nuclear bomb - the largest we have - were dropped on the head of the resurrected body of Jesus, it would have no effect, whatsoever? Don't worry about Jes. being destroyed by nuclear bombs.

His body is deathless and nothing can touch it. How about you and myself? We'll ^{be} ~~be~~ there. He'll use the nuclear weapons against us. I wouldn't lose any sleep - we will be in resurrection bodies, which nuclear energy cannot even touch!

6. SHOULD XTNS FEAR HIM? No. Except they should fear their loved ones, living under him. If you have lost loved ones, you should be greatly concerned, for them. One Xtn said 'I confidently expect to be martyred under the Beast.' That's not Scrip. Before he appears, God will evacuate His people from Planet Earth. Now that doesn't mean that we're not gonna have some hard times, but just before he appears, God's people will be evacuated to Heaven.

They'll come back seven yrs. later, with Jes. in a great army (Rev.19) and war with him but you know it's not much of a war. Jes. says 'boo' and he's in the bottomless pit! He's in the lake of fire, as a matter of fact. It's an amazing thing.

7. SHOULD LOST PEOPLE FEAR HIM? Anybody lost today, who doesn't know Christ? I think you should really fear him. Why do I say that? Because Christ can come any moment and take the church away and if so, you will be left immediately, under the antichrist. The church will be gone; the H.S.

will be gone; the world will be under teh antichrist. Frightful thing! A pretty good reason to get saved! ~~XXXX~~ Really is!

These are some pertinent facts about the antichrist. We must close because we have another service coming up but at 5:30 I'm gonna reshow these. I'm gonna try to expose them a little longer next time.

Next Sunday, we'll be dealing again with this matter, going a little further in showing you the Jewish calender or the time-table that's left for the Jews. That is told in Dan. 9:24, to the end of the chapter. Its' an AMAZING thing. That 539 yrs. Before Christ came, that God told Dan. about the final-- well, He told him all of Jewish time, including the seven yrs. that are yet to be fulfilled of Jewish history.

Dr. Ironside preached on the second coming of Christ and these things I've been talking and when he'd finished, a man came up to him and said 'I really believe I'm really happy you preached on this'. Ironside said 'do you hold to the second coming?' He said 'oh yes'. Ironside said 'well, I want to ask you a question. Does the second coming hold you?? That is, to say, has it gripped you? Has it changed your life?' He said the man said 'who's been telling you about me?'

The question is not 'do we hold these things I've been talking about'. Do they hold ~~xxx~~ you? Have they changed your life? We're dealing with something serious. BE sure your're ready for the coming of the Lord.

Let's stand and pray.