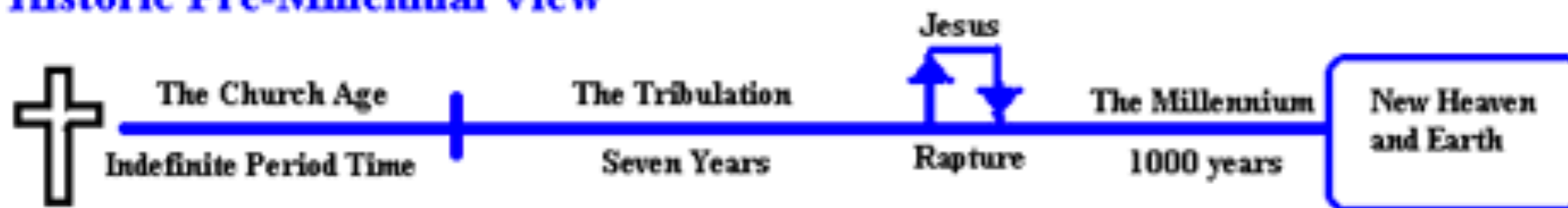


Meet the Antichrist

END TIME VIEWPOINTS

Historic Pre-Millennial View



Amillennial View



Postmillennial View



Modern Premillennial View



The Amillennial and Postmillennial View of the Antichrist

One view that ties into the amillennial and postmillennial perspective is that the Antichrist has already come:

Emperor Nero was the antichrist. When spelled in Hebrew letters, Nero's name adds up to 666.

Nero's persecution of Christians lasted approximately forty-two months, from autumn of ad 64 until late spring ad 68 (Revelation 13:5).

Nero was the sixth emperor, and Galba reigned briefly after Nero's death (Revelation 17:10-11).

Soon afterward, God's judgment fell on Jerusalem through Emperor Vespasian.

The Amillennial and Postmillennial View of the Antichrist

Another view that ties into the amillennial and postmillennial perspectives:

The Antichrist is a symbol of rulers and realms in every age that pervert God's plan for political powers (Romans 13:1-7) by persecuting God's people or by demanding absolute allegiance.

The leopard, bear, lion, ten horns, and seven heads bring together all the kingdoms from Daniel 7, showing that this "beast" is a figurative picture of oppressive political powers throughout time.

His reign of forty-two months symbolizes times of tribulation from the resurrection of Jesus until the end of time.

The Premillennial View of the Antichrist

The Antichrist will be a global political leader during the future great tribulation.

The modern nation of Israel will welcome him as a protector and a peacemaker (Daniel 9:27).

He will make all people worship him (Daniel 9:27-31; 2 Thessalonians 2:4).

He will be dealt a blow that seems fatal, but he will either survive or be revived (Revelation 13:3-4).

His worldwide reign will last 42 months (Revelation 13:5).

According to the Daniel, the Antichrist is:

- The Coming Ruler - Daniel 9:26 (HCSB) After those 62 weeks the Messiah will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of **the coming prince** will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come with a flood, and until the end there will be war; desolations are decreed.

According to the New Testament authors, the Antichrist is:

- Doomed - 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 (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

According to the New Testament authors, the Antichrist is:

- Lawless - 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 (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

According to the New Testament authors, the Antichrist is:

- Coming - “Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour” (1 John 2:18).

According to the New Testament authors, the Antichrist is:

- Someone who rejects Jesus as the Messiah - “Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son” (1 John 2:22)

According to the New Testament authors, the Antichrist is:

- Someone who rejects the divine origin of Jesus - “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” (1 John 4:3).

According to the New Testament authors, the Antichrist is:

- Someone who rejects the humanity of Jesus - “I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist” (2 John 1:7).

According to the New Testament authors, the Antichrist is:

- A beastly ruler over many nations - “The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name” (Revelation 13:1).

The Background of the Antichrist

Just as Jesus Christ is the promised “offspring” of the woman (Gen. 3:15), the Antichrist is the promised “offspring” or “seed” of the serpent.

Genesis 3:15 (HCSB) I will put hostility between you and the woman, and **between your seed** and her seed. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

What will his nationality be?

There is much description of the work of the Antichrist in Revelation 13 to warn all of the person who will be taking control.

His rise to power...

The Antichrist will come on the scene in the “latter times” and assume power by the stealth of diplomacy. He will not gain control by war but by tricking the leaders of the world into the idea that he can offer peace and by gaining enough support from each of the ten kings of the earth. Eventually he will end up controlling all of them. This subtle method of diplomacy is confirmed by an examination of Daniel 8:25. “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.”

His one-world government...

Revelation 17:12-15 reveals that the kings of the earth will finally come to the conclusion that they are not capable of governing themselves in peace with other nations of the world; thus they “will give their power and authority to the beast.” Verse 13 suggests that for the sake of world peace they will establish a world government that they will consider the solution to the world’s problems.

His one-world government...

Revelation 17:12–15 (HCSB)

12 The 10 horns you saw are 10 kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. 13 These have one purpose, and **they give their power and authority to the beast.** 14 These will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings. Those with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.” 15 He also said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute was seated, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.

He will dominate the economy...

When Revelation 17:13 states that the kings of the earth “will give their power ... to the beast,” this means not only their armies but also their economic power. It is inconceivable that a one-world government be established without an interrelated one-world economy

The Religion of the Antichrist...

The religion of the Antichrist appears in several places in Scripture, primarily Daniel 11:36-39 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. These passages teach that the Antichrist 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” (2 Thess. 2:4). This evil personage will be a master of deceit even in the religious realm.

His Covenant with Israel...

Daniel 9:27 indicates that the Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel for seven years, which will be broken in the middle when it suits his purposes. This covenant will only serve to keep the children of Israel from seeking God; just as they looked to Egypt in the Old Testament, they will look for help and alliance to the Antichrist for the first three and one-half years of the covenant.

His Covenant with Israel...

Daniel 9:27 (HCSB) He will make a firm covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and offering. And the abomination of desolation will be on a wing of the temple until the decreed destruction is poured out on the desolator.”

His injury or death and resurrection?

He will be dealt a blow that seems fatal, but he will either survive or be revived (Revelation 13:3-4).

Revelation 13:3–4 (HCSB) One of his heads appeared to be fatally wounded, but his fatal wound was healed. The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. They worshiped the dragon because he gave authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to wage war against him?”

His ability to do miracles...

The Antichrist will have power to perform “counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders” (2 Thess. 2:9-12) and can potentially deceive “those who are perishing.” He will have absolute authority by virtue of his supernatural powers and the submission of the kings of the earth to his control and dominance.

It is at the mid-point of his peace treaty that he will unleash his attack on the nation of Israel. It will be the greatest anti-Semitic movement the world has ever known. He will also seek to put to death all those who do not bear his mark or bow down and worship him as God.

His Fall and Destruction...

Second Thessalonians 2:8 declares, “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.**” This destruction of Satan by our Lord at His coming is graphically described in Revelation 19:11-20. Christ will destroy Satan and his armies all at one time and will cast him alive into the lake of burning sulfur.