



Gaining A Strategic Grasp of Scripture

The Ages To Come: The Rise & Career Of The Anti-Christ

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Overview of the Ages to Come

- When we last saw God deal with Israel as a nation, Stephan saw Christ standing at the right hand of the father thereby indicating that the time had arrived for him to make foes his footstool, i.e., deal with them in judgment and wrath.
- Instead of the last days of prophecy being executed upon Israel and the nations they were interrupted, suspended, and temporary placed on hold on account of the revelation of the mystery and the formation of the body of Christ.
- According to Daniel's prophetic time schedule there is only one time frame that remains as yet unfulfilled the 70th and final week of 7 years.

Overview of the Ages to Come

- Daniel 9:24—the 70 weeks are determined upon “thy people” (Israel) and “thy holy city” (Jerusalem).
- By the end of the 70 weeks (490 years) the following 6 things will have been accomplished:
 - Finish transgression
 - Make an end of sins
 - Make reconciliation or inequity
 - Bring in everlasting rightness
 - Seal up the vision and prophecy
 - Anoint the most Holy.
- Daniel 9:25-26—the first 69 weeks have been fulfilled with Messiah being cut off after the 69th week had run its course.

Overview of the Ages to Come

- Daniel 9:27—the counting of the 70th week commences with the signing of a covenant between Israel and the prince that shall come (v. 26) for one week, i.e., 7 years.
- This 70th and final week is divided into two sections of 3 and ½ years and is commonly referred to as the Tribulation period.
 - Matthew 24:21
- Jeremiah 30:5-7—it is known by the prophets as the time of Jacob's (Israel's) Trouble.

Satan Has a Seed

- Genesis 3:15—the woman is not the only one who has a seed in this verse. The Serpent also produces a seed.
- II Thessalonians 2:3—Paul identifies the seed of the Serpent by calling him the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition.
- This person will be a counterfeit imitator of Christ.
 - II Thessalonians 2:8-9—this is the person the Lord will destroy at the second coming. This individual will also work lying wonders in his attempt to convince the world that he is God.

Dual Identity

**First Half of Tribulation
3.5 Years**

Man of Sin

**Second Half of
Tribulation
3.5 Years**

**Son of
Perdition**

Origin and Nationality

- Daniel 8:1-14—Daniel sees a vision of a Ram and a He-Goat.
- Daniel 8:21—the Angel Gabriel comes and explains the vision to Daniel.
 - Ram with two horns = kings of Media and Persia
 - He-goat = Greece
 - Great Horn = the first king of Greece, Alexander the Great.
- History records exactly what Daniel foretells in advance, the Greeks under the leadership of Alexander the Great destroyed the Media Persian Empire.

Origin and Nationality

- Daniel 8:8—speaks of the great horn (Alex) becoming great and then being broken when he is strong.
- This verse also speaks of four notable ones coming up in place of the great horn. When Alexander the Great died his kingdom was divided between his four generals.
 - Macedonia—Casander
 - Asia Minor—Lysmiachus
 - Syria—Seleucus
 - Egypt—Ptolomy



Origin and Nationality

- Daniel 8:9—makes it very clear that the little horn (Man of Sin) is going to come out of one of the four divisions of the Greek Empire.
- Daniel 8:29—this king of fierce countenance is going to be the one who makes war on the prince of princes and is broken without hand.
- The Scriptures identify the anti-Christ as being an Assyrian from the third division of the Greek Empire.
 - Isaiah 10:5-6
 - Isaiah 14:25, 30:31, 31:8, 52:4
 - Micah 5:1-6