



**Gaining A Strategic Grasp of Scripture**

# **The Ages To Come: The Rise & Career Of The Anti-Christ, Part 2**

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**Antiochus IV Epiphanes**  
**215–164 BC**  
**2,300 Days (Dan. 8:14)**  
**Matt. 24:15—AOD Is Future**  
**Near/Far Prophetic Element**



# Origin and Nationality

- 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
- Daniel 7



# Ascent and Consolidation of Power

## Daniel 2



## Daniel 7



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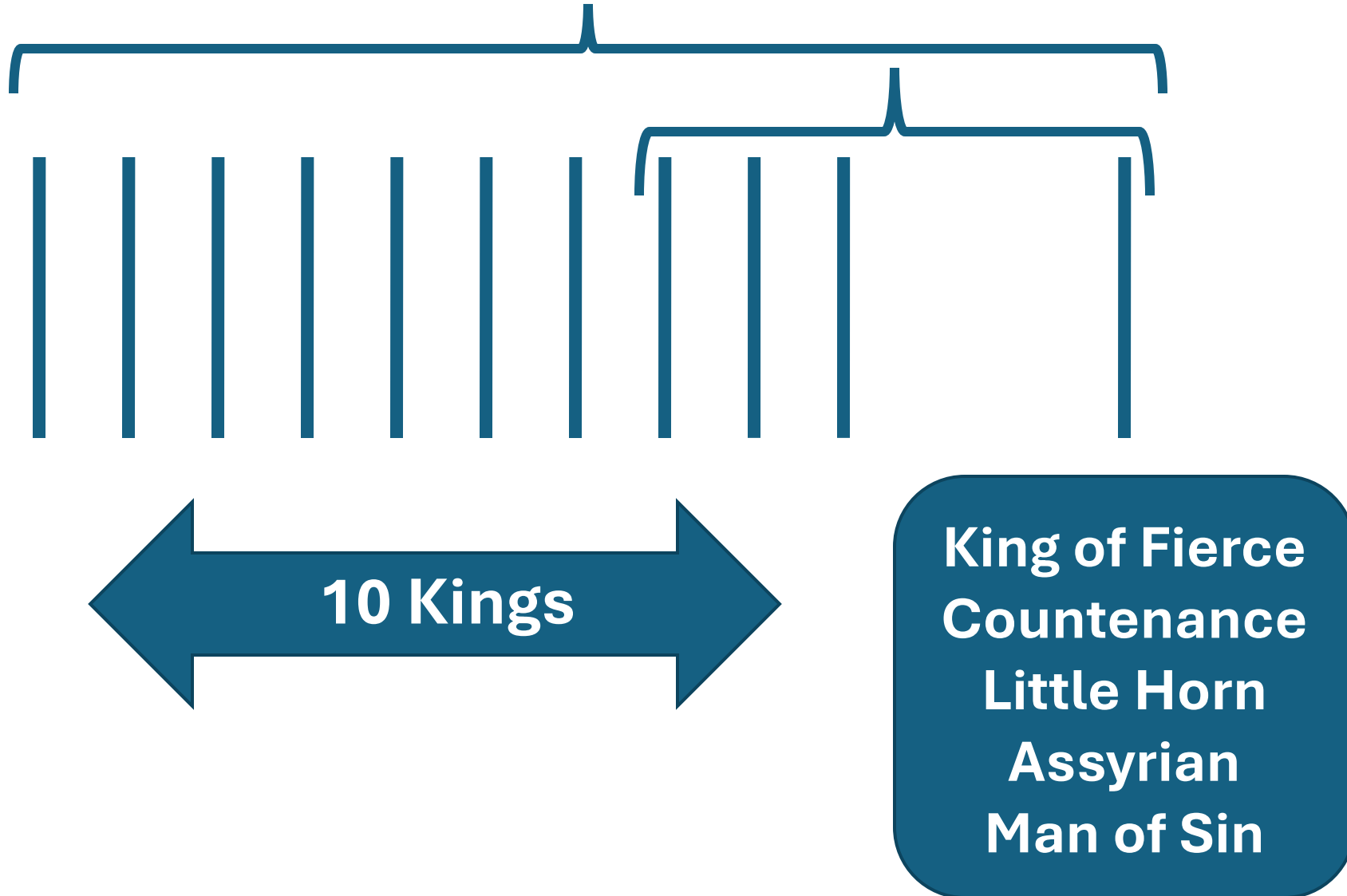
- There are a couple reasons why this interpretation is not correct.
- Daniel 7:1—Daniel has this vision during the reign of Balthasar the last king of Babylon.
- Daniel 7:17—all four of the beasts are four kings which are future from where Daniel is standing. Therefore, Babylon cannot be the Lion because Babylon is still in power.
- Daniel 7:17—all four of the beasts are identified by God the Holy Spirit as kings rather than kingdoms as in Daniel 2.
- Daniel 7:12—all of these kings are on the earth at the same time rather. In Daniel 2 the kingdom mentioned are sequential not concurrent.

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- Daniel 7:19-20, 23-24--The fourth beast is the kingdom of the anti-Christ who will preside over a confederation of ten nations.
  - Psalm 83:5-8—records the ten nations who will align themselves with the Man of Sin.
- Daniel 7:24—the Man of Sin builds his kingdom by subduing three kings under his authority and leadership. The indication then is that the remaining seven will then capitulate to his authority.



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- It will be through a political platform of world peace that the Man of Sin will deceive the world and convince Israel to enter into a covenant with him.
  - Daniel 8:25—“by peace shall destroy many”
  - Daniel 11:21—“he shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries”
  - Psalm 55:15-21—“The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.”
- Daniel 9:26—during the gap between the end of the 69<sup>th</sup> week and the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> there is going to be warfare of some sort.
  - Matthew 24:6—Jesus warned of wars and rumors of wars that would be only the beginning of sorrows.

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- Daniel 9:27—rebuilt, these wars the Man of Sin is going to broker a peace agreement between Israel and her enemies. It is the signing of this covenant that begins the ticking of the prophetic clock and beginning the 7-year period known as the tribulation.
  - The temple is two-part and the sacrificial system reinstituted
  - In the midst of the week (after 3.5 years), the Man of Sin will show his true colors by committing the abomination of desolation.
- The anti-Christ has a two-part career.
  - Revelation 6:1-2—1<sup>st</sup> half of the tribulation he is the Man of Sin, the rider on the white horse, the king of Assyria.
  - Revelation 13:1-3—2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tribulation he is the Son of Perdition, the Beast, Satan incarnate in human flesh.

# Dual Identity

**First Half of Tribulation  
3.5 Years**

**Man of Sin**

**Second Half of  
Tribulation  
3.5 Years**

**Son of  
Perdition**

# Daniel 9 and the Prophetic Gap

