



Class 5 – The AntiChrist

The AntiChrist –

Who is he?

We are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices, as Paul writes to the church at Corinth:

"¹¹ Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV)

We know, from the 1st book of John, there will be many "antichrists".

"¹⁸ Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." (1 John 2:18, KJV)

Nero, who reigned from 54AD – 68AD

Emperor Frederick II, reigned from 1220AD-1250AD

Pope John XXII, reigned from 1689-1725.

20th Century - Hitler, or Mussolini

21st Century - depends on which side of the political fence you're on.

Even long before the book of Revelation was written, there were those who claim Antiochus Epiphanes (c 215 BC – 164 BC), a Greek king of the Seleucid Empire, was the forerunner, or model even, of the AntiChrist.

The Restrainer:

"⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming." (2 Thessalonians 2:6-8, NKJV)

He will claim to be God:

"⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (2 Timothy 2:4, KJV)

He is a "beast":

*"⁷ And when they (the two Witnesses) shall have finished their testimony, the **beast** that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them."* (Revelation 11:7, KJV, parentheses and emphasis added) Who does the Antichrist make war against? The two witnesses, who have been given 1260 days to witness and prophesy before the AntiChrist has them murdered. *"³ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."* (Revelation 11:3, KJV)

*"¹³ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a **beast** rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. ² And the **beast** which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."* (Revelation 13:1, KJV)



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“⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.” (Revelation 12:9-10, KJV)

They will worship the beast:

*“⁴ And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the **beast**: and they worshipped the **beast**, saying, Who is like unto the **beast**? who is able to make war with him?”* (Revelation 13:4, KJV)

He will blaspheme God:

“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 2:22, NKJV)

Other names or titles for the Anti-Christ:

“¹⁵ And the Lord said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. ¹⁶ For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. ¹⁷ Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth 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.” (Zechariah 11:15-17, KJV)

He knows no law, except his own:

“³⁶ And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.³⁷ Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.” (Daniel 11:36-37, KJV)

He is a liar:

“⁴ And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (Revelation 13:4, KJV)

“¹⁵ And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” (Revelation 17:15, KJV)

In Isaiah, some claim the AntiChrist is described as “The Assyrian”, or someone who comes from what was called Assyria or an area that includes northern Iraq, southeastern Turkey, northwestern Iran, and northeastern Syria.



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Figure 1 Assyria circa 600BC

“24 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.” (Isaiah 10:24, KJV)

“25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.” (Isaiah 14:25, KJV)

“30 And the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.³¹ For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.” (Isaiah 30:30-31, KJV)

“26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.” (Daniel 9:26, KJV)



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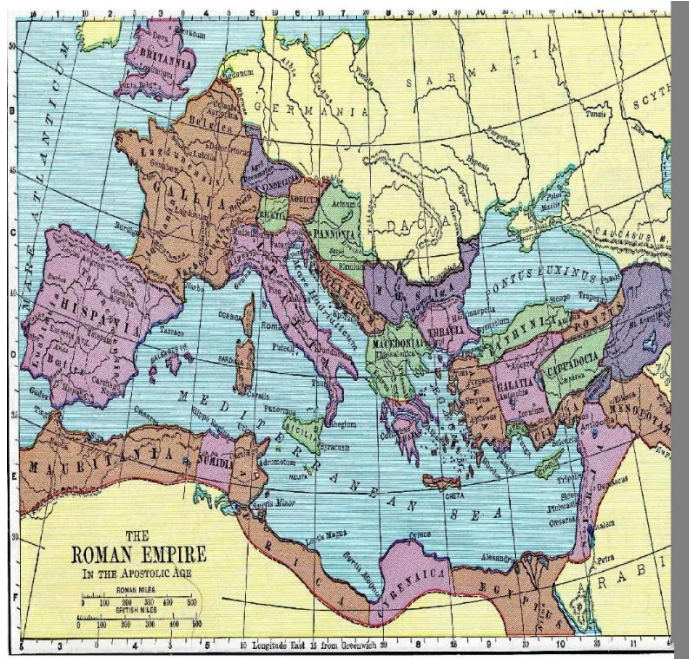
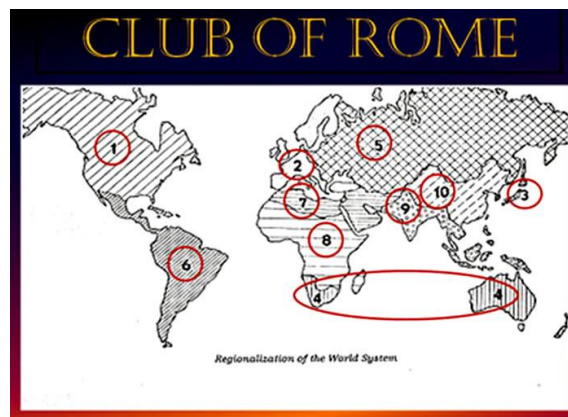


Figure 2 Roman Empire during the Apostolic Age¹

In 1973, the Club of Rome published a proposed division of the world into 10 “economic trading blocks.”



Today, the European Commission has also divided the world into ten regions – a division that looks quite familiar and similar to that one from 1973:

¹ <http://richesofgrace.com/PAULS-JOURNEYS/Roman%20Empire%201.JPG>



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*“⁷ And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and **power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**⁸ And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”* (Revelation 13:7-8, KJV, emphasis added)

*“¹ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.² And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.³ **And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.**”* (Revelation 13:1-3, KJV, emphasis added)

“⁵ And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.” (Revelation 13:5, KJV)

“²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” (Daniel 9:27, KJV)

“³¹ And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.” (Daniel 11:31, KJV)

The Jews realize they have been fooled and run for cover:

“¹⁵ When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)¹⁶ Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:¹⁷ Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:¹⁸ Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.¹⁹ And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!²⁰ But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.” (Matthew 24:15-22, KJV)

“¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false



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prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.” (Revelation 19:19-20, KJV)

Next week is the “Mark of the Beast”.