

THE PERSON AND MINISTRY OF THE BEAST  
(2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 and Revelation 13:1-10)

- I. He will appear in the “LATTER PERIOD” of Israel’s history (Dan. 8:23)
- II. He will not appear until the “DAY of the LORD” begins (2 Thess. 2:2)
- III. His appearing is being HINDERED by the Restrainer (2 Thess. 2:6-7)
- IV. His appearing will be preceded by a DEPARTURE (2 Thess. 2:1-4)
- V. He is a GENTILE, arising from the SEA (Rev. 13:1; 17:15)
- VI. He rises from the ROMAN EMPIRE (Dan. 9:26)
- VII. He is the head of the LAST form of GENTILE world dominion (Rev. 13:1)
- VIII. His influence is GLOBAL (Rev. 13:8)
- IX. His power is consolidated by ALLIANCE (Dan. 8:24; Rev. 17:12)
- X. He will ELIMINATE three rulers in his RISE to power (Dan. 7:8, 24)
- XI. His rise comes through his PEACE PROGRAM (Dan. 8:25)
- XII. He rules nations by their own CONSENT (Rev. 17:13) because he is intelligent and persuasive (Dan. 7:8, 20; 8:23), subtle and crafty (Ezek. 28:6)
- XIII. He rules with ABSOLUTE authority, CHANGING laws and customs (Dan. 11:36; 7:25)
- XIV. His chief interest is PERSONAL POWER (Dan. 11:38)
- XV. He forges a seven-year TREATY with Israel, which he VIOLATES after 3 ½ years (Dan. 9:27)
- XVI. He introduces worship of HIMSELF as GOD (Dan. 9:27; 11:36-37; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:5)
- XVII. He is characterized as a BLASPHEMER (Ezek. 28:2; Dan. 7:25; Rev. 13:1)
- XVIII. His energy and authority come from SATAN (Ezek. 28:9-12; Rev. 13:4)
- XIX. He is head of Satan’s LAWLESS system, working MIRACLES by his power (2 Thess. 2:3, 9-10)
- XX. He is received as god and ruler because of people’s BLINDNESS (2 Thess. 2:11)
- XXI. He becomes the GREAT ADVERSARY of Israel (Dan. 7:21, 25; 8:24; Rev. 13:7)
- XXII. There will arise an alliance AGAINST HIM (Ezek. 28:7; Dan. 11:40-42)
- XXIII. He will gain control over the MIDDLE-EAST, making his headquarters in JERUSALEM (Dan 11:42, 45)

- XXIV. His rise to power is aided by “the harlot,” the APOSTATE CHURCH which tries to DOMINATE him (Rev. 17:3)
- XXV. He DESTROYS this system so he may rule UNHINDERED (Rev. 17:16-17)
- XXVI. He becomes the special adversary of CHRIST (Dan. 8:25)
- A. His PROGRAM (2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 17:14)
  - B. His PEOPLE (Dan. 7:21, 25; 8:24; Rev. 13:7)
- XXVII. His CONTROL last 7 years, his SATANIC activity the last 3 ½ years (Dan. 7:25; 9:27; 11:36; Rev. 13:5)
- XXVIII. His rule will end by direct JUDGMENT from God through a MILITARY campaign in Palestine, and he will be cast into the LAKE OF FIRE (Ezek. 28:6-10; Dan. 7:22, 26; 8:25; 9:27; 11:45; Rev. 19:19-20)
- XXIX. This happens when Christ RETURNS and demonstrates His SOVEREIGNTY (2 Thess. 2:8; Dan. 7:22; Rev. 11:15)
- XXX. The Beast’s kingdom will pass to the rule of CHRIST and will become the kingdom of the SAINTS (Dan. 7:27)
- XXXI. The Beast probably will NOT be a RESURRECTED person (Rev. 13:3; 17:8)
- A. Since GOVERNMENTS are in view, “healing” may refer to a revival of a Gentile KINGDOM which had been “dead”
  - B. Being brought from the abyss may refer to its revival being EMPOWERED by SATAN (Rev. 9:11)
  - C. Only the voice of the Son of God can call men FROM THE GRAVE (John 5:28-29)
  - D. The WICKED are not resurrected until LATER (Rev. 20:11-15)
  - E. All references to the Beast present him as a MAN, not SUPERNATURAL