

# 6 Traits of the Coming ANTICHRIST

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## 1. A MAN

The Antichrist is consistently referred to as a future male leader. For example, 1 John 2:22 notes, “Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son” (ESV). Though some modern versions change the wording in this verse to a gender-neutral term (NIV), the original language here and elsewhere emphasizes a male leader in discussing the Antichrist.

## 2. A CITIZEN OF A WESTERN NATION

The Antichrist will arise from the revived Roman Empire (Daniel 7:16-24). During the first century, the Roman Empire included most of modern Europe and the nations touching the Mediterranean Sea, including the nations of North Africa. While it indicates the Antichrist will come from the revived Roman Empire, his particular ethnic or national identity is not noted. Most likely, this man will be a person without a strong traditional religious background who arises as a global leader in a European nation.

## 3. A POWERFUL POLITICAL LEADER

Revelation 13:1-3 describes the Antichrist as a person who leads a nation of 10 horns and seven heads. These horns and heads refer to nations and national leaders who will be under the Antichrist’s authority.

## 4. A SPIRITUAL LEADER

Though the Antichrist will oppose the God of the Bible, this does not mean he will be opposed to religion. Instead, he will first offer a false unity of religion and later force people to worship him during the second half of the tribulation period.



## 5. A MURDERER

Many predictions regarding the Antichrist point toward his work to end the lives of others. For example, he will require every person to receive the mark of the beast to buy or sell, putting to death those who oppose him. Further, the Antichrist will have a direct role in the deaths of the two witnesses in Revelation 11:7: “Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.”

## 6. A DECEIVER

Daniel 7:25 predicts the Antichrist will seek to change the times and laws. Daniel 9 adds details about the Antichrist confirming a seven-year covenant with Israel that he later breaks. He is also noted as a man of lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12). God’s judgment on the Antichrist further confirms his role as one who implements the works of Satan, ultimately leading to being cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).