



# THE BATTLE

## BETWEEN CHRIST AND THE ANTICHRIST

THE ANTICHRIST IS NOT TO BE FEARED!

A Study of Daniel 8, Part Two

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The battle between Christ and the Antichrist is fought to the finish in every human heart. We must know whose side we are on now. It will be too late to change sides at the second coming."

-Dr. David Hunt

The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future." - Daniel 8:26, NIV

### STUDY SECTION

## IN 'THE DISTANT FUTURE'

### 1. We will see a famous Angel. (vv. 15-22)

**Daniel 8:15–22, NASB** -<sup>15</sup> When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man. <sup>16</sup> And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, "Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision." <sup>17</sup> So he [The angel Gabriel—one of three angels named in the Bible] came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end [not the near future but the distant future]." <sup>18</sup> Now while he was talking with me, I sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me and made me stand upright. <sup>19</sup> He said, "Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end." <sup>20</sup> "The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>21</sup> "The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. <sup>22</sup> "The broken horn and

the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.

### 2. We will see an infamous Antichrist. (vv. 23-26)

**Daniel 8:23–26, NASB** -<sup>23</sup> "In the latter period of their rule, When the transgressors have run their course, A king [notice the lower case "k"] will arise, Insolent and skilled in intrigue. <sup>24</sup> "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people. <sup>25</sup> "And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; And he will magnify himself in his heart, And he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broken without human agency. <sup>26</sup> "The vision of the evenings and mornings Which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, For it pertains to many days in the future."

**David Jeremiah's STUDY BIBLE says, the Antichrist will be:**

Dramatic in appearance - "...a king will arise..." v. 23a, NLT

Destined to do evil - "...a fierce king..." v. 23b, NLT

Dynamic in leadership - "...a master of intrigue..." v. 23c, NLT

Demonic in power - "His power....mighty but not by his power..." v. 24a, NASB

Destructive in his reign - "...a shocking amount of destruction..." v. 24B, NLT

Deceitful in his practice - "He will be a master of deception..." v. 25a, NLT

He will Deify himself - "...he will magnify himself..." v. 25b, NASB

He will Disguise his cruelty with peace promises - "...by his influence" v. 25c

But will be Destroyed Supernaturally. - "(The Antichrist) will be broken, though not by human power." v. 25d, NLT

### 3. We will see a disturbed Daniel. (v. 27)

**Daniel 8:27, NASB** -<sup>27</sup> Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king's business [Oh, may that be our epitaph!]; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it.

### 4. We will see a victorious Christ. (v. 25)

**Daniel 8:25, NCV** -<sup>25</sup> ...this cruel king (the Antichrist) will be destroyed, and not by human power.

### LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

- The fulfillment of prophecy demonstrates that the Word of God is reliable.
- The Antichrist is the logical conclusion of contemporary humanism.
- Regarding THE BATTLE (between Christ and the Antichrist) that now rages—Christ wins!
- Those who fear the Lord have nothing to fear.