# The Doctrine of the Antichrist Summarized in Outline Form by Dr. John Cereghin Pastor, Grace Baptist Church of Smyrna, Delaware

## 1. Definition

- 1. The Satanically empowered man who will be offered as a substitute Christ to the world during the tribulation period
- 2. The Biblical Unfolding of the Antichrist
  - 1. Genesis 10:8-10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel...
    - 1. Nimrod's name means "rebellion", "panther". The Hebrew radical of his name means "spotted" or "specks". This "panther" is black, white and brown, like a leopard, which includes the skin colors of all the tribes on earth, so he is an integrated man. He represents everyone, can identify with anyone and will be popular with all kinds of men.
    - 2. He was a mighty one.
    - 3. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD, or in the sense of against the LORD.
      - 1. Hunters do not have good typology in Scripture. Consider:
        - 1. Nimrod
        - 2. Ishamel, an archer
        - 3. Esau
    - 4. His line is Cainite. He is the 13th from Adam.
    - 5. He established the modern day Babylonian- Roman religion (see Alexander Hislop's *The Two Babylons*) which introduced idolatry and the worship of a mother and child. This carries over today in the Marian worship in Roman Catholicism.
    - 6. He established the kingdom of Babylon, which culminates into the last days apostate religious and political system (Jeremiah 51; Revelation 17,18).
    - 7. He appears in Genesis 10:10 and 10 is the number of Gentile world power, which the Antichrist will head up.
      - 1. "Ten" as the Gentile number:
        - 1. The 10th man from Adam is the Father of the Gentiles, Japheth.
        - 2. The first Gentile kingdom is established in Genesis 10:10.
        - 3. Acts 10- the Gentile Pentecost.
        - 4. Romans 10- the missionary call to the Gentiles.
        - 5. John 10- Jesus speaks of other sheep not of this fold- Gentiles.
        - 6. The last Gentile kingdom is represented by 10 toes- 10 nations.

- 7. Luke 10- one of the 10 lepers returns to give thanks to Christ for his healing and he is a Gentile.
- 8. Assyria is his land (Micah 5:6)
- 9. The Jerusalem Targum says of him "He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the Lord, for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them 'Depart from the judgment of the Lord and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!' Therefore it is said 'As Nimrod the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the Lord."
- 2. 2 Kings 18:13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.
  - 1. Sennacherib, king of Assyria, is a type of the Antichrist.
  - 2. The Antichrist will do this in the tribulation against Israel.
- 3. 2 Chronicles 9:13,18,19 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold; (18) And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays: (19) And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.
  - 1. Solomon is a type of the Antichrist as well as a type of Christ. His kingdom reflects the best and greatest than man can do on his own without God. Notice the many "sixes" that are associated with him:
  - 2. He received 666 talents of gold a year
  - 3. 6 steps to the throne.
  - 4. 12 lions (6 times 2).
- 4. Ezra 2:13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.
  - 1. We notice the 666 children of this family.
- 5. Job 40:15-24
  - 1. Behemoth- the Beast from the earth. Compare with the Second Beast of Revelation 13:11-18, the False Prophet.
- 6. Job 41:1-34
  - 1. Compare this Beast from the Sea with the First Beast of Revelation 13:1-8, who is the Antichrist
- 7. Psalm 55:20,21 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant. (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.
  - 1. The Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel.
  - 2. He speaks smooth words and flatteries while preparing for war.
- 8. Psalm 89:22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
  - A title for the Antichrist- "The Son of Wickedness".
- 9. Isaiah 10:5-14
  - 1. The Antichrist is called "O Assyrian"

- 2. He is called "The rod of mine anger", showing that the Antichrist is a tool in the plan of God to judge the Gentiles and to prune Israel. He will operate with the allowance of God for 7 years.
- 3. He is a destroyer- 10:7.
- 4. He has designs against Samaria and Jerusalem- 10:10,11.
- 5. He is proud and boastful- 10:12-14.
- 10. Isaiah 10:24-34 ("Assyrian")
  - 1. He will smite Israel- 10:24.
- 11. Isaiah 14:25 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.
- 12. Isaiah 19:4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.
  - 1. The Antichrist will also afflict the Egyptians.
- 13. Isaiah 23:13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not till the Assyrian founded it for them to dwell in the wilderness; they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.
  - 1. Speaking of Nimrod and his founding the Babylonian empire. Run this back to Genesis 10.
- 14. Isaiah 30:31-33 For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod. And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it. For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.
  - 1. God will fight against the Antichrist with nothing more than His voice-30:31.
  - 2. He is called a king- 30:33.
  - 3. Tophet is prepared for him- 30:33.
    - 1. "Tophet" (Strong' #8613) was a place in the valley of Hinnom, meaning "detestable", a place of cremation. It was a place of human sacrifice to Moloch- 2 Kings 23:10; Jeremiah :31.
    - 2. It is a place of fire, brimstone and consuming.
- 15. Isaiah 31:8,9 Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.
  - 1. He falls by the sword.
  - 2. He has "young men"- an army.
  - 3. He will have a strong hold that he will seek refuge in when the Lord attacks him.
- 16. Ezekiel 31:2-18 ("Assyrian", Pharaoh)
  - 1. Pharaoh is given as a type of the Antichrist- 31:2.

- 2. The Antichrist (as his father Satan/Lucifer) was a magnificent beinguntil he rebelled.
- 3. He lifted himself up in his pride- 31:10
- 4. Armageddon and the birds eating the flesh of his army mentioned in 31:13 (Revelation 19:17,18).
- 5. There will be mourning in the day of his destruction- 31:15.
- 6. He will be cast into hell and will take many with him- 31:16,17.
- 7. He is associated with Eden- 31:18.
- 17. Daniel 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.
  - 1. He is called the "little horn".
  - 2. He plucks up 3 other horns at his rise.
  - 3. The horn had the eyes of a man.
  - 4. He speaks great things (in blasphemy).
- 18. Daniel 7:20-26
  - 1. Called a horn- 7:20.24.
  - 2. Three other horns fall before him- 7:20,24.
    - 1. These horns are kings- 7:24.
  - 3. His mouth speaks great things- 7:20,24.
  - 4. He has a stout look- 7:20.
  - 5. He makes war with the saints and prevails against them, but the eventually overcome him through the power of the Ancient of Days-7:21,22.
    - 1. He will wear them out- 7:25.
  - 6. He shall think to change times and laws- 7:25. (By the way, this is not the pope supposedly changing the sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, as the Seventh Day Adventists claim! The Sabbath was never changed- it has always been and will always be Saturday.)
  - 7. His career lasts "a time, times and dividing of time", 3 1/2 of something (years)- 7:25.
  - 8. His dominion shall be taken away- 7:26.
- 19. Daniel 8:9-12 (Little horn)
  - 1. He arises from one of the 4 segments of the empire of Alexander the Great (the he goat).
  - 2. It waxed exceedingly great- 8:9,10.
  - 3. He has his eye on the land to the south and east, toward the "pleasant land" 8:9.
  - 4. He cast down some out of the host of heaven-8:10.
  - 5. He magnified himself- 8:11.
  - 6. He causes the daily sacrifice to be taken away- 8:11.
- 20. Daniel 8:21-25 (Little horn) A continuation from Daniel 8:9-12.
  - 1. He is a king of fierce countenance- 8:23.
  - 2. He shall understand dark sayings- 8:23.

- 3. He shall have mighty power, but not of himself- 8:24.
  - 1. He gets his power from Satan, just as Christ relied not on His own power but on the power of the Spirit.
- 4. He shall destroy the holy people- 8:24.
- 5. He shall prosper- 8:24.
- 6. He will magnify himself- 8:25.
- 7. He shall destroy many by peace- 8:25.
- 8. He will stand up against the "Prince of princes" but will be destroyed-8:25.
- 21. Daniel 11:2-45
  - 1. This is a detailed account of the career of the Antichrist before his destruction.
- 22. Micah 5:5,6 And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.
  - 1. When the Antichrist invades Israel, 7 "shepherds" (religious men) and 8 "principal men" (probably military and political men) shall rise up to lead the opposition to him.
  - 2. "He" shall deliver us..." (5:6). Who is this singular person? It must be Christ.
- 23. Zechariah 11:16,17 For, Io, 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. 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.
  - 1. The Antichrist is the "Idol Shepherd", the Bad Shepherd, who is everything that a godly shepherd should not be.
    - 1. He will not visit those who need it.
    - 2. He does not seek the flock.
    - 3. He does not heal.
    - 4. He does not feed.
    - 5. He leaves the flock.
  - 2. He has a bad right eye and a bad right arm.
- 24. Matthew 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
  - 1. The Antichrist will claim to be God and he will deceive many.
  - 2. The Antichrist will come in the name of Christ.
- 25. Matthew 24:23-24 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

- 1. The Antichrist and his followers will be able to do great signs and wonders and shall deceive everyone, except the saved.
- 26. John 6:70,71 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.
  - 1. Judas is called "a devil".
  - 2. There is a very good chance that Judas will be the Antichrist in resurrected form.
- 27. John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
  - 1. Judas is called the "Son of Perdition".
- 28. Acts 13:6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus:
  - 1. This false prophet is interesting:
    - 1. He is a Jew.
    - 2. "Bar-jesus" means "Son of Jesus".
- 29. 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4,8,9
  - 1. The Antichrist is called the "Man of Sin"- 2:3.
  - 2. He is called "The Son of Perdition" 2:3.
  - 3. He will oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped- 2:4.
  - 4. He will claim to be God by sitting in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God- 2:4.
  - 5. He is called "that Wicked" 2:8.
  - 6. He will be revealed- he has a revelation, just like Christ- 2:8.
  - 7. The Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy him with the brightness of his coming- 2:8.
  - 8. When he comes, he does so after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders- 2:9.
- 30. 1 John 2:18 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.
- 31. 1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.
  - 1. The Antichrist denies the Father and the Son, as do his followers, even todav.
- 32. 1 John 3:12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.
  - 1. Cain is a type of the Antichrist. He is from that "wicked one".
- 33. 1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
  - 1. The Antichrist will deny the coming of Christ in the flesh.

- 34. 2 John 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
  - 1. The Antichrist is a deceiver.
  - 2. He will not confess that Christ is come in the flesh.
- 35. Revelation 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.
  - 1. This is Antichrist, not Christ, who makes his appearance not too long after the rapture of Revelation 4.
  - 2. He mimics Christ (white horse and peace) so well that he fools just about everyone.
  - 3. He comes in peace (a bow but no arrow) but has war in his heart (the bow).
  - 4. He has a crown, denoting kingship.
  - 5. He goes to conquer by peace.
- 36. Revelation 13:1-8
  - 1. The beast from the Sea- 13:1.
  - 2. Has 7 heads and 10 horns, with names of blasphemy- 13:1.
    - 1. The horns are kings- Revelation 17:12.
  - 3. He is compared to three animals:
    - 1. Leopard
      - 1. Swiftness in conquering.
      - 2. Integration- black/white/brown.
    - 2. Bear
      - 1. Crushes opponents under his feet.
    - 3. Lion
      - 1. Crushes opponents by his mouth.
  - 4. He has a deadly head wound healed- 13:3.
  - 5. All the world wonders after the beast and worshipped him- 13:4.
    - 1. Only the damned worship him- 13:8.
  - 6. He had a mouth that spoke great things and blasphemies- 13:5,6.
  - 7. He continues for 42 months- 13:5.
  - 8. He makes war with the saints and overcomes them- 13:7.
- 37. Revelation 13:15-18
  - 1. An image of the beast will be constructed (Daniel 2).
  - 2. The Antichrist will have a mark that will be administered on the forehead or the right hand 13:16.
    - 1. Interesting that on Ash Wednesday, the Roman Catholic priest puts a black spot on either your FOREHEAD or on your RIGHT HAND.
  - 3. The Antichrist also has a number- 666.
- 38. Revelation 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,
  - 1. He has a kingdom and he has a seat (or capital or center of operations).

- 39. Revelation 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
  - 1. He sends out unclean spirits that do miracles and that deceive those on the earth.
- 40. Revelation 17:8,10-14
  - 1. The Antichrist was, and is not (and shall yet be) 17:8,11.
  - 2. He shall ascend out of the bottomless pit- 17:8.
    - 1. He was in the bottomless pit and shall ascend out of it.
  - 3. He shall go into perdition- 17:8.
  - 4. Everyone on earth (the damned) shall wonder after him- 17:8.
  - 5. The kings of the earth shall give their power to the Antichrist- 17:13.
  - 6. The Antichrist and his followers will make war with the Lamb but He shall overcome them- 17:14.
- 41. Revelation 19:19,20
  - 1. Battle of Armageddon.
  - 2. He is cast alive into the lake of fire (not hell)-19:20.
- 3. Comparison and Contrast Between Christ and Antichrist
  - 1. Jesus is the King of Kings (Revelation 19) Satan is "king over all the children of pride" (Job 41)
  - 2. God is Light and in Him is no darkness (1 John 1:5) Satan appears as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:11-13)
  - 3. Christ has a bride, who is a city (Revelation 21:9) Satan has a bride, who is a city (Revelation 17:1-9)
  - 4. Both Christ and Satan quote Scripture (Luke 4:1-10)
  - 5. Christ preaches 42 months (Luke 3:23; John 2:13; 5:1; 6:4; 12:1) The Beast preaches 42 months (Revelation 13:5)
  - 6. Christ means "anointed" (Acts 4:26; Psalm 2:2) Satan is anointed as a christ (Ezekiel 28:14; Matthew 24:5)
  - 7. God desires worship (John 4:23-26) Satan desires worship (Matthew 4:8-10)
  - 8. Christ has ministers, Satan has ministers
- 4. Types of the Antichrist
  - 1. Cain
    - 1. 1 John 3:12, born of that wicked one
    - 2. Has a mark
  - 2. Nimrod
    - 1. Genesis 10
    - 2. Name means "rebellion"
    - 3. Was a hunter
  - 3. Pharaoh
    - 1. Ezekiel 29:3, called a dragon
    - 2. He persecutes Israel
    - 3. His profession is "I know not the LORD"
  - 4. Sennacherib
    - 1. His army destroyed by the angel of the Lord (2 Kings 19:16,35)

2. He attacks Jerusalem, leaves and returns, giving those in Judea a chance to flee to the mountains (Matthew 24:16)

#### 5. Balak

- 1. Numbers 22-25
- 2. He gets Israel to corrupt himself with Baal worship
- 3. His prophet is Balaam (a Satanic trinity Father/Baal, Son/Balak, False Prophet/Balaam)

### 6. Sisera

- 1. A Gentile king defeated at Megiddo
- 2. The stars in their courses fight from heaven against him (Judges 5:19,20)
- 3. He is killed by a blow on the head (Genesis 3:15; Judges 5:26)

#### 7. Abimelech

- 1. A rebel who sets himself up as king (Judges 9)
- 2. Killed by a blow to the head
- 8. Solomon (both a type of Christ and Antichrist)
  - 1. His number is 666 (2 Chronicles 9:13) with 6 lions and 6 steps near his throne
  - 2. He is King of Israel who apostasizes

#### 9. Ahab

- 1. Has priests who wear vestments, come from the apostate tribe of Dan and who called the priest Father (Judges 17,18; 2 Kings 10:22)
- 2. Marries Jezebel (Revelation 17)

#### 10. Goliath

- 1. A mutant
- 2. Killed by a head wound
- 3. He has 6 pieces of armor and has 6 fingers and toes.
- 4. Is killed by David, a type of Christ

## 11. Saul

- 1. A demonic
- 2. The people's choice as king, a populist
- 3. Usurped the priest's office
- 4. Hates David, a type of Christ

### 12. Absolam

- 1. Name means "Father of Peace"
- 2. Obtains the kingdom by flatteries (2 Sam15:2-6; Dan 8:25; 11:24)
- 3. Rebels against David, a type of Christ
- 4. He is perfect in beauty (2 Sam 14:25,26; Ezekiel 28:15) showing he was very vain, proud and arrogant

## 13. Haman

- 1. Is called an adversary, which is what "Satan" means (Esther 7:6)
- 2. Plots to destroy Israel
- 3. He is hung, like Judas and Absolam

## 14. Nabal

1. Enemy of David

2. He knows not David (Christ) (1 Sam 25:10)

## 15. Jeroboam

- 1. Establishes Baal worship where men kiss the idols (1 Kings 12:25-33; 19:18; Hosea 13:2)
- 2. He has a bad arm (Zech 11:16,17)

## 16. Judas

- 1. He hangs, as Haman and Absolam
- 2. He is very close to Christ. No one suspected his true nature until it was too late.
- 3. Is called the Son of Perdition and a devil (John 6:70,71)
- 4. He goes to his own place at death (2 Sam 18:18; Acts 1:25)
- 5. Is a Moabite (his name Iscariot means "A man of Kerioth", which is in Moab) (Jer 48:2,10,15,24,41)
- 6. Will be the Antichrist raised from "his own place". As Christ was raised from the dead, so shall Antichrist be.

## 17. Herod

- 1. Usurps God's voice and does not give Him the glory (Acts 12:22,23)
- 18. Nebuchadnezzar
  - 1. Builds an image (Dan 3) that is 60x6x6 cubits with 6 instruments used after saying that he set it up 6 times
  - 2. Is King of Babylon (Rev 17)
  - 3. Is called a dragon (Jer 51:34)
- 5. Summary on the Antichrist
  - 1. He is a prince (Dan 9:26; John 16:11)
  - 2. He is a king (Dan 8:21,23)
  - 3. He is the he-goat (Dan 8:21)
  - 4. He is the little horn (Dan 7:8)
  - 5. He is the King of the North (Dan 11)
  - 6. He is a king of fierce countenance (Dan 8:23)
  - 7. He is called antichrist (1 John 4:3)
  - 8. He is call the man of sin
  - 9. He is called the son of perdition
  - 10. He is called the Assyrian
  - 11. He is called the beast
- 6. Now, seeing all of this Biblical revelation of the Antichrist, who could possibly say with a straight face that Nero, Hitler, Kissinger, Saddam Hussein or Mussolini was the Antichrist?