

# The Rising Antichrist

Summary of *Endtimes Essentials* book #2: *The Beginning of Birth Pains* (BBP) chs. 7-9

**The big idea:** The Antichrist may be emerging in our world.

## A) The Four Stages of Antichrist's Career (BBP ch. 7, sec. D)

- 1) Rising** Antichrist's initial emergence on the Earth as a **little horn** and **Jewish** leader of a minor country in **Magog**. (Dan 7:8; 8:9; Ezek 38:2)
- 2) Resurrection** Antichrist's burst onto the world scene resulting in his worldwide worship. Probably the first certain sign the Endtimes have begun (Rev 6:1-2; 13:1-14)
- 3) Wrath** Antichrist's persecution against God's people (Matt 24:15-22; Rev 6:9-11; 13:5-7)
- 4) Punishment** Christ's judgment on the Antichrist after Christ's Return (2 Thess 2:8; Rev 20:10)

## B) The 7 biblical attributes of the Rising Antichrist

- 1)** He will initially emerge as the leader of a relatively minor country (cf. *BBP* ch. 8, sec. B)  
**As I was thinking about the ten horns, there was another one, a little horn** [the Rising Antichrist]. **It was rising up** [*cliq*: "ascending"] **among the ten horns... [It] started small but grew in power ... until ... it took away the daily sacrifice from the LORD** (Dan 7:8; 8:9,11).
- 2)** The Antichrist will be from **the land of Magog** (Ezek 38:2) which is the modern country of Russia and nations in its vicinity. (cf. Rev 16:16, cf. v. 14; 19:11-21; cf. *BBP* ch. 8, sec. C)  
He will be leading the armies against Christ at the Battle of Armageddon. Therefore, the Antichrist will be **Gog, of the land of Magog** (Ezek 38:2). This is well known as the ancient **Scythian** empire (Col 3:11) which is the modern country of Russia and its satellite nations.
- 3)** The Rising Antichrist **will have no regard for the Jewish God [ĕlōhîm] of his fathers** and will therefore be a Jew (Dan 11:37), which will be required to be accepted by Israel when he is **claiming, "I am the Messiah," and will deceive many** (Matt 24:5 NIV).
- 4)** He will become very famous and admired in the whole world (cf. *BBP* ch. 8, sec. D)  
Even though he will be the leader of one of these minor countries in **Magog** (Ezek 38:2), he will be recognized by the whole world because when he is killed and resurrected, every unbeliever in the world will know who he is and will worship him.  
**I saw that one of the heads of the beast** [Antichrist] **seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast... all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast ... who was fatally wounded and then came back to life.** (Rev 13: 3, 8, 14 NLT)
- 5)** He will be supernaturally successful, which may include victory in war (*BBP* ch. 9, sec. A)  
**The horn** [Antichrist] **succeeded in everything it did... A fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does.** (Dan 8:12, 23)  
**Another king will arise** (Dan 7:24). **Arise** (*qûm*) can mean "victory in war or struggle."
- 6)** He will "uproot" 3 leaders of the 10-nation Endtime Coalition (cf. *BBP* ch. 9, sec. B)  
**A little horn ... was rising up among the ten horns and three of them were uprooted by it.** (Dan 7:8, 24)
- 7)** He will successfully lead the world to a period of peace (Rev 6:1-4; cf. *BBP* ch. 9, sec. C)  
A **conquest** by peaceful means is reflected in **the first seal** by the Antichrist being a **rider** on a **white horse** who **held a bow**, but without arrows. This suggests perhaps the arrows have been expended and peace achieved. The world will love a peacemaker as unbelievers in the Endtimes will be **saying, "Peace and safety"** (1 Thess 5:3). But the **rider** in **the second seal** clearly depicting war, will be **given power to take peace from the earth** (Rev 6:4). This suggests that during the events of the First Seal peace will be established.

## **Is there a reasonable candidate for the Rising Antichrist emerging in the world today?**

### **A) How does Volodymyr Zelenskyy compare with the 7 biblical attributes of the Rising Antichrist? (cf. *BBP* ch. 8, sec. E; ch. 9 secs. A-C)**

- 1)** The Antichrist will **start small** (Dan 8:9) as the leader of a relatively minor country.  
The world hardly knew where Ukraine was located, or who Zelenskyy was, before the war.
- 2)** The Antichrist will be from **the land of Magog** (Ezek 38:2) which is the modern country of Russia and nations in its vicinity.  
Zelenskyy was born in Ukraine which is located in the geographical location of **Magog**.
- 3)** The Rising Antichrist will be a Jew (Dan 11:37; Matt 24:5), but abandon the Jewish faith.  
Zelenskyy was born to Jewish parents committed to the Jewish faith, but he has **no regard for the God of his fathers**.
- 4)** He will become very famous and admired in the whole world.  
Zelenskyy is arguably the most famous and admired person in the world today, especially in Europe. *Time* magazine's "Person of the Year" for world influence in 2022. Recently dominated the G-7 Summit. Has been invited to speak before every major parliament in the free world and at numerous world-wide events.  
  
Zelenskyy is the first person in human history to potentially fulfill all 4 of the above biblical prophecies about the Rising Antichrist.
- 5)** He will be supernaturally successful, which may include victory in war  
Zelenskyy has led the #22 ranked military in the world to defend his country against the #2 ranked military in the world. He has persuaded over 40 nations to give over \$180 billion to his cause. He has claimed from the beginning of the war that Ukraine will take back all occupied territory, including Crimea. If he is successful in doing all of this, it would seem to be an example of supernatural success.
- 6)** He will **uproot** 3 leaders of the 10-nation Endtime Coalition  
The leaders of Russia, Belarus, and Iran are all in the SCO, among the most enduring and powerful dictators in the world, and uniquely opposed to Ukraine. If Zelenskyy wins the war it seems he will demand Putin, Lukashenko, and Khamenei are replaced, and current events in these countries give evidence that the people themselves will want this as well. If these 3 leaders fall it would seem to be a very specific fulfillment of biblical prophecy.
- 7)** He will successfully lead the world to a period of peace (Rev 6:1-4)  
Zelenskyy already called for a world peace summit back in 2022. If he wins the war, he will be a good candidate to promote world peace, especially if he is a cause of the downfall of the dictators of Russia, Iran, and Belarus.

### **B) Conclusions about Zelenskyy & the Rising Antichrist (*BBP* ch. 9, sec. D)**

- 1) Because Zelenskyy is already the first person in human history to be a world-famous and admired Jewish leader of a small country in Magog (prophecies #1-4 above), it is reasonable to suggest there is a 60% probability he will be further confirmed to be the Antichrist.
- 2) If Zelenskyy is successful in removing the Russian army from all Ukrainian territory, and causing the downfall of the leaders of Russian, Belarus, and Iran, and the SCO remains 10 nations, then it is reasonable to suggest there is an 80% probability he will be further confirmed to be the Antichrist.
- 3) If Zelenskyy does not win the war, or fades away in popularity, then the probability of him being confirmed as the Antichrist would reduce to about 20%.
- 4) If Zelenskyy is killed and miraculously resurrected from the dead, it will be the first certain sign the Endtimes have begun, and he is the Antichrist.