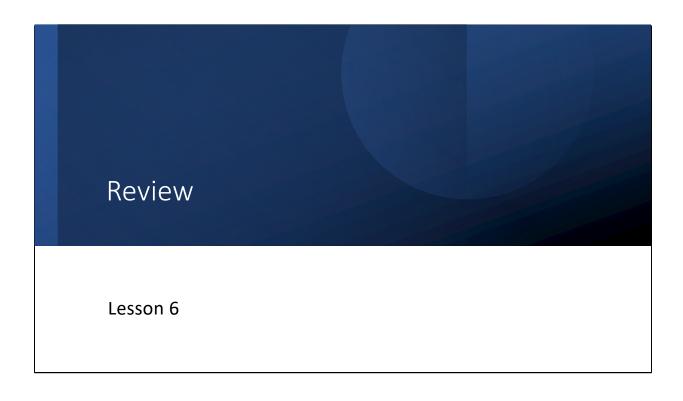
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Lesson 7: The Antichrist, part 2 November 7, 2022 8:00 PM



Daniel 7, 9 Antichrist

Summary

- Antichrist will arise after and from amongst the 10 rulers
- He will destroy 3 of the rulers
- He will be exceedingly arrogant and blasphemous
- He will be cast into fire by the court of judgment
- He will oppress believers for 3 ½ years
- He will make a covenant with the many for 7 years
 - Abomination of the temple at 3 ½ years
- He will use land and power to garner support
- Jordan will be spared, Ethiopia and Libya will follow him
- Egypt will be conquered

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Revelation 6: 1-2

"Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, 'Come.' I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown [stephanos] was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."

White horses were used during Roman Triumphs – a parade to honor a victorious general

The crown is given (not earned?) is the crown of triumph, stephanos, not the crown of a rule, diadem

No arrows are mentioned for the bow, but I'm not sure if this relevant

Jesus wears a diadem in Revelation 19

Two major competing interpretations are the ride is either Jesus or the Antichrist

Who is the rider on white horse?

Jesus

- Jesus is the conqueror who will rule the entire earth
- It is God's judgements that are unsealed

Antichrist

- Jesus is the one who opens the first scroll
- Jesus in Rev 19 were a diadem
- Jesus warns of false Christs (Matt 24:5)

Anitchrist

From Daniel 9

- Will confirm a covenant with many

 If the rider of the white horse is Antichrist AND the breaking of the first seal is the start of the tribulation
- Antichrist will not be revealed until the start of the tribulation

Revelation 13: 3-4

"I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?'"

This is one of the heads that is slain, not a horn. This may be a nation that appears to be fatally wounded or the antichrist, or both.

The whole earth will worship the dragon (Satan) and the beast

Revelation 13: 5-6

"There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven."

These verse clearly seem to speak of Antichrist and not one of the seven nations.

42 months are 2 ½ years. This seems to be a reference to the Great Tribulation – after the abomination of desolation.

Does this shift the time schedule from the start of the tribulation (7 years) to the start of the Great Tribulation (3 ½ years)?

He will be vocal about his hatred of God and God-like things

Revelation 13: 7-8

"It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundations of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain."

Antichrist will be allowed to oppress the entire world, included the (tribulation) church

Everyone who is not saved will worship the antichrist

Revelation 13: 9-10

"If anyone had an ear, let him hear. If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints."

Revelation 19: 20-21

"And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh."

Here we learn both Antichrist and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire. This is, I believe, the first and only time we learn the name of the false prophet – probably the beast from the land.

The other followers of Antichrist will be killed by Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-2

"Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come."

Paul reassures the church in Thessalonica that Christ has not yet returned. The Day of the Lord is the second coming of Jesus and God's judgement of the world.

2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4

"Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come until the apostasy come first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God."

The man of lawlessness will sit in the temple (the Holy of Holies) and declare himself God

Apostasy is the renunciation or abandonment of a religious or political belief Greek apostasia - defection, departure, revolt or rebellion

The Day of the Lord

Cannot come until

- The apostasy comes first
- The man of lawlessness is revealed

2 Thessalonians 2: 5-7

"Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way."

Someone is currently restraining the man of lawlessness. The forces of lawlessness have been at work since the time of Paul. They will only be revealed when the restrainer is take away.

Who or what is the restrainer?

- 1. The Roman government
- 2. Gospel preaching
- 3. The binding of Satan
- 4. The providence of God
- 5. The Jewish state
- 6. The Church
- 7. The Holy Spirit
- 8. Michael the Archangel

Since the mystery of lawlessness and Antichrist represent the power of Satan, a political entity is not likely able to defy his power.

And the Jewish state was not in existence from the second century until 1965.

Who or what is the restrainer?

Greek language in verse 6 uses neutral gender (thing) Verse 7 uses masculine gender (man)

The Holy Spirit will not be removed during the tribulation

The gospel will continue to be preached during the tribulation

Perhaps...

The Holy Spirit manifested in the Church is the restrainer And the rapture is when the Church is removed

2 Thessalonians 2: 8-10

"Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved."

We are reminded that Satan is the one who give the Antichrist his power The wonders he performs will be false He will deceive the unbelievers.

2 Thessalonians 2: 11

"For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

God allows the unbelievers to be deluded

Antichrist

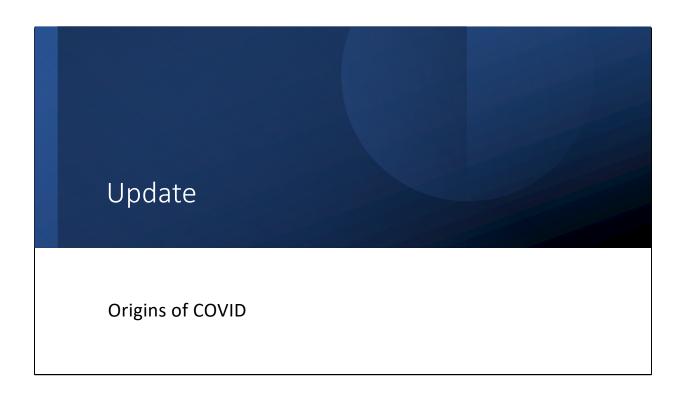
Summary

- Will arise after the ten horns of the One World Order
- Will be revealed with the confirmation of a peace treaty with Israel
- Will get his power from Satan
- Will sit in the temple and declare himself God
- Will persecute believers
- Will be given authority over the entire world

Antichrist

Summary

- Will probably be a false savior
- May receive a seemingly fatal wound
- May be revealed at the beginning of the tribulation
- May be revealed after the rapture
- Unbelievers will be given over to his deceptions



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Little current evidence for a zoonotic source

- SARS-CoV-2 isolated from the surfaces of the Huanan wet market was human SARS-CoV-2
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- SARS-CoV-2 did not show any evidence of adaptive mutations in an intermediate hose
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Previous respiratory epidemic zoonotic spillovers

- Had intermediate host identified
- Had numerous geographical spillovers
- Had subsequent spillovers
- Showed adaptive mutations to infect humans over time

SARS-CoV-2 has had only one geographical area of spillover

- The location of the Wuhan Institute of Virology
- Spillover only occurred once (possible from infected lab worker)

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"Based on the analysis of the publicly available information, it appears reasonable to conclude that the COVID-10 pandemic was, more likely than not, the result of a research-related incident.

SARS-CoV-2

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- No subsequent spillovers have been documented

SARS-CoV-2

Case for Lab Leak

- Furin cleavage site is unique among related coronaviruses
- WIV had been researching the 9 closest relatives
 - Natural source is 1800 km from Wuhan
- WIV (through EcoHealth) was involved in gain of function research with coronaviruses
- WIC (with EcoHealth) had proposed adding Furin cleavage site
- Shi Zhengli reported in a interview that WIV has successfully infected civets and humanized mice with a SARS-like chimeric coronavirus

SARS-CoV-2

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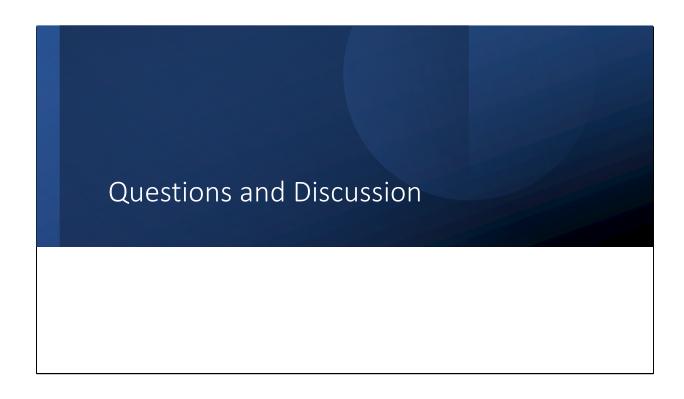
- BtCoV/4994 backbone with Pangolin spike protein suggests chimeric virus
 - Natural production would require both viruses to infect same animal cell at the same time
- Virus appeared to be well adapted to human infection at start of Pandemic
- Lab leaks have occurred on multiple occasions in the past

Origins of SARS-CoV-2

Prophetic Significance

- Censorship and suppression of the truth is a hallmark of an authoritarian government
- The New World Order, which precedes the Kingdom of the Beast, will be authoritarian
- Satan hates life

At this point there is no evidence that SARS-CoV-2 was deliberately leaked, but if we accept the possibility of supernatural involvement, one begins to wonder...



Acts 17:10-11

"The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."

Don't trust anything I say. Please go and look it up for yourself. Challenge me when I am wrong. Discuss when you disagree.

References

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Got Questions?

Simple, short answers to common Bible questions

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