

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the gospel of Matthew.

Please move to the center of the rows so that those who come after you can find seating at the end of the rows.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

"We're too comfortable to be spiritual. ...We think we will be able to pursue God better without danger or hardship. And yet it works in just the opposite way. Nothing is more difficult than to grow spiritually when comfortable."

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UNRESTRAINED: DESIRE TO BE WORSHIPPED AND DESIRE
FOR WORLD DOMINATION

Text: Matt. 24:4-8

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Unrestrained Evil

1. Desire to be worshipped: False Messiahs (4,5)

1 John 2:18

18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 4:3

3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

2 John 7

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

2 Cor 11:14-15

4 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness,

Rev 6:1-2

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2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

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2. Desire for World Domination –

“Wars and rumors of wars”. (6-7a)

Major players:

1. Antichrist with a revived Roman Empire.

Roman empire – those nations grouped around the Mediterranean Sea – Spain, France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Syria, England.

(European Union, EU, formed in 1999 -

Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Greece.

Need for a global, world leader (savior):

1. Nuclear proliferation.
2. Economic crises.
3. Israel – international crises, strategic location, wealth of resources, Temple Mount.
4. A degree of chaos and confusion after the Church has been “caught away”.

The antichrist will have the qualities needed to be a global world leader:

1. Political savvy.
2. Personal charm.
3. Brilliant military genius.
4. Ability to propose acceptable terms for world peace and progress.

Where does he come from?

1. Roman Empire.

Dan 9:26

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and **the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.**

Dan 7:7-8

7 It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

8 "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, **a little one, came up among them**, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it;

Rev 13:1

13 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.
Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea,

Rev 17:15-16

15 And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

His ascent:

1. Starts as a small ruler ("little horn").

Dan 7:3

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Rev 17:12-13

2 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

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2. First conquers 3 of the nations in Roman Empire.

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Dan 7:24

- 24 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will **subdue three kings.**

3. He becomes king over all 10.

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2. Kings of the south (Egypt)

Will conspire with Russia to invade Israel. Initial attack will come from Egypt as a detracting action. (Ez. 38)

3. Kings of the north (Russia)

After Egypt attacks Israel, diverting the attention of the Antichrist, Russia will invade Israel. (Ez. 38)

God intervenes to bring judgment on Russia so that the Antichrist wins.

Ezek 38:18-23

- 18 "It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," declares the Lord God, "that My fury will mount up in My anger.
- 19 "In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.
- 20 "The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground.
- 21 "I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains," declares the Lord God. "Every man's sword will be against his brother.
- 22 "With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.
- 23 "I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the Lord."'

He then finishes by overpowering Egypt and Africa.

Dan 11:42-44

42 "Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

43 "But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels.

4. The king of the East. (China)

An alliance soon forms between China and Russia.

44 "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.

The Antichrist defeats Russia and China and is now the global, leader and dictator of the world at the midpoint of the Tribulation.



Kings of the North

Revived Roman Empire
(Antichrist)

Russia

Israel

China

Kings of the South

King of the East

#2

#3

#1

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7 Year Tribulation

Antichrist signs treaty with Israel. (Dan. 9:27)

Messiah Returns 2nd Coming

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (Matt. 24:15)

Antichrist is World Ruler (Defeats all Kings and nations)

Church Age

Antichrist Ascends to Power

10 member Roman Confederacy Rev. 13:1; 17:12

VS

King of the South - Egypt+
King of the North - Russia+
King of the East - China
Dan. 11:40-44

3 1/2 years

Israel is to flee to mountains. (Matt. 24:16-20)

GREAT WAR OF ARMAGEDDON Rev. 16-19
Nations gather in Israel to do war with God. Rev. 17:14; 19:19

3 1/2 years

Earthquakes (Matt. 24:7)

Two Witnesses Begin Their Ministry Rev. 11:3-6

144,000 Jews are Saved & Sealed Rev. 7:4-8

Wars & Rumors of Wars (Matt. 24:6,7)

Famines (Matt. 24:7)

One World Religion Rev. 17

Satan Worship. Rev. 13:3,4

False Prophet (Matt. 24:21, 22) Rev. 13:11-15.

Worldwide evangelism Matt. 24:14 Rev. 14:6,7

Trumpet

Judgments Increase in Severity - Rev. 8,9,11

Seal Judgments - Rev. 6

- *Famine
- *1/4 of pop. will die
- *Earthquakes
- *Sun darkened, moon becomes like blood, stars fall.
- *Mountains & islands are moved.
- *Panic & Terror

- *Hail & fire mixed with blood.
- *1/3 of earth burned up.
- *1/3 of sea turns to blood & 1/3 of life in sea die.
- *Great star falls from heaven & poisons waters & kills many.
- *1/3 of sun, moon, & stars are darkened - affects light & temperatures.
- *Another 1/3 of world's pop. die
- *Earthquakes.
- *Great hailstorm.

Bowl Judgments - Rev. 16

- *Malignant sores on the unsaved..
- *Seas become blood & everything in them dies.
- *Rivers & springs become blood.
- *Sun scorches men with fire.
- *Greatest earthquake ever - cities of the world destroyed.
- *Every mountain & island disappear.
- *100 pound hailstones fall on men..

Millennium

The thigh bone connected to the hip bone

The hip bone connected to the backbone

The back bone connected to the shoulder bone

Now hear the word of the Lord

