

**Title:** What is the Antichrist and 666?

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**Scripture:** Revelation 13

The Antichrist and False Prophet are a counterfeit of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

## **Counterfeit Comparison**

### **Christ**

Many diadems (19:12)  
Worthy name (19:11-16)  
Causes men to worship God (1:6)  
Power and throne of God (12:5)  
Died but lives again (1:18)

### **Antichrist**

Ten diadems (13:1)  
Blasphemous names (13:1)  
Causes men to worship Satan (13:4)  
Power and throne of Satan (13:2)  
Fatal wound is healed (13:3)

### **Holy Spirit**

Points men to Christ (John 15:26)  
Mode of divine revelation (John 16:13)  
Seal believers to God (1 John 3:24)  
Builds body of Christ (John 7:37-39)  
Gives mankind truth (John 14:17)

### **False Prophet**

Points men to Antichrist (13:12, 14)  
Mode of satanic revelation (13:11)  
Gives mark of the beast (13:16)  
Build empire of Antichrist (13:17)  
Deceives mankind (13:13-15)

A growing knowledge and intimacy with the real thing is your only ability to spot the counterfeit.

### **Passages on the Antichrist**

- Daniel 7:7-8; 11:36-45
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10
- Revelation 13; 17:8-14.

### **Who is the Antichrist?**

1. He is the 11th king who will arise from among ten world kingdoms (Europe) that will exist immediately preceding the Lord's return.
2. He will be empowered by Satan himself.
3. He will be a proud and arrogant individual who is characterized by a spirit of lawlessness.
4. He will speak blasphemous things against God, and will set himself up as god to be worshiped by the world.

## ***What will he do?***

1. He will set up the abomination of desolation in the temple. This is a major sign to identifying who He is.
2. He will change times and laws.
3. He will honor the god of force and exercise world authority.
4. He will oppose the Lamb.
5. He will make a covenant with Israel, but break it after 3 ½ years.
6. He will kill the two witnesses in Jerusalem and persecute the saints.
7. He will overthrow kingdoms, but also be opposed.
8. He will gather together the kings of the earth to war against Christ at Armageddon.
9. He will perform signs and miracles that will deceive and overcome a fatal head wound.

## ***When is his time?***

1. He will be revealed when that which restraineth is removed.
2. His power and authority will be great for 3 ½ years at the end of the tribulation.

## ***Three Things the Believer Can Count On:***

1. Jesus will destroy the Antichrist, 2 Thess. 2:8
2. The One in us is greater than the one in the world, 1 John 4:4
3. The future of the Antichrist is already set, Rev.19:20

## ***The Beast of the Earth:***

1. He causes men to worship the Beast of the Sea, or the Antichrist (13:12-15).
2. He will do great miracles, even calling fire from heaven (13:13).
3. He gives breath to the image of the beast (13:15)
4. He will require all men to receive the mark of the beast (13:16).

It is not for the purpose of buying and selling. Buying and selling serves as a control measure, but its purpose is to identify one as a worshiper of the Antichrist.

## Passages on the "mark of the Beast:"

Revelation

13:16-18	16:2
14:9-11	19:20
15:2	20:4

What is very clear from all the passages is that this mark is going to bring a very high cost into the world. This mark will be the place that everyone will have to make a choice.