

The biblical writers of the Old and New Testament warn us the most wicked man in history will arise at the end of the age to seize political, economic, military, and religious control of the entire world, and that the majority will willingly accept him.

This might have been difficult to imagine for previous generations, but in light of current affairs, it is easy to see how the platform is already prepared. In almost every nation around the globe we see increased abdication of responsibility, selfish ambition and moral corruption in political representatives.

So what will be different about this character the Bible calls “*antichrist*,” capital A? The Prophet Daniel says he will understand “*dark sentences*,” which most likely indicates his involvement in the occult and satanic religion.

Daniel confirms this in stronger terms elsewhere, “*His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power.*” This means the Antichrist will exercise absolute control over politics, economies and wars because he will be possessed directly by Satan himself!

In another passage, Daniel gives us yet one more characteristic of the Antichrist – his charismatic speaking ability, which he will use to hypnotize the masses with hypnotic words of power and promise. Very often we underestimate the power of political candidates who have little to offer, but sway by their oratory skills.

However, not all Bible teachers agree with the above interpretation of these prophecies. Some even go so far as to say this view is all a deception of the Jesuits to deflect blame away from the Popes of Rome.

There are two main reasons why I believe these affirmations to be incorrect. Daniel goes on to inform us this evil messiah figure will come forth, *“in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressions are come to the full.”*

This indicates the fulfilment of these predictions will not occur until man’s sinful rebellion against God reaches its limits, which the Apostle Paul clearly says will be at the very end!

And in Revelation chapter nineteen we read, *“These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.”* This refers to a particular individual, who is destroyed by Christ at His Second Coming, not to a series of individuals who may come and go!