

Over the centuries many have pondered the interesting question as to who the Antichrist might be and from what race he will arise from. Some Bible teachers believe there are hints in selected biblical passages that he will be a Jew. The one that is probably the most obvious is found in the Book of Ezekiel and reads as follows:

As for you, vile, wicked prince of Israel, you whose day has come, the time of final punishment, thus says the Lord God; Remove the turban, take off the crown; things shall not remain as they are. Exalt that which is low, abase that which is high. A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it! Such has never occurred. Until he comes whose right it is; to him I will give it.

(Ezekiel 21:25-27)

It has been pointed out how inconceivable it would be that the “*vile wicked prince of Israel*” would be a Gentile. Some may argue this prophecy is not a reference to the Antichrist at all, but there appears to be some clear indicators that it is. First, Ezekiel’s prophecy also warns that the temporary triumph of the wicked prince of Israel would end when Christ returns, “*whose right it is.*”

Second, the term *prince* appears elsewhere in the Old Testament in reference to the Antichrist. In Daniel chapter nine we read, “*the troops of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.*”