

PORTRAIT OF THE KING

“The Arrival of an Evil King” (Matthew 24:15-28)

INTRODUCTION

- KEY POINT: *The Antichrist will create _____, _____, and _____.*

EXPOSITION

- I. Who is This _____? (vs. 15)

- Notes About the Antichrist

- The Rise and Fall of the Antichrist
 - A. His _____ – during the Tribulation
 - B. His _____ – a Gentile; respected leader; intelligent; immoral
 - C. His _____ – peacemaker?
 - D. His Hatred of _____ – demands worship; commits abomination like Antiochus Epiphanes

- E. His Hatred of _____ – leads a restored Roman Empire; performs miracles
- F. The _____ – overthrow him?
- G. His _____ – judged at Armageddon; cast into the lake of fire

II. How Will People _____ to This King's Arrival? (vs. 16-28)

- A. Some will _____ (vs. 16-20).
- B. Some will _____ (vs. 21-22).
- C. Some will be _____ (vs. 23-27).
 - Daniel 7:13-14; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 1:7
- D. _____ will be affected (vs. 28).
 - Revelation 6:10

CONCLUSION

- What Can We Do Right Now?
 - A. _____ for the persecuted church.
 - B. Pray for a _____ response to inevitable persecution.
 - C. _____ that God's sovereignty makes room for persecution.

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) Does the Christian need to fear the Antichrist? Why or why not?
- 2) How can a professing Christian manifest a spirit of the Antichrist? What steps can we take to refrain from being like the Antichrist in any way?
- 3) Book Recommendation: *Understanding End Times Prophecy* by Paul Benware