

And he is referred to again in v.8. "Then shall that Wicked One be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. This one whom Paul predicted, this one whom Isaiah predicted is certainly the one who is called the Little Horn of Dan. 7. Now whether we are to call him antichrist, if we do call him antichrist lets just keep in mind that the term is used for others.

But here is one special one whom perhaps we should call Antichrist with a capital A, who as far as anyone knows is yet to come. I remember back just at the end of World War One, I read an account by a missionary from the Near East who said we have already seen the Antichrist. He said he was living there, and was not yet revealed to the world, but he said I've seen him performing simple miracles like simply looking at someone and they would drop dead, things like that, but he'll do things far greater than that later on. Well, many years have passed since that time so I ~~think~~ think that missionary was wrong as to who he thought was the Antichrist.

The Antichrist may be living today, but I doubt if anybody could identify him. He may not come for many years. The Lord said that we do not know when the Lord is coming. We are not to know. So for all we know it might be another century or more, before the Antichrist comes. But it is made clear by Paul, by Isaiah, and by Daniel that there is THE one who will be the great center of wicked power, and who will make war with the saints and he would win the war if ~~we~~ if were not for the interventions by the Son of man.

In ch. 2 we had the account of the stone that hit the statue and completely destroyed it and then grew until it became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. Here in ch. 7 we have the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven. Then we have the beast destroyed, which includes the little horn, of course. He is destroyed and his body is given to the fire. Not a vestige of it remains but he establishes a great new kingdom which cannot be destroyed.

We noted that does not mean there may not be a change in the organization after 1000 years. God is certainly not going to establish a permanent fixed condition with no change whatever. That was an idea of some old Greek philosopher who thought that God was onex~~ix~~ like a great wooden indian, ~~xxxx~~ standing there immoveable, unchangeable past present, and future ~~are~~ all the same ~~xxx~~ to Him. That is not the Christian idea.

Certainly the Bible teaches that God feels sorry. That God feels joy, that God does things. To make God into some sort of a fixed immoveable thing, He is unchangeable in His qualities and unchangeable in His attributes, unchangeable in his love, but He grieves and He rejoices. He is a spirit. He has the qualities that our spirits have.

So what will happen beyond the 1000 years after the Lord's coming back we don't know a great deal about. I told someone once, how I wished I could climb a certain mountain. I've climbed many mountains and there are many others I wish I could climb.