

# The Identity of the Antichrist

(Part 1)

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Throughout my life I have heard preachers and “quote” Bible scholars try to convince people to believe the antichrist comes out of the USA. I have heard them say Henry Kissinger was the antichrist and then it was Jimmy Carter and then Ronald Reagan and then it was George Bush and now Barak Hussein Obama.

There were many preachers during WW2 who said the antichrist was a German: Adolf Hitler and others said he was an Italian: Mussolini. Others pointed to Communist Russia and said Joseph Stalin was the antichrist. Today, some say the antichrist will come to power in the European Union and they say that Prince Charles is the antichrist. Many preachers and book sellers throughout history have taught that the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church is the antichrist. Most of the reformers believed and taught this. Most fundamentalists believe this today.

Let me ask you; do you know the nationality of the antichrist? Do you know what nation he will rise to power in? You should, because the scriptures are amazingly clear as to who this man is and what nation he will come to power in. It is so clear and simple that you have to wonder if the devil has not blinded people’s minds to keep them from seeing what nation the antichrist will come from.

## Micah 5

**Verse 2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.**

This is a prophecy of the birth of Jesus Christ. It shows us where he would be born 100’s of years before he was born and the fact that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God for it says he is from old from everlasting. It also shows us that he will one day rule over the house of Israel which is a reference to his second coming. (Both comings in one verse)

**4 And he (Christ) shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God**

**5 And this *man* (Christ) shall be the peace, when the Assyrian (antichrist) shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.**

**6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.**

This is a future prophecy of an Assyrian who will attack the land of Israel and tread down their land and palaces, but when he does Jesus Christ will fight against him and deliver them from this Assyrian.

Who is this Assyrian? It's a prophecy of the antichrist that will attack Israel and persecute them as Micah prophesied. But what is important to note is what the antichrist is called in these verses. He is called the Assyrian. What does this tell us? The antichrist will come out of Assyria. What the Bible calls Assyria is what we call modern day Iraq.

Here in Micah 5 is a remarkable prophecy of the two main characters of the last days. Jesus Christ and the antichrist. Jesus Christ is God incarnate and the antichrist is the devil incarnate. What is interesting to note is their birth places are given 100's and 1000's of years before they were born. Jesus came from Bethlehem and the antichrist will come from Assyria. That is why he is called the Assyrian which is modern day Iraq. Therefore, the antichrist will come out of modern day Iraq.

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