Introduction

I have not been able to find the term "antichrist" used to specifically describe a named individual, or anywhere, in scripture. It could be the translation that I use, which is the Scofield King James Version, but suffice it to say that I've not yet located the term.

The book of Daniel uses phrases such as "little horn", "king of fierce countenance", "the prince that shall come", "vile person", "king that does according to his will"; and the book of Revelation uses the term the "beast from out of the earth" or "the beast", to describe a person that will come that is absolutely antithetical to all that is godly (in the Judeo-Christian sense of the word).

Why the 45th US President?

Why do I believe the "little horn", the "king of fierce countenance", the "vile person", and "beast" can be attributed to the 45<sup>th</sup> US President, and not the 44<sup>th</sup> or 46<sup>th</sup> US Presidents? I believe that all the relevant scriptures about this same individual all reference the same time period and descriptive events –

- Time-times-dividing-of-time (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 12:14)
- Cessation of the sacrifice and oblations (Dan 8:11-14; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)
- Midst of the 70<sup>th</sup> week (Dan 9:27)
- 1290 Days (Dan 12:11-12; Rev 12:5; 13:5)

So, for this writing, I'm defining this singular individual with these titles and characteristics, during the noteworthy time period and events, as the *antichrist*.

In September 2018, I wrote an analysis of Daniel's visions, noting the vision and its interpretation in scripture, and then including a personal understanding of the scripture, i.e., what it meant to me. Note: this was prior to studying the book of Ezekiel.

A breakdown by vision of the analysis follows, with the witnessed events and actions of the 45<sup>th</sup> US President during contemporary times.

## Is It Too Soon to Call the 45<sup>th</sup> US President the Antichrist?

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The Vision	Interpretation	Holly's interpretation
Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.	Dan 7:25  And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change times and laws.	This little horn will be an 11 <sup>th</sup> horn, the "youngest", who will uproot 3 of the 10 older horns. This little horn will have a lot of knowledge in the ways of man and will set "norms" on its ears; he will do a lot of talking – use words powerfully – and all of it will be against the Most High God, promoting himself in word and deed.

I have neither heard nor witnessed the 44<sup>th</sup> or the 46<sup>th</sup> US Presidents, both of whom professed to be Christian, specifically say or take specific actions that were intentionally against the most High God. But I have witnessed the 45<sup>th</sup> US President, without shame, transgress several commandments of God <sup>1</sup>–

Thou shalt have no other gods.

As a believer of the Bible, in Matthew 22:36-40 Jesus says that all the law and prophets hang on two commandments: loving God with all that is within you and, similarly, loving your neighbor as yourself.

- The 45<sup>th</sup> US President's hatred of Black people, people of color, people of faith, disabled people, poor people, educated people, uneducated people, stupid people... just plain People is not considered loving your neighbor as you love yourself, which, according to Jesus, is tantamount to loving the God of the Bible.
- Thou shalt not steal.
  - 1. Non-payment of taxes.
  - 2. Non-payment of vulnerable foreign workers for their labor.
  - Threatened misappropriation of congressionally allocated funds for Ukraine, in exchange for Ukraine making *just* an accusation against the then US Vice President (current 46<sup>th</sup> US President).
  - 4. Emoluments: The sale of access to his office to businesses and foreign governments, in exchange for some personal benefit.
  - 5. Theft of classified documents.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exodus 20:1-17.

- 6. The theft of the rights and benefits due his nation's citizens.
- Thou shalt not kill.

The laws of the cities of refuge, prescribed in Numbers 35:6-33, makes it obvious that the law against "killing", in the first 10 commandments, takes into consideration and *includes* "intent".

- Setting weak-minded supporters, like attack dogs, on perceived enemies to intentionally harm or kill, including the US Vice President and Congress on January 6, 2021; the 44<sup>th</sup> US President; the US Department of Justice; the former Speaker of the House; and the State's Attorneys General, etc.
- False accusations of "election fraud" hurled at the Georgia poll workers, and other vote administrators, whose very lives have been threatened and upended by the 45<sup>th</sup> US President's weak-minded supporters.
- 3. The 45<sup>th</sup> US President's intentional violence against the constitution of the United States. While the constitution is *not* a human being, it is an essential tool for the protection and peace of and among human beings. Its destruction means harm to and even possible death of any human potential.
- Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbor.
  - 1. Accusation that the 44<sup>th</sup> US President was not born in the United States, even *after* the accusation was *proven* false.
  - 2. Accusation of "election fraud" against heavily Black and Democratic communities without a shred of evidence and over 60 legal actions determining the proof of fraud submitted in courts of law across the nation were meritless.

The Vision	Interpretation	Holly's interpretation
Dan 8:9-10	Dan 8:23-24	In the end times, the little horn (king of fierce countenance) will become
And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.	And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.	very great and even influence the host of heaven and even some stars. [NOTE: the host of heaven are the saints of the Most High, and the stars
And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.	And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power and he shall destroy wonderfully and shall prosper and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and holy people.	are leaders among the people. Also note, this king will not be satisfied with casting these down, he must stomp upon them, too. He <i>hates</i> them.] This little horn will be empowered by satan.

The 45<sup>th</sup> US President (king of fierce countenance) is held in high esteem and honored among the *religious* in the society – those that believe themselves the epitome of righteousness, *keeping* the commandments of God rigorously. These "righteous" ones fall under the spell of the king of fierce countenance because they are caught up in their own transgression of the law of God – *not* loving their neighbor as they love themselves (Matt 22:36-40).

The reporters of the exploits of the 45<sup>th</sup> US President, are initially amused, and then enthralled, by this character. Yet, they are also *befuddled*, especially by the association with "White Evangelical Christians". For the purposes of this writing, "White Evangelicals" is used as an umbrella term that also encompasses people of other faiths, as well as some people of color... *Go figure!* 

The 45<sup>th</sup> US President had not been known for being particularly religious, so the unwavering support for him by so-called "Christians", despite his very well-known, *un*-Christlike, norms-busting, behavior was a red flag, making some *uncomfortable* because it revealed something unsavory in themselves, perhaps their own sense of "supremacy".

The reporters continued to focus on the 45<sup>th</sup> US President's strength, as this was how they earned *their* bread and butter. The advent of January 6<sup>th</sup> gave them pause, as for the first time, they *truly* recognized the *danger* of the 45<sup>th</sup> US President, especially after witnessing the relative *weakness* in the system checks against authoritarianism. The reporters wondered at the part they played in undermining these very checks in *slanted* reporting of the truth; in allowing a *known* biased entertainment company (calling itself a "news" company) to set the agenda and tone for topics, approaches, and priorities of reporting a *version* of the truth.

The 45<sup>th</sup> US President knows the "righteous" ones hold their idolatry near and dear to their hearts and tells them this is *good* (he *normalizes* what was once considered "bad" attitudes and behavior), and the "righteous" believe him, even though they, too, have witnessed his flagrant lying and transgression of God's commandments because they love their idol (their own *supremacy*) more than God's righteousness<sup>2</sup>. This is the reason they deem the power-play to undermine democracy as *existential*, and its violence all the *more* justifiable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2 Timothy 3:4-5.

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Pan 8:11-12 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.  And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.	Dan 8:25  And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes	This little horn will magnify himself above all even to the prince of the host of heaven. The little horn will cause an end of the daily sacrifices and will cause the decline of the sanctuary.  Some of the host of heaven, because they are caught up in their own transgressions of God's word, will be deceived and will follow after the little horn who is an obvious liar and yet will continue to prosper in power.  Through his penchant for lying he will cause deceit to grow in practice among the people. He will be destructive toward many people until he comes up against the Prince of princes.

The advent of COVID-19 pandemic made it more obvious than ever before that the 45<sup>th</sup> US President esteems his own understanding above *any*- and *every* one else's.

- He disparaged the intent and motivations of professionals who have studied and prepared for such work and have greater knowledge than himself on the topic.
- He promoted the use of *Ivermectin* as a COVID-19 treatment<sup>3</sup>, when everyone in the medical community *knew* it to be a lie, many remaining silent and vacillating having witnessed what happened to one who dared to stand for truth.
- He discouraged the use of the COVID-19 vaccine when it was ready and available to save lives, etc. And this attitude led, and still leads, to the destruction of many, leaving the public marveling at his audacity and the fact that the so-called "leaders" within the US government (especially his fellow-party members), having made this one their god, are afraid to stand up to him. Why do they fear? Because they, too, believe in their own supremacy and are, therefore, slow to recognize and understand the danger to themselves which, ultimately, will lead to their own and, possibly, the democratic government's demise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanam/article/PIIS2667-193X(22)00085-0/fulltext

Daniel 9 introduces a new descriptive name for the antichrist – the "prince that shall come". The 45th US President, a vile person according to Daniel 11, will be made a "leader" despite the fact he was neither groomed nor taught to lead *any*one, let alone a whole *nation*. This one was taught to lie, cheat, and to steal whatever he wanted in life (which is position and power). He learns during his presidency, position and power are nothing without full *authority*.

Therefore, the vile person does not gain power by amassing a great army initially, he gains it through telling his supporters what they want to hear – throwing money (tax cuts) at them, giving them power over "adversaries", allowing them to sit in judgment. But eventually, violence will be his modus operandi – he trades in deceit, such that even those "powerful" supporters are intimidated by him. A former television personality that supported the 45<sup>th</sup> US President and his lies, for years, *actually* hated him, calling him "destroyer" (Revelation 9:11) behind his back. And another, who makes no secret of his disdain for the man, calls him a "vile person" (Daniel 11:21) in public.

## The Vision Interpretation Holly's interpretation Dan 11:24, 30-31 Dan 11:36-39 This "vile" person will take for himself the choicest parts of the land He shall enter peaceably even And the king shall do according to his peaceably, but will do what no prior upon the fattest places of the will; and he shall exalt himself, and king has done - he will exalt himself province; and he shall do that magnify himself above every god, and above all. With no respect for God and which his fathers have not shall speak marvelous things against no regard for women, he will only care the God of gods, and shall prosper till done, nor his fathers' fathers; about power, and he will honor the god the indignation be accomplished: for he shall scatter among them of war with the wealth of the nation to that that is determined shall be done. the prey, and spoil, and riches: keep that power. yea, and he shall forecast his Neither shall he regard the God of his This "vile" person will openly practice devices against the strong fathers, nor the desire of women, nor holds, even for a time. and encourage the spread of his regard any god: for he shall magnify idolatry among the people, even in ...He shall even return, and himself above all. some of the churches and institutions, have intelligence with them But in his estate shall he honour the which he had conquered with the help forsake the that holy God of forces: and a god whom his of traitors to the faith (Dan 11:30). covenant. fathers knew not shall he honour with Those who support this "vile" person And arms shall stand on his gold, and silver, and with precious and worship the god he worships will be part, and they shall pollute the stones, and pleasant things. promoted and given rule over many sanctuary of strength, and Thus shall he do in the most strong people. shall take away the daily holds with a strange god, whom he And this "vile" person will distract sacrifice, and they shall place shall acknowledge and increase with the abomination that makes people by exacerbating division in the glory: and he shall cause them to rule desolate. land for his own benefit. over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

In Ezekiel 7, God promises to bring the "...worst of the heathen..." (also translated Gentiles and nations) to take the positions of the "powerful" supporters, defiling their sanctuary, just as God's own sanctuary or temple had been defiled by the sin the temple's leadership brought into it.<sup>4</sup>

Through the policies of the 45<sup>th</sup> US President, he conspires against the norms that strengthened power in the hands of the people (democracy) and allows the most vile people in the nation to prosper. Birds of a feather flock together.

The prince that shall come promotes liars and thieves to leadership and, as a whole, sets about doing what the fore-fathers had never done – creating division in the country.

- He makes the families of Adam weak and tears them apart instead of building them up by separating families and placing their children in cages to discourage migration to the nation that is not his own.
- He treats human beings as animals, refusing to open the prisons and raise up men and women.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ezekiel 7:20-24.

- He encouraged the killing and torturing God's children, with impunity, under color of authority.
- He stole from the down-trodden to give to the rich.
- He bore false witness against the innocent<sup>5</sup> claiming "Election Fraud" by those he hates, while
  the only proven cases of "Election Fraud", fraud period, have been committed by himself and his
  supporters.
- The 45<sup>th</sup> US President allowed and allows accusations of every kind of sexual perversion and misconduct against innocents, while he himself, sexual assaulter of women, was bosom-buddies with a pimp.

Abomination upon abomination. "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be up on rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients..." (Eze 7:25-26).

The assault that the 45<sup>th</sup> US President has led upon all government – Executive, Congress, and Supreme Court – has rendered them of no effect in time of need. He has made the nation a *prey* to its enemies.<sup>6</sup>

And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.  Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.  At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.  For the ships of Chittier shall courage against him.  Dan 11:40, 44  And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the	The Vision	Interpretation	Holly's interpretation
therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant.  destroy, and utterly to make away many.	Dan 11:25, 28-30  And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.  Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.  At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.  For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and	Dan 11:40, 44  And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.  But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make	This "vile" person will be a coward and will use cowardly tactics to conquer enemies.  In the time of the end, there will be some constantly resisting the "vile" person and his tactics. Their cause will be no better than his, but he will have no peace in his conquests — a consequence of honoring the god of war.  Threats from the east and from the north will anger him, and his wrathful response will be to cause the destruction of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Isaiah 10:1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Daniel 11:24.

The 45<sup>th</sup> President will attempt to seize position and power again, but this time he's fighting for *authority* also, so that no one will ever be able to tell him "No" again. However, this time is different. The people of the *government* are prepared for him and his armed forces – they fight back, and *effectively*, using the weapons they have to do so.

This time, the people recognize the danger and set aside their idleness to cleanse the government, ousting all conspirators (so-called "ministers of justice" or lawyers and "legislators") from positions of power.

The Vision	Interpretation	Holly's interpretation
Dan 11:41-43  He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.  He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.  But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.	Dan 11:45  And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.	This "vile" person, who thinks himself god, bullies and pushes at his equals until he conquers them all. Those who descend from Abraham will never submit, namely, Edom (Esau), Moab and Ammon (Lot's children by his daughters). He will completely uproot Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia (3 horns, Dan 7:8) and use the wealth from these conquests in fighting his wars. And then he will attempt to make a place for himself in Jerusalem. This action is tantamount to picking a fight with the Prince of princes; at which point he will be broken, and not with human hands.  This "vile" person will have made many enemies, and no one will help him in this battle.

If the 45<sup>th</sup> US President thought to retire to Florida – "...plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas..." – and live out his final days in peace, enjoying the fruits of his thievery-labors, and once again prove that you can have it all with little to no *real* work, he had another thing coming. He made a lot of enemies of those with long memories. Ezekiel 33:25-26 put it this way,

"Ye eat with the blood and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile everyone his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?"

The 45<sup>th</sup> US President had used the skewed system of justice to prosper himself in his youth, accepting the *lie* of corruption as *truth*. He had mastered operating in the corrupt system and deluded himself into thinking he could corrupt *all* systems in order to comfortably continue his manipulations forever, but he doesn't have that control over time.

Time, when one is energetic and young, seems plentiful and manageable. It is when one grows old, and not so nimble, that the truth of time "...moves like the rushing of a mighty wind", as mother would say.

The vile person had prospered by doing and saying the unexpected and behaving lawlessly, understanding his people's *base* emotions and how to manipulate them, for his own benefit. He had gained a *corrupt* kind of wisdom over that time – a *perpetrator's wisdom*.

But time also gives wisdom to the *perpetrator's* victims, who have had the opportunity to discover the 45<sup>th</sup> US President's *wisdom* and limitations – it has given people the opportunity to learn *him*, and catch up, and invariably out-strip the *need* for a leader such as himself. People have learned how he operates and what his motivation is – *himself*. And now, they have a *choice*: they can follow in the 45<sup>th</sup> US President's footsteps or chart the path God has provided and has *always* intended.

The 45<sup>th</sup> US President has devolved into nothing more than the very beast upon whom satan had bestowed his own position, power, and authority, right when he (metaphorically speaking) needs dental work, hair replacement, a hip or knee replacement, and every part of his body is in pain – that is, maintaining the power and position illusion is not so easy; it is *much* harder, in old age (Revelation 13:1-3). Now, he must use *force* to get his own way, and protect *himself* – for he's made many enemies. He has become a paper tiger, only having power over those who, like himself, *insist* that they know better than God – fellow-ancients who prospered, and some young who *aspire* to prosper, from a dying system knowingly rigged against the disadvantaged, AKA his *neighbors*, whom he calls "suckers".

## Conclusion

There are similar timing references from Daniel noted in the book of Revelation also, as they relate to the antichrist – called the "beast from out of the earth" or simply, the "beast". (Revelation 13:5; 11-18)

These scriptures in Revelation 13 speak of a time when the beast from out of the earth will force people to take a mark, such that people would be unable to buy or sell unless they receive this mark in their forehead

or hand. It is proposed in the book "Mark of the Beast", that the mark in the forehead symbolizes the thoughts and intent, and in the hand, the behavior and actions of the individual.

The 45<sup>th</sup> US President originated a phrase that immediately caused discomfort for some as soon as it was heard, for it was a reminder of Jesus's response to being called *Good Master*: "...None is good, save one, that is God." (Luke 18:18-19) And this was *Jesus* speaking, about His Father!

The slogan "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN" or MAGA is an invitation to idolatry, as it is saying that mere human hands can create something that is superlative of God Himself. MAGA was at the heart of the 45<sup>th</sup> US President's policy – America First. A policy that, on its face, does not invite one to love his neighbor as he loves himself. MAGA has famously been placed on hats people wear, the initials proudly at the wearer's forehead, and whose behavior exemplify the wearer's hatred for his neighbors.

The current 46<sup>th</sup> US President designates a whole wing of a political party as *MAGA* because of their undemocratic thoughts and behavior, but note, the number of those in that political party who have *publicly* taken a stand *against* the 45<sup>th</sup> US President can be counted on 2 hands *because* of their fear of losing one's *job* or *business, retirement*, or even their *life*.

Is the 45<sup>th</sup> US President the antichrist about which biblical scripture has spoken for several millennia? I believe he is. So, what does this mean?

Why is this being written now? Because both the Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament speak of a time and give a schedule of the ushering in of a *new* order – "...a new heaven and a new earth..." (Revelation 21:1) – a time *beyond* the antichrist. Identifying the antichrist is *not* the end, it's the *beginning!* One time, my husband and I were expecting a friend for dinner at our apartment near the campus of the university we both attended, where we met, in downtown Los Angeles. My husband hadn't seen this friend in years. The day of the dinner, his friend called ahead and confirmed our meeting time and location, and then he didn't arrive! My husband and I were concerned that something had happened when the hour mark passed without his friend's arrival. This was before cell phones.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Revelation 13:12.

Shortly thereafter, he rang the doorbell, and we rejoiced that he had made it safely, and invited him in to dinner. And then, he explained the reason for his great delay. He had actually arrived early, but had recently bought a car, just to toodle around in, and in which the reverse gear did *not* work. We lived in a neighborhood rich in large apartment buildings, making street parking *very* scarce. Well, our friend had been circling the block, looking for a spot into which he could simply glide forward, without needing to reverse. It took him over an hour to locate that particular *unicorn!* 

Anyway, I was just reminded of that funny story, when thinking about a noted aspect of *God's* own vehicle described in Ezekiel<sup>9</sup>. This aspect was important enough for God to mention it *three* times – His vehicle *only* moves forward. It's just how He *rolls!* 

God is ever moving forward and His message to us today is "Keep moving forward, people!"

Don't take up too much time on this one. There's no point in trying to rehabilitate or change him, or *excuse* your own behavior, other than to gain the wisdom and understanding and commit to do better going forward.

Just imagine what can be accomplished with our heads on right, and using our powers for good!

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ezekiel 1:9,12; 10:22.

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