

## The Antichrist: Countdown to the Mark

Perhaps the most critical sign of the last days is the rise of the Antichrist, not the rapture as many teach. As we forge ahead, the evidence is mounting that his emergence is near and with it his infamous economic mark known as the “mark of the beast.” The countdown to the mark has begun, and here are the indicators:

### Indicator 1: The Political Stage is Set

Daniel’s visions in chapters 2 and 7 have laid it out for us. The historical empires—Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and even the modern powers of the West and Russia—are setting the stage for the Antichrist. These nations will converge into ten political and economic unions, paving the way for the Antichrist’s global cashless economy. Only now, in our times, could such a global economy be possible.

### Indicator 2: Global Apostasy

2 Thessalonians 2:3 warns us: before the Antichrist can step onto the world stage, the church must fall away. A church empty of the Holy Spirit, a church that has strayed so far from God that it doesn’t even recognize Him. A church that seeks worldly wisdom instead of divine truth. A church that embraces sin and false teachers in the name of love and tolerance. This apostasy is the welcome mat for this man of sin. And it’s happening right before our eyes.

### Indicator 3: Movement Toward the Mark

Revelation 13 spells it out: the Antichrist will enforce a global, cashless economy. Everyone will be marked, and without this mark, you can’t buy or sell—resist, and you face death. Our leaders are already laying the groundwork for this system. The push for a unique online identity is just the precursor to the national, then global, economic ID known as the mark of the beast.

### Indicator 4: Call to Repentance

Revelation 2 & 3, along with Matthew 25, are screaming at us to wake up! It’s time for the church to repent. Not to change the world’s direction—that’s set in stone—but to change our hearts. We must prepare ourselves, not for rapture from the tribulation, but for endurance through it.

The signs are clear, and the Bible’s warnings are loud and clear. We can’t afford to snooze through these alarms. The Antichrist’s arrival is a clarion call to repent and to get ready. It’s time to get right with God and brace ourselves for what’s to come. If you’ve been sleeping, it’s time to wake up! The time is near. Our days are short.

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