Precursors to Antichrist:

2. The King of Babylon (Isaiah 13:14).

During latter part of the church age the man of sin will be living on earth but his identity will not yet be revealed (2 Thessalonians 2).

The Beast that was (Rev. 13:1): During the time of the seven-year Tribulation, this Beast emerges from the sea, and his kingdom prevails on earth for seven years.

The Beast that is not (Rev. 13:11): This Beast is the feast in the middle of the Tribulation and acts as the antitype of the Beast that was. He is the abominable image set up (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 13).

The Beast that yet is (Rev. 13:8): This Beast is to break the covenant or treaty with Israel (Dan. 9:27) and the world will witness this remarkable event (Matt. 24:15).

Second Coming of Christ:

1. The Lord will destroy the beast and all his works (Rev. 19:20).

THE TRIBULATION
7 Years

Events that take place in the middle of the tribulation:
The devil is cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:7-12)
Covenant or treaty with Israel is broken (Dan. 9:27)
The Beast's abominable image is set up (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 13)
Antichrist kills the two witnesses (Rev. 11:7)
The Beast's Satan-empowered Reign of Terror Begins (Rev. 13)

The Beast that was (Rev. 17:8,11) -- This beast is the "little horn" of Daniel chapter 7 who in his rise to power subdues 3 kings of the ten nation confederation (Daniel 7:8,24,25). This is the same beast or ruler who comes with a covenant for one week (7 years) as we read in Daniel 9:27. He is a powerful ruler, but as we shall see, he is a mere MORTAL MAN.

The Beast that is not (Rev. 17:8,11) -- What does it mean when it says that this beast "is not?" This is so stated because something happens to this man resulting in his physical death. Revelation chapter 13 explains what happens. He is "wounded to death" (13:3). It is a "deadly wound" (13:3,12), even "the wound by a sword" (13:14). He is mortally wounded. He dies.

The Beast that yet is (Rev. 17:8) -- At one point he "is not," but at another point he "yet is." How can this be? How can he not be alive on earth and then suddenly be alive again? The answer is found in Revelation chapter 13. This man's "deadly wound was healed" (13:3,12). The one who had the fatal wound by a sword did live (13:14). The whole world witnesses this remarkable event (this "lying wonder" -- 2 Thess. 2:9) and marvels (Rev. 13:3). Following this great Satanic miracle, the Antichrist becomes Satan's "SUPERMAN," supernaturally empowered by the dragon/devil (13:3,4; 2 Thess. 2:9).

THE SON OF PERDITION:
2 Thessalonians 2:3
Revelation 17:8,11