

The AntiChrist – The Man of Sin!

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. John 5:43

“The truth is that the method of international committees has failed. What we need is a person, someone of the highest order of great experience, of great authority, of wide influence, of great energy. Let him come, and let him come quickly. Either a civilian or a military man, no matter what his nationality, who will cut all the red tape, shove out of the way all of the committees, wake up all the people and galvanize all governments into action. Let him come quickly. This man we need, for whom we wait, will take charge of the defense of the west. Once more I say, it is not too late, but it is high time. We do not want another committee, we have too many of them already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the alliances of all the people of the world to lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man, and be he God or the devil, we will receive him.” (Henry Spaak; former Premier of Belgium; early planner of the European Common Market; secretary of NATO) circa 1957 – 1960

For a long time now, the world has been desperately looking for a saviour or a messiah figure to solve its growing economic, political, and military problems. The Muslims are looking for the Mahdi, who is their idea of the messiah as mentioned in the Koran. The Buddhists and the Hindus are living with the expectation of the next Avatar, and in Israel, messianic expectation has reached fever pitch as more and more Jewish priests are calling for the building of the third temple in anticipation of the coming of their Messiah. And one is coming! But he will not be who they think he is.

The Bible refers to a satanically indwelt man who will come in the last days and who will temporarily have the answers to all of the world's problems. He is referred to in the Bible as the wicked prince of Israel, the king of fierce countenance, the little horn, the beast, the man of sin, the antichrist, and the son of perdition.

Only two men in the history of mankind have ever been called the “son of perdition.” The first was Judas Iscariot (John 17:12), and we all know what happened to him. Satan entered into him (Luke 22:3) and he betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12, Matthew 26:15). Afterwards, out of guilt, he went out and hung himself (Matthew 27:3-5). He is now in hell awaiting the time when he will stand before Jesus at the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-12). Jesus said *“The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.”* (Matthew 26:24).

But even Judas can't hold a candle to the second son of perdition (2 Thessalonians 2:3), who is waiting in the wings, just itching to step forward to fulfill his destiny as world dictator. For now though, he is being restrained, or hindered, by all the indwelt, Spirit filled born again Christians around the world, because the Bible says *“greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”* (1John 4:4b). But, he will come because he was ordained to come as prophesied in the word of God (1 John 2:18a). And when he finally comes, it literally will be hell on earth.

There are so many varying opinions about who and what the Antichrist is. Also, much has been written about this coming world dictator. What is his nationality? Where is he coming from? What will he do when he is finally revealed? And what will happen to him when his reign of evil is over? This Bible Study was written using the King James Bible (God's only true word) to set the record straight about this coming man of sin, or son of perdition. We hope to dispel all the theories, rumors, and myths that are floating around out there either by misinformed Christians or the numerous false prophets who are just out to make a buck (2 Peter 2:3), and to bring you into a greater understanding of God's prophetic word. We hope you will enjoy this study as we attempt to answer some of the most commonly asked questions.

Q. What has to happen before the antichrist can even be revealed?

A. According to the word of God, three things must occur before the antichrist can be revealed and come to power:

1) When the transgressors are come to the full, or, when sin is rampant and out of control (Daniel 8:23) – Fulfilled!

If we're not living in the days of Noah and in the days of Lot (Luke 17:26-29), then what are we living in? There seems to be no end to the sin and abominations that mankind is committing today:

- Abortion – the murdering of innocent babies in the womb, including late term, and the harvesting of their body parts.
- The kidnapping and murder of the homeless and poor, and the harvesting of their body parts to the highest bidder.
- Rampant homosexuality, including the legalization of gay marriages.
- The blatant promotion of promiscuous sex on radio, television, and internet.
- The promotion of gender identity, confusing even the youngest of children.
- Sex trafficking, not only of children, but of women in general.
- Legalization of drugs.
- Legalization of prostitution.
- Legalization of euthanasia.
- Occultic practices and out and out devil worship exploding around the world.
- Christianity being mocked, scorned, blasphemed and rejected throughout the world.

2) The great falling away from the word of God (2 Thessalonians 2:3) – Fulfilled!

What more needs to be said about this sign? Jesus warned in Matthew 24:11 “*And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*” There is no end to the false prophets on radio, TV, and the internet spewing their demonic doctrines contrary to God’s word. Also, in 2 Timothy 4:3, the Bible warned that “*sound doctrine would not be endured, and that people would turn away from the truth and would be turned unto fables*”, or false doctrines.

3) The church must be removed – Soon to be Fulfilled!

As previously stated, the indwelt church is restraining the antichrist from coming. 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8 states: “*And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he (Holy Spirit) who now letteth (hinders) will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.*”. Therefore it is mandatory that the true church must be raptured and removed from off the earth before the antichrist can be revealed.

Q. Will anything precede the coming of the antichrist?

A. Yes! His arrival shall be preceded by the working of satan himself with all power and signs and lying wonders (2 Thessalonians 2:9). Even after he comes or is revealed, the false prophet, his religious partner, will continue to do great wonders so that he maketh fire come down from heaven (Revelation 13:13) like Elijah did (2 kings 1:10). He also does other miracles but only in the sight of the beast or the antichrist (Revelation 13:14). He even commands that an image or a statue of the antichrist be constructed and then he has the supernatural power to give life to this statue so that it speaks and demands world wide worship of the beast (Revelation 13:15).

Q. Where will the antichrist come from?

A. Daniel 9:26 states “*and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.*” Who destroyed Jerusalem and the temple? In 66 A.D. Jewish rebellion against Rome broke out. By 70 A.D., the Jews were practically defeated and only Jerusalem was left to be conquered. It was then that Titus and the 10th Roman Legion besieged and completely destroyed Jerusalem, including the Lord’s holy temple.

Then, the Roman soldiers pried apart the stones, thus fulfilling Jesus’ prophecy in Matthew 24:1-2 (that, *There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*)

Since it was the Romans who destroyed the city and the sanctuary (temple), he will come from one of the European countries that made up the old Roman Empire.

Q. What will be the antichrist’s nationality?

A. In Daniel 11:37a, it is the antichrist that is being talked about. It states “*Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers.*” Every single time this phrase “God of his Fathers” is mentioned in the Bible, it always refers to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They were Jews and so he will be also. The following scriptures in the Bible are proof positive as to what his nationality will be:

Exodus 3:6 - *Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.*

Exodus 3:15-16 - *And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:*

Deuteronomy 6:10 - *And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,*

2 Chronicles 20:6 - *And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?*

Acts 3:13 - *The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.*

Acts 7:32 - *Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.*

Acts 24:14 - *But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:*

* Some who read this will accuse us of being anti-Semitic and of spreading hatred against the Jews. They could not be more wrong, or further from the truth! We love and pray for Israel and the Jewish people, but let's call a spade a spade. The Jews are not going to accept a Gentile as their long awaited Messiah. He will be Jewish, possibly even from the tribe of Dan (Genesis 49:17). Also, when the 144,000 Jews from the 12 tribes of Israel are sealed in Revelation 7:5-8, the tribe of Dan is mysteriously missing, replaced by Manasseh, Joseph's son (Genesis 41:51). Why?

Q. What will be the characteristics of the antichrist and what are some of the things he will do during his reign?

A. 1. He will be a man of fierce countenance, or have a strikingly fearful appearance (Daniel 8:23b).

2. He will understand dark sentences. Obviously, being indwelt by satan, this man has been reared in the occult from his earliest days (Daniel 8:23c).

3. He will cause craft, or the economy, to prosper for a time (Daniel 8:25a).

4. He will think to change times and laws (Daniel 7:25c). This has already started. We don't use the Lord's birth to count the years anymore. B.C. is now "Before the Common Era, or BCE. A.D. is now the Common Era, or C.E. Also, in his kingdom everything will be allowed to transpire, without even the thought of it being sinful.

5. He will speak great words against the Lord and even blaspheme against heaven and the saints. (Isaiah 37:23, Daniel 7:25a, 8:24c, Revelation 13:5-6).

6. He will wage war against those who are being saved during the great tribulation. (Daniel 7:21, 25b; 8:24c, Revelation 13:7).

7. He will divide the land (Israel) for gain, something no one else has been able to do (Daniel 11:39c, Joel 3:2).

Q. If the antichrist will not regard the God of his fathers, whom will he regard?

A. Certainly not women or any of the female deities that have been worshipped throughout time, such as Diana, Astarte, Ashtaroth, Gaia, Venus, Ishtar, Aphrodite, Artemis, Kali, Hecate, and especially Mary, the Queen of Heaven, to name but a few (Daniel 11:37b). He shall regard and magnify only himself (Daniel 11:36, 11:37c, 2 Thessalonians 2:4).

Q. Will there be any opposition to his reign as world dictator?

A. Yes! Initially, three of the first ten kings who consolidated to re-form the old Roman Empire will oppose him as he starts his rise to power. He will then pluck (Daniel 7:8) or subdue (Daniel 7:24) these three kings and replace them with three kings of his own choosing (Revelation 17:12-13). Then, after he comes to power, an assassination attempt will be made upon his life (Revelation 13:3). He will then be miraculously healed and all the world will wonder after him. But, even though the world will witness this miracle, opposition will commence as the kings of the north and south attack him. They will not be successful though, because the Bible says "*Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him*" (Revelation 13:4)? Once this initial rebellion has been subdued, however, the antichrist will hear tidings out of the east, and again, out of the north, as 200 million oriental soldiers have mobilized and are on the march to oppose his reign as world dictator (Daniel 11:40-45).

Q. Will the antichrist die when he is assassinated?

A. No! But he will be at the brink of death. Why? For a number of reasons:

1. Men are brought out of the grave by the voice of the Son of God (John 5:28, 29) not satan.

2. Satan does not have the power to give life, only God does.

3. The wicked are not resurrected until the Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15).

4. Since he is depicted as a man and not a supernatural being it does not appear possible that he is a resurrected person because the Bible says, Only God has the power to raise the dead (Revelation 13:3). "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" (Hebrews 9:27).

Q. What will be the first major thing the antichrist does when he is revealed and comes to power?

A. The Bible says that the old Roman Empire would be revived in the last days in the form of a 10 nation confederacy (Daniel 7:7). It is from there that he rises meteorically and gains worldwide attention when he is able to accomplish what no other leader, or politician, has been able to do: make peace between the Arabs and the Jews. He signs a covenant, or peace treaty, between Israel and many other countries for seven years. It is then that Israel acknowledges him as their long awaited messiah. But, what the Jewish people don't know is that the signing of this covenant commences, or begins, the time of Jacob's (Israel's) trouble (Jeremiah 30:7), the last week of the 70 weeks which was determined upon Israel before she could be restored back to her God (Daniel 9:24).

Q. Will this covenant, or peace treaty, last?

A. No! In the middle of this 7 year covenant, or treaty, with Israel, the antichrist will stop all the animal sacrifices to Jehovah (Daniel 9:27) by desecrating the newly built third temple (Revelation 11:1-2) with a statue of himself being placed in the Holy of Holies (Matthew 24:15). It is then that he will demand worldwide worship of himself when he goes and sits in the temple of God, and claims that he is God (2 Thessalonians 2:4). Thus, this covenant will not stand, as prophesied in Psalm 55:20 – *“He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.”* And also in Isaiah 28:14-18 – *“Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.”*

Q. When will the Jews finally realize the antichrist is not their prophesied Messiah?

A. The Jews do not believe in the New Testament, they only believe in the Old. In Exodus chapter 20, they were given the 10 Commandments. The 2nd commandment, verses 4-5a states, *“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.* When the false prophet commands that a statue of the antichrist be built and worshipped, then the Jews will finally realize they have been deceived. God does not break His word or His commandments. That’s when the Lord said in Matthew 24:15-16 *“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation (the statue of the antichrist, Revelation 13:14-15), spoken of by Daniel the prophet stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:”*

Q. Will the antichrist go to hell like everyone else and then stand before the Lord at the great White Throne judgment?

A. The answer is a resounding NO! Unlike the first son of perdition, Judas, who is in hell right now awaiting judgment, the antichrist, along with his religious counterfeit partner – the false prophet, will be taken or captured when the Lord returns, and cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone (Revelation 19:20, Daniel 7:11). They will be the very first two humans to be cast into the Lake of fire, even ahead of the devil himself because his work is not quite finished yet. When it is, at the end of the millennium (Revelation 20:7-9), he also will join them (Revelation 20:10) before the Great White Throne judgment even commences (Revelation 20:11-15). That’s how evil these two men were.

Jesus Christ is coming back soon to remove His church from off the earth. This will be the first phase of His second coming, called the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18), or the Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13). Once this happens, there will be nothing to hinder the antichrist from being revealed (2 Thessalonians 2:7-8). You don’t want to be here for what is coming next! The seven worst years in the history of mankind, where 80 – 90% of the world’s population dies during this time. Jesus himself said that *“if He didn’t shorten those days, no flesh should be saved”* or left alive (Matthew 24:21-22).

The unholy trinity – the devil, the antichrist, and the false prophet (Revelation 16:13-14) will literally be running the world during this time and anyone who is professing faith in Jesus Christ as their saviour will be public enemy No. 1. You most likely will have to die for your faith during this time (Revelation 6:9-11, 20:4). That’s how bad it is going to be.

The age of grace (Ephesians 1:7) is rapidly coming to a close. Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus paid a very heavy price to purchase us from going to hell (Acts 20:28). He died, was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). He shed His Holy blood on the cross (Revelation 1:5) so that we wouldn’t have to endure this time of terror that is coming upon this planet.

Jesus has been building mansions for us to live in up in heaven ever since His ascension (Acts 1:9). He vowed to come back and receive us unto Himself, so that we would be where He is (John 14:2-3). The only way to be worthy to escape this time of terror and to be ready when Jesus comes for His church, is for you to repent now (Acts 17:30), and receive Jesus into your heart as your Lord and Saviour (John 1:12). If you do, you will be sealed with the Holy Spirit in your heart (2 Corinthians 1:22) until the day of redemption, or the Rapture. And since none of us are guaranteed our next breath, you should receive Jesus into your heart today while there is still time (2 Corinthians 6:2).

One thing is certain, the Bible is never wrong – NEVER! The time of terror, called the great tribulation, is coming upon this planet because it was prophesied to do so in the Bible almost 2,000 years ago. When the smoke clears and the dust settles and the Great Tribulation is finally over, everyone, and we mean everyone, whether you are in heaven or in hell, or are fortunate enough to still be alive, will know one thing... there is only one God who reigns supreme in the heavens, and His name is **Jesus Christ**.

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