

WHICH WAY, AMERICA?

Night 4

Rise of the Antichrist

Antichrist in the Bible

1. 1 John 2:18,19
2. 1 John 2:22
3. 1 John 4:3,4
4. 2 John 1:7

- The early Christians had heard that antichrist was coming (1 John 2:18).
- Even now there are many antichrists (1 John 2:18).
- This is evidence that the last time has come (1 John 2:18).
- These many antichrists come from inside of the Church (1 John 2:19).
- Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is antichrist (1 John 2:22).
- These antichrists are trying to seduce us away from Jesus Christ (1 John 2:26).
- There is a spirit of antichrist (1 John 4:3).
- The spirit of antichrist denies that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (1 John 4:3).
- The spirit of antichrist is already in the world (1 John 4:4).
- True Christians must overcome every form of antichrist (1 John 4:4).
- The spirit of antichrist is also the spirit of error (1 John 4:6).
- There are many deceivers and antichrists in the world (2 John 1:7).
- To overcome these antichrists, we must abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ (2 John 1:9).

None of these texts describe a solitary evil individual who shows up only after we're gone.

Amazing Facts About the Antichrist in the Bible

1. There are **"many"** antichrists.
2. They come from **"inside"** the Christian church.
3. They may profess faith in Christ but actually **"deny"** Him.
4. One of their goals is to **"deceive."**
5. These **"many"** antichrists are here now!

There is also a "spirit" of antichrist.

The Son of Perdition in the Bible

“Let no man deceive you by any means; for that Day shall not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.” (2 Thessalonians 2:3 NKJV)

“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition [Judas]; that the scripture might be fulfilled.” (John 17:12).

If we understand the hint, Paul is plainly telling us that Judas was a type of antichrist...

“Antichrist is to wear a mask. He is to enter the church, as Judas entered the garden, professedly to kiss his Master, but in reality to betray Him.” –*The Antichrist, His Portrait & History*, p. 10,11

The Man of Sin in the Bible

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Paul calls the “man of sin,” the “son of perdition,” and “the mystery of iniquity” [lawlessness] (2 Thessalonians 2:7), and “that wicked” (2 Thessalonians 2:8). He said in 2 Thessalonians 2:7, that the “mystery of iniquity doth already work.” This mysterious antichrist was already beginning to work in the first century. Paul is very emphatic that this “mystery” would continue all the way down to the very second coming of Jesus Christ (verse 8). If the “man of sin” that Paul is referring to here is only one man, then he would have to be 2,000 years old—a VERY OLD MAN INDEED!

No, Paul is not referring to only ONE Mr. Evil, when he describes the “man of sin.” Notice what Paul wrote to Timothy:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

Is Paul here referring to only ONE super holy man? Of course not. Paul is referring to godly men all down through the ages.

Descriptive Features of the Antichrist Beast (Revelation 13)

1. Comes out of the sea (vs. 1)
2. Made up of 3 beasts (vs. 2)
3. Gets its seat & authority from a fourth beast, the dragon (vs. 2)
4. Received a deadly wound which heals (vs. 3)
5. Mouth speaking great things & blasphemies (vs. 5)
6. Power to rule 42 months (vs. 5)

7. Wars against the saints (vs. 7)
8. Has worldwide authority (vs. 7)
9. All the world will worship him (vs. 8)

Identifying Marks of the Little Horn (Daniel 7)

1. Among the ten (Daniel 7:8)
2. After 476 AD (Daniel 7:24)
3. Little horn (little kingdom) (Daniel 7:8)
4. Uproots three (Daniel 7:8)
5. Eyes like man (human leader) (Daniel 7:8)
6. Different (diverse) (Daniel 7:24)
7. Blaspheming (Daniel 7:25)
8. Persecuting (Daniel 7:21, 25)
9. Changes God's Law (Daniel 7:25)
10. Rules 1260 years (Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12:14; Revelation 12:6; Ezekiel 4:6)



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