

The Antichrist Pt.2

Selected scriptures

The Antichrist is the most fiendish, the most wicked, the most powerfully destructive human ever to walk the earth and is a man that the Bible predicts will come. He will be the culmination of all those who hate God and all those who hate Jesus Christ. He will be the combination, really, and the culmination of all Satanic false prophets, false teachers, false Christs. He will be all wrapped up in to one all the hypocritical liars who claim to be spokesmen for God but spoke under the energy of seducing spirits, the doctrines of demons.

In Second Thessalonians 2 verse 3 Paul call him by the title "the man of lawlessness," and then calls him, "the son of destruction." And then down in verse 8 he calls him "that lawless one." And then in verse 9 he calls him, "the coming one in accord with the activity of Satan." The man of lawlessness or the man of sin, the son of destruction or the son of perdition, the lawless one, the coming one who functions in accord with Satan...all these are titles, if you will, of the one we know as Antichrist.

This is a person, a singular person. But the spirit of Antichrist, or the attitude is in the world even now. Every individual in this world who under the power and influence of Satan attempts to thwart the work of God, attempts to thwart the work of Christ, attempts to attack the work of Christ or God, attempts to oppose it or to counterfeit it, has the spirit of Antichrist.

Look at

I John 2:18, 22

I John 4:2-3

The one who comes in final form will be far worse than any other, worse than the worst of men...worse than the abominators, worse than Antiochus Epiphanes who slaughtered a pig in the Holy of Holies in the temple, his way of blaspheming God, worse than Adolph Hitler who mocked God,

blasphemed God, operated with mediums and demons, spoke in a voice not even his own and attempted to rub out the Jews, worse than any combination of Antiochus and Hitler will be this final Antichrist.

The term "***antichrist***" ***in the Greek, antichristos*** is obviously a combination word. The word anti is familiar to us in English, we use it as anti, and that's what it means...he is anti-Christ. He is against Christ. But it also has the idea of "***in the place of...in the place of.***" He is against Christ and puts himself in the place of Christ. He is a usurper. He is a Satanic liar who coming against Christ replaces Christ. Three times Jesus calls him "pseudo-Christos," false Christ.

This spirit of Antichrist had been working for a long time. The effort to thwart the work of Christ didn't even start when Christ was born, it started long before He was born.

Look at

Rev. 12:1-6

Although we have read passages of scripture that indicate that there are there is a future ruler called the Antichrist, we need to be aware of the fact that not all christians believe this. Some say that this man or these prophecies have already been fulfilled in other events in the history of Israel, like Antiochus Epiphanies, or the Destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD. If that is the case, then we and many other men of God are way off on our eschatology and very confused as to the coming events on the earth. They are,... we are needlessly placing believers under undue stress about the end days. All the need for watching, being sober, being alert or being prepared for the coming persecution are just figments of an eschatological fantasy developed by minds with preconceived notions of Horror.

So Are they right?

Is there no antichrist to come.

Is the only event and the next event on the eschatological calendar just the return of Christ and the resurrection of the dead.

Should we be concerning ourselves with this person so dreaded by many.

Well, let me take a few moments this morning and address this. Let me give you some reasons why I believe that the Antichrist is a real person that will come in the future to Blaspheme God, rule the world, persecute the Jews and the people of God.

Reasons to Believe that the Antichrist is Future and that these passages are not be understood as already fulfilled in the past or Preterist

Matt. 24, 2 Thess 2, and Rev 13, Daniel 9

MATTHEW 24

1. Although much of the the description given in Matt 24: 15 -20 could seem to apply to the Roman invasion and Destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD, the fact that the passage is tied to verse 21 where the greatest of all tribulations is described indicates He is talking about an event bigger than 70AD.
 - a. The Hitlerian assassination of 6 millions Jews makes 70AD look less impressive
 - b. The words in verse 21 “For then there will be great tribulation...” indicates that this tribulation occurs when the Abomination of Desolation is set up (referred to in Daniel 9:24-27)
 - c. So We know that the greatest tribulation ever to occur starts with the Abomination of Desolation
2. Verse 29 and following clearly state that the Return of Jesus Christ will occur “Immediately after the tribulation” referred to in verse 21. So we now know that Jesus comes back with comic disturbances to gather his elect immediately after the great tribulation, which is clearly tied to the event of the verse 15, the abomination of desolation (emergence of Antichrist)

3. The emergence of Antichrist is future because the passage clearly is referring to event that lead to the Return of Christ.

2 THESS 2

1. The man of sin (Antichrist) must appear before the Day of the Lord starts. The Day of the Lord is the the supernatural outpouring of Devine Wrath on the unbelievers of the world. (I Thess 5:1-9 Rev 6:12-17 8,9,16 II Thess 1:6-10) Therefore is arrival is not a past event but must of necessity be future.
2. The Antichrist desecrates a Temple of God, that at this time is not built... so is arrival must be future.
3. This same Antichrist, lawless one, man of sin is destroyed with the brightness of Christ Coming, which places the Antichrist living before the return of Christ, not in the past.

REVELATION 13

1. Refers to a Beast that arises and and blasphemes, persecutes the people of God, calls on the world to worship him and continues 3 1/2 years (42months)
2. This Beast has the same characteristics and operations of the other passages in 2 Thess 2 and Matt 24 and Daniel 9, so we would conclude that this is also future.
3. He is given world wide authority to over all peoples to rule and The World worships him. This was not an event that is describe by any historic event.

Conclusion

The Antichrist is the one who causes the Abomination of Desolation which is a future event that will be the marker, Sign that we are entering a time of great peril, persecution and eventual redemption. If these passages are to be understood as a past event, then the normal, natural use of language is not in operation anymore. It is clear that Jesus, Paul, Daniel and John all had a futuristic eschatology for the Antichrist.

I. The Important sign of Antichrist

- a. II Thess 2
- b. Matt 24:15
- c. Rev. 13

To understand this more we will need to briefly consider Daniel
9: 24-27

II. The Instructional Scriptures of Antichrist

III. The Islamic Significance of Antichrist