

The Antichrist pt. 3

Selected Scriptures

Introduction

In our last study we learned that the spirit of antichrist is already at work in the world and that there would be many who would rise up under that spirit denying that Jesus was the Son of God, the one true living God. So we should not be surprised at the attempts that have been made throughout history to redefine Christ. It is no different today. Even last week a new book that was number 2 on the Amazon best sellers list came to focus.

Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth

[Reza Aslan](#)

Aslan, is no ordinary author writing in an attempt to redefine Christ from what he considers reliable facts of history. Aslan is a Muslim, attempting to make Jesus a mere man, with revolutionary aspirations. A political leader, but not God and definitely not our Savior

I am not shocked that a lost man would be denying Christ

I am not shocked that there is another attempt to rewrite history of Christ

I am not shocked that another author is saying that Christ is not who he claimed to be.

But what amazes me is the response of the readers of this book. Another example that we have a growing population of humanity that would rather embrace a Muslims interpretation and opinion about Christ than Jesus own words

Here are some of the reviews posted about the book

Aslan goes as far as finding Biblical text and comparing it to what really happened in history. If one really studies Christianity you'd find that the gospels were not written during the time of Jesus of Nazareth. People who have faith in Jesus as a deity might not be too happy with the book, but that's the way it is. Whether you have faith or not the book Zealot is not an opinion. This book might even be taught in Universities.

I'm in awe of the amount of research that has gone to this book. I heard in one Aslan's interview that it's been researched for more than 10 years! I'm half way through the book and, as one of the commenter's has alluded, this book is very accessible; it's important to learn about Jesus Christ from academic standpoint. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

This book is nothing but thorough research about Jesus backed with a profuse amount of evidence. Jesus, a human being who existed 2000 years ago. I consider myself a believer in God, but God never said to remain ignorant unless you actually believe that every single word in the bible is straight from the mouth of God. Honestly, until we progress as a society by actually reading and understanding the facts, I'm afraid we will remain ignorant.

II. The Instructional Scripture about Antichrist

In order to learn what we need to know about this man called Antichrist, we need to turn our attention to the only source we have for the truth, the Bible. We will simply divide it up by the passages that address this topic and then pull it all together in the end.

Lets start in the Old Testament

1. Daniel

7:7-8

7:19-25

11:36-39, 40-45

12:1-4

2. Matt 24:15

Jesus only reference to Antichrist, is based upon his audience's prior knowledge of Daniels prophecies

3. II Thess 2:3-12

4 Rev. 13

5 Rev 17:7-18

The 27 Characteristics of the AntiChrist

1. He comes from among ten kings in the restored Empire; his authority will have similarities to the ancient Babylonians, Persians, and Greeks [Daniel 7:24; Rev 13:2 / Daniel 7:7]

2. He will subdue three kings [Daniel 7:8, 24]

3. He is different from the other kings [Daniel 7:24]

4. He will rise from obscurity...a "little horn" [Daniel 7:8]

5. He will speak boastfully [Daniel 7:8; Rev 13:5]
6. He will blaspheme God, [Daniel 7:25; 11:36; Rev 13:5] slandering His Name, dwelling place, and departed Christians and Old Testament saints [Rev 13:6]
7. He will oppress the saints and be successful for 3 ½ years [Daniel 7:25; Rev 13:7]
8. He will try to change the calendar, perhaps to define a new era, related to himself [Daniel 7:25]
9. He will attempt to change the laws [Dan 7:25]
10. He will not be succeeded by another earthly ruler, but by Christ [Daniel 7:26-27]
11. He will confirm a covenant with “many”, i.e. the Jewish people [Daniel 9:27]
This covenant will likely involve the establishment of a Jewish Temple in Jerusalem
[see Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15]
12. He will put an end to Jewish sacrifice and offerings after 3 ½ years and will set up an abomination to God in the Temple [Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15]
13. He will not answer to a higher earthly authority; “He will do as he pleases”[Daniel 11:36]

14. He will show no regard for the religion of his ancestors [Daniel 11:37]

15. He will not believe in any god at all other than his God or himself [Daniel 11:37]

16. He will have "no regard for the desire of women": no regard for messiah [Dan 11:37]

17. He will claim to be greater than any god [Daniel 11:37; 2 Thess 2:4]

18. He will claim to be God [2 Thessalonians 2:4]

19. He will only honor a "god" of the military. His whole focus and attention will be on his military. He will conquer lands and distribute them [Daniel 11:39-44]

20. His arrival on the world scene will be accompanied by miracles, signs and wonders [2 Thess 2:9]

21. Either he, or his companion [The False Prophet], will claim to be Christ [Matt 24:21-28]

22. He will claim that Jesus did not come in the flesh, or that Jesus did not rise bodily from the grave [2 John 7]. He will deny that Jesus is the Messiah [1 John 2:22]

23. He will be worshipped by many people [Rev. 13:8]

24. He will hate a nation that initially will have some control over his kingdom, but he will destroy this nation [Rev 17:16-18]

25. He or his kingdom will appear to survive a fatal injury [Rev. 13:3; 17:8]

26. His name will be related to the number six hundred and sixty six—but not necessarily in an obvious fashion [Rev 13:17-18].

27. He will be empowered by the devil himself [Rev. 13:2]