

# "THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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## Ye Have Heard That Antichrist Shall Come (1 John 2:18)



Reviewing the explicit descriptions of Antichrist

### Why this article?

On May 18, 2003, in the *Catholic New Times*, an article titled "Pope fears Bush is antichrist, journalist contends". A quote from the article includes, "The pontiff wishes he was younger and in better health to confront the possibility that Bush may represent the person prophesized in Revelations. John Paul II has always believed the world was on the precipice of the final confrontation between Good and Evil as foretold in the New Testament."

In addition, shortly after 9/11, several prominent preachers and many lay people were proposing that the radical Muslims be considered the Antichrist. Sounds like we are unable to agree on an important subject. We are to be one and even agree on who the Antichrist is.

### What constitutes the Antichrist?

The word "antichrist" is defined explicitly by John:

1 John 2:18-24 *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would [no doubt] have continued with us: but [they went out], that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also]. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the*

*Son, and in the Father.*

1 John 4:1-6 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

2 John 1:7-9 *For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*

Why we would think that the Antichrist beast of Revelation 13 would act any differently than is described in these four references, God only knows. Yet, many Christians believe the Antichrist to be some great military leader proposing a new religion when in fact, antichrist is not an entity outside the Christian community but one that is within.

Listing from the beginning, we see that:

- 1) Antichrist is not a single person. Multiple people make up antichrist. Even in John's day, many antichrists went forth. Many false prophets went forth. Many deceivers are in the world. Please note that they went from the apostles. They took the Christian beliefs and began teaching

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**Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.**

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another Jesus, another spirit, and another gospel according to Paul (2 Corinthians 11:4).

- 2) Antichrist has a common theme and that is he spreads lies against the truth, spreads error against the truth, and spreads doctrine against Christ's doctrine. So put away the theories that guns, nuclear weapons, and earthly power is a description of the antichrist. God says doctrine is the issue. Though antichrist slay the saints, military force is secondary to the new doctrines.
  - 3) Antichrist denies Jesus Christ, which appears to eliminate everyone. That is because almost everyone accepts there was a man named Jesus Christ who lived nearly two thousand years ago. Even Muslims agree on this point as well as George Bush. Who Jesus was and what He did is a different story. So then we need to find the fact that there is more than one way to deny Jesus Christ. You do not have to go all the way and deny that He ever existed. *"They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him]"* (Titus 1:16). So antichrist can preach in the name of Jesus, preach all about Jesus, but in their actions deny that Jesus is in charge.
  - 4) Antichrist goes a step further in the denial. Antichrist will deny that Jesus came in the flesh. At this point, nearly all of the two billion Christians either are assisting the antichrist or have been duped by antichrist. How many believe that Jesus came in the flesh? Oh, many will put up their hands and claim that He bled fleshly blood and that He ate food to satisfy the fleshly hunger. People physically touched Him and many recognized Him as a human being and not just a spirit, even after the resurrection. So it looks like hardly anyone would be on antichrist side, but they are. That is not what the Bible is meaning by the word flesh. Jesus *"was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin"* (Hebrews 4:15). *"For verily he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham"* (Hebrews 2:16). *"For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world"* (1 John 2:16). The meaning of all these verses is that Jesus did not use His divine nature to overcome sin. In fact, the human or flesh side of Jesus could have sinned. He was made equal to the seed of Abraham, which is a fallen nature. The only difference was that He was born sanctified, as some others were as well,
- while almost all of us get to that point later in our childhood. Too many Christians believe the lie of Antichrist. They believe that Jesus took on a nature prior to the fall and therefore there is no way we can overcome sin. So you see why it is important to understand the true definitions of grace, righteousness, justification, and sanctification, as well as others. Anyone believing you cannot overcome the world is on antichrist's side, either knowingly or unknowingly.
- 5) And finally we see why Christians fight over doctrines. Many say that doctrines are not as important as having Jesus. That is the spirit of antichrist speaking. If you do not have the doctrines that Jesus taught, you do not have Jesus Christ. Just as the Ten Commandments are provided to us as a character of God's love, love of God in the first four and love of neighbor in the last six, so is the doctrine of Christ. Anyone teaching a different doctrine than Christ taught has made themselves superior to God and is either a servant of antichrist or is deceived by the antichrist.
- John says that they heard that antichrist shall come**
- It is true that John states that they heard all about the antichrist prior to Him writing the letter. You may ask where.
- Daniel 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.*
- "Against the Prince of princes" is the answer and definition. The Prince of princes, also synonymous to King of kings, is none other than Jesus Christ. The Bible definition of antichrist is one who works against Christ. Christ's ministry on earth was mostly in a teaching capacity. Antichrist is not a warmonger denying the existence of Jesus Christ and simply putting to death all Christians. And Antichrist is not out for Jews only. Antichrist understands what Jesus Christ taught and works at undoing it, even usurping worship, God's laws, and more according to 2 Thessalonians 2:3 and Daniel 7:25.
- And if you do not believe "Prince of princes" applies to Jesus Christ, then there is no scripture reference about the Antichrist that John referred to, which makes him and the scriptures liars. We of course do not believe that.
- What else is antichrist about? We will have to continue this in the next issue.

## DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.



Remember

1. Which commandment are we to remember to keep? **Exodus 20:8**
2. What are we to remember to do in association with being holy? **Numbers 15:40**
3. Who is set in remembrance as an example for those living in the last days? **Luke 17:32**
4. What relationship did John counsel us to remember? **John 15:20**
5. What are we to remember is more blessed? **Acts 20:35**
6. What are we to remember to do if we fall into sin? **Revelation 2:5**

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Love God

1. Why should Christians not get upset when things do not go the way they think it should go? **Romans 8:28** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.*
2. If we love God, what expression will not come from us towards others? **1 John 4:20** *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (Love)*
3. If we love God, what shall a Christian keep? **1 John 5:2** *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.*
4. If we love God, Jesus, what else shall we keep? **John 14:23** *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*
5. If we love God and keep what we are to keep, what shall we receive? **Exodus 20:6** *And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

## ART THOU IN HEALTH (2 Samuel 20:9)



### Eating Too Much

Proverbs 23:19-21 *Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe [a man] with rags.*

The term for eating too much is gluttony. Although we may not equate poverty to a gluttonous person, we can attribute other descriptive items to such, such as, gluttony leads to tiredness and laziness, which causes multiple health problems, which causes one to not have clarity of thought, and which causes many other things.

Eating too much may cause the digestive system to back up or be too slow at processing

the nutrients. Backing up the system can cause headaches, irregular bowel movements, and even vomiting. Limiting the nutrients the body absorbs means that what was intended to be the nutrients for the body has rotted in the stomach and is then turned into fat. Therefore, gluttony adds weight and greater risk of heart attack.

But what is gluttony. Having many full plates of food at one meal definitely constitutes gluttony. But what about dessert? Ever hear the phrase, "Who has room for desert?" The reply is typically, "I always have room for desert." Having even a small portion of desert when you are already full is gluttony. Eating nutritious food beyond the comfortable status just because it tastes good or is going in the trash anyways is gluttony. If your body cannot absorb the contents of the stomach properly, it is gluttony.

## Think On These Things

### Are You Working Against Christ?

*He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. (Luke 11:23)*

Daniel's definition of "antichrist" is against Christ. Therefore, anyone who works against Christ has at least the spirit of antichrist in them. Do you find yourself contradicting the words of God? Do you find yourself telling people it does not matter what you believe in, we all serve the same God? Do you find religious literature that lays around in public places as offensive and throw it away?

You may not do any of those things. You may be taking comfort in the fact that you are not working against Christ in these matters. You may even be working for Christ when it comes to these things.

But when God prompts you to stop doing something, do you stop, especially when no one is looking or will find out? When God prompts you to go do something for Him, do you do it? When God draws you to read and study the Bible, do you find your Bible and open it up? When you see an opportunity to perform a kind deed, do you do it? God wants to make you perfect. If you resist perfection, you are working against Christ.

So you may not have the spirit of antichrist when it comes to witnessing, but you may have it when it comes to personal changes.

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**How Does The Bible  
Define Antichrist?**

*(Main Article)*

**What Does God Want  
Us To Remember?**

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**WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT?  
AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?** (Isaiah 53:1)

» **Reedsburg Times Press, April 8,  
2008 - Dress as opposite sex infuriates**

An opposite gender dress-up day at an elementary school in Reedsburg raised the ire of a Wisconsin Christian radio group Friday morning, and the district was flooded with calls from outraged listeners.

**COMMENT:** Deuteronomy 22:5 *"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so [are] abomination unto the LORD thy God."* This is not one of those Old Testament rules done away at the cross, but many "New Testament Only" Christians may not know about this command. We know we are talking about elementary children, but what they practice then will cause confusion later. The purpose of the command from God is so there is no confusion between the genders, at least in dress. That carries over to other appearances as well, but that is another story.

» **Sea Coast Online, April 8, 2008 - Police say woman drove drunk on way to Bible study class**

A Fremont woman was driving drunk to a Sunday morning Bible study class when she failed to negotiate a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through and crashed into a fence, say

police.

**COMMENT:** I guess they did not study Proverbs 20:1 yet. *"Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."*

» **World Net Daily, April 7, 2008 - Schools' new prom fever: Giving condoms to kids**

A school board in Arizona has decided condoms are among the items that should be given to students attending this year's prom. The school board in the Bisbee District voted 4-1 at a recent meeting to include the condoms in a "prom bag."

**COMMENT:** Ezekiel 3:18 *"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."* Not only are they not obeying this statement of God, they are actually encouraging the wickedness.

» **Journal Sentinel, April 6, 2008 - He was right, only to be wronged**

"They fired me for stopping a 16-year-old girl from stealing alcohol," he said Sunday. He intervened. Showed her a picture he had of her taking the Captain Morgan (one

week earlier), got her to take the tequila out of her bag (current theft) and then called her dad. "I was fired," he said, "for violating the policy" regarding when guests can be stopped.

**COMMENT:** Here we have another righteous deed not going unpunished. Bravo for the guard. 1 John 3:7 *"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."* Remember all you managers and business personnel, you will be held responsible by God for you are your brother's keeper. It is not business as usual for Christians despite potential lawsuits.

» **WorldNetDaily - March 2, 2008 - Fired librarian who spotted child porn honored**

A California librarian who called police when she saw a man viewing what appeared to be child pornography on a library computer, and was fired for disobeying her supervisor's instructions not to notify authorities, has been given a Gold Star Award from an organization called Family Friendly Libraries.

**COMMENT:** 1 John 3:7 *"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."* Doing the right thing is still subject to consequences of the devil through human means. Praise the Lord for this librarian.