

# "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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## He Shall Also Stand Up Against The Prince Of Princes

(Daniel 8:25)



This issue will continue the study of the antichrist.

### Review

Last month we read all four uses of the word "antichrist" as recorded in the epistles of John. While reading those verses, we discovered many things including the fact that antichrist is not something of the future only but actually existed in the days of the apostles.

Antichrist was not only a discussion of the apostles, specifically John, but he makes reference to the fact that everyone was told that the warning of antichrist existed years prior. False Christs warned of by Jesus does not constitute as the discussion of antichrist alone because John would have referred to Jesus by name. He would have stated, "Remember that Jesus told us..." Instead, he used the statement that "You heard that antichrist shall come" (1 John 2:18). Therefore, we looked into the scriptures of the Old Testament, seeing that John did not have the New Testament. So in searching the scriptures, the closest reference to antichrist is by definition.

*"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" (Daniel 8:25). To stand "against the Prince of princes" is to be "against or anti Christ".*

### What else does Daniel reveal?

A lot of the discussion of antichrist from Daniel's perspective actually occurs in chapter 7 and 8.

Daniel 7:8 says, "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."

While Daniel sees a ten horned beast and focuses upon the horns, Daniel 7:24 tells us that they represent kingdoms. Therefore, seeing an eleventh one appear means that antichrist is a kingdom, and described as a little horn means that it is a little kingdom. So we conclude, China and Russia are not the antichrist.

In addition, it appears that three kingdoms cease to exist thanks to the antichrist.

But as all kingdoms are, there is some type of leadership. This leadership does not get its directions from God but from humans, even one specific human – "eyes of a man". And out of this kingdom comes "great things" that are not good because Daniel 7:25 reveals that those great things are actually "words against the most High", as we will examine in a moment.

Daniel 7:24 says *"And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings."*

This verse is more plainly spoken in that antichrist kingdom arises where ten other kingdoms are in association. That leaves out the United States in that there is Canada and Mexico in somewhat association but it would take a stretch to count eight more kingdoms in America. Besides, the United States is too large of a kingdom.

In addition to rising up among ten other kingdoms, which all have kings, as stated by the verse, this one is different. It does not have a king, yet it does have a single leader as Daniel 7:8 stated. This too eliminates the United States. The President is but a figurehead leader of the United States, but in reality, power is balanced in three branches of government to avoid such a situation.

Daniel 7:25 says, *"And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be*

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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.**

## Debt Reduction Progress

Over our 10 year history, \$80,000 accumulated in ministry debt both from short periods of time of not being able to cover all of the expenses and the over 4 year period (Jan. 2004 - May 2007) when we personally could not sustain this ministry.

He had lost his employment due to religious conflict. Without that income we were not able to sustain this ministry and so the debt accumulated.

Now financial blessings are occurring in his employment, but in order to recover financially it requires him to work very long hours. Can you help eliminate this ministry debt faster?

### OVERALL STATS:

**\$80,000** Starting Balance  
**- 10,335** Readership  
**- 33,976** O'Donnell's  
**\$35,689** Current Balance

### MAY STATS:

**\$39,862** Prior Balance  
**- 200** Readership  
**- 3,973** O'Donnell's  
**\$35,689** Current Balance

## WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR YOUR HELP—WE ARE OVER HALF WAY!!!!

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*given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."*

Revelation calls those great words blasphemy (Revelation 13:5). In another issue we will have to review the fact that Paul writes in detail of the blasphemy.

But in addition to blasphemy, the antichrist wears out the saints. Revelation states that it is a slaughter and bloodshed (Revelation 13:7, 13:10, 16:6). Now who does the antichrist kill? The books of Daniel and Revelations says "saints". Who are the saints? It seems that there is a great debate on who the saints are. The term "saints" does not refer to those in heaven. It does refer to people on earth (Acts 9:13, Romans 1:7). Saints is used in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament, but it should be narrowed down to the saints of the New Testament called Christians. Why? History shows that Satan's goal is to destroy Christians more so as compared to the Jews. The second reason is the name itself, antichrist, means against Christ, which would include Christ's followers. Christ's followers have the name Christian associated with them. There are other methods to deduce this as well but that would be a study in itself.

Continuing on, we see that times and laws are a focus of the Antichrist. Now keep in mind that man is allowed to change all kinds of laws. In the United States, as in every kingdom, laws change for the better or worse depending upon the situation. Tax laws are updated every year. New laws created to deal with new crimes. God would not be concerned with what the speed limit is or what the tax rate is. It must mean that the Antichrist would change God's law when in fact it is unchangeable. In addition, God has set in place time. Antichrist would attack that system as well.

Daniel 8:11 says, "*Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.*"

From this description, the Antichrist is pompous. Also, something religious of God would be replaced noting that the word "sacrifice" is not necessarily a word that should appear in the verse. In either case, the second half of the verse deals with something religious for the use of the word "sanctuary". This too fits Paul's description, which is another study.

Daniel 8:12 says, "*And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.*"

Evidently antichrist has a large following because of the word "host". In addition, anything dealing with the truth is cast down and replaced. Keep in mind that truth is found in the

law (Psalms 119:142), which is what the antichrist tries to change. And how it upsets us to hear arguments of how the law has been changed, done away with, and merely of no concern. They are passing Antichrist's lie. Truth is found in the Word (John 17:17), which is why it irritates us to hear people not believing the Bible is the Word of God and as such ought to be obeyed. Those who do not believe such are buying into antichrist's lies. The truth is also found in Jesus (John 14:6), which is what makes antichrist exist. While doing all of this, it practices and prospers. So it is popular to be part of.

Daniel 8:23-24 says, "*And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.*"

According to Revelation, the antichrist does not come to power by its own doing. According to Revelation 13:2, the Bible states that the dragon gives him the power. And according to Revelation 12:9, the Bible says, "*The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*"

And again, reference is made to either Jews or Christians. "Holy people" is applied in both the New and Old Testament.

Daniel 8:25 says, "*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.*"

So under the antichrist, evil grows instead of good. In the process he sets himself up proudly and boastfully. Through what appears as a person of peace it is actually responsible for the destruction of many. So that means the leader of Iran and Iraq are and were not the antichrist.

### Conclusion

As you see, Daniel fills in a good amount of the description of the antichrist. In fact, he provides much more detail if we would go so far in depth on the subject instead of just generically making reference. For instance, if you trace the beginning of Daniel 7 down, you do not have to guess at where the ten horns are nor even guess at the antichrist kingdom. What does the antichrist blaspheme? It too is very specific through further Bible study. But we will continue to provide more information in a future issue and as always we are open to dialog on the truth.

## 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.



### The Gospel

1. Does it matter which version of the gospel, messages, beliefs you have? **Galatians 1:6-9**
2. What is the gospel used for? **Matthew 24:14**
3. What are God's people to do with the gospel? **Mark 16:15**
4. What will God use the gospel for? **Romans 2:16**
5. What are hearers of the gospel supposed to do? **Romans 10:16**
6. How many nations, tongues, and people is the gospel to go to? **Revelation 14:6**

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

#### Remember

1. Which commandment are we to remember to keep? **Exodus 20:8** "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."
2. What are we to remember to do in association with being holy? **Numbers 15:40** "That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God."
3. Who is set in remembrance as an example for those living in the last days? **Luke 17:32** "Remember Lot's wife."
4. What relationship did John counsel us to remember? **John 15:20** "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."
5. What are we to remember is more blessed? **Acts 20:35** "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."
6. What are we to remember to do if we fall into sin? **Revelation 2:5** "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

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

### Eating The Wrong Food



**Acts 10:14** *But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.*

Despite what many Christians claim as Jesus allowing people to eat anything they want, it is apparent that Peter knew what Jesus meant. When confronted by the Pharisees, Jesus told them that the ceremonial washing of utensils is not necessary (do a careful study on the subject and you will find what Jesus was really addressing in Mark 7:8). Likewise, many claim that Jesus gave Peter a direct command in Acts 10 to eat anything when in fact Jesus was providing a symbolic vision to be answered in Acts

10:28.

In either case, it is a known fact that those creatures considered unclean could also be called unhealthy. Those creatures cause more human diseases as compared to the clean animals.

In addition, it is a known fact that you may not eat anything you want without getting sick. Try eating poison ivy. I once vomited as a child for eating red berries off of a bush thinking they were cherries when in fact they were not.

Even if you believe you can eat anything you want, why not eat the best to keep your body fit? Doctors even tell you to stay away from red meats and even pork by focusing upon chicken and fish.

## Think On These Things

### Remember

Do you take time to remember God or are you so caught up in the rat race that it can be hours or even days that go by before you remember to speak to God? Or do you just remember to pray to God when you need something? Well, God gives us a day to remember Him. Which is not to be just a church service. Cease from your labor and running around and remember God and His creation. No wonder God says Remember the Sabbath day. He knew people would forget to take time to rest.

Then remember why this world is in such a mess. If everyone would cease breaking the Ten Commandments, we would be in heaven. Realistically, that is not going to happen before the Second Coming. But it does not hurt to provide little pockets of heaven in our own sphere by remembering to keep all of God's commandments.

And if we think that it is a matter of being a legalist, remember Lot's wife. If our hearts are towards the world, our destination will not be heaven.

So remember to spend time in God's word, give of yourself, and repent of your sins.

*A summary of the Bible Study from last month.*

## WEB SITES TO CONSIDER

- TSTL.NET** is for the general public
- TSTL4MINISTERS.NET** is for any minister, bible worker, teacher, etc.
- TSTL4CHILDREN.NET** is for the children and is currently in the process of being transferred over from TSTL.NET

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Antichrist?**

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**Can You Be Eating The  
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**China Is Preparing For  
Nuclear War?**

*(See News page 3)*

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



» **World Net Daily, May 10, 2008 - China preparing for nuclear war**

Defense analysts for the British intelligence service MI6 believe China is preparing for the "eventuality of a nuclear war." The conclusion follows evidence that Beijing has built secretly a major naval base deep inside caverns which even sophisticated satellites cannot penetrate, says a report in Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin.

**COMMENT:** Matthew 24:6 *"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars".*

» **CNN, May 5, 2008 - Students strip to skivvies before finals**

Arizona State University students proudly run around in their underwear, throwing clothes into the air before finals.

**COMMENT:** 1 Timothy 2:9 *"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." This applies to the men as well. Nothing modest at all, but*

then again, when even Christians see nothing wrong with bikini's they see nothing wrong with underwear only, especially since underwear covers more than a bikini. What society accepts and what God says are definitely two different things. Don't declare this harmless fun blowing off stress. It is just another example of how sexually oriented this society has become even to the point that such activity conducted by the students isn't even thought of as sexual. Sodom and Gomorrhah, here we are.

» **The Sun, April 21, 2008 - Food Rationing Confronts Breadbasket of the World**

Many parts of America, long considered the breadbasket of the world, are now confronting a once unthinkable phenomenon: food rationing.

**CNN, April 21, 2008 - U.N. expert: Food crisis 'a silent tsunami'**

Those battling global warming by promoting biofuels may unintentionally be adding to skyrocketing world food prices, creating what one expert calls "a silent tsunami" in

developing nations. The rising prices are "threatening to plunge more than 100 million people on every continent into hunger," Josette Sheeran, executive director of the United Nations' World Food Program, said on the agency's Web site Tuesday.

**COMMENT:** Matthew 24:7 *"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Are we about to face famines in a country unthinkable?*

» **The Portland Mercury, April 17, 2008 - Turning the Tables**

A CITIZEN who watched a cop illegally park, then walk into a Chinese restaurant to wait for his food, has issued the officer a series of citizen-initiated parking violations.

**COMMENT:** Matthew 23:3 *"All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, [that] observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." There is always someone in any profession that brings on a bad name, but it worse when a person representing the law breaks it themselves.*

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