

## The Antichrist Is Coming

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# Deception related to the end times

**Matthew 24:3-4** And as **he** (Jesus) sat upon the Mount of Olives, **the disciples** (the Lord's church) came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of **the end of the world?** 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

## evil men on the increase ? deceiving

**2 Timothy 3:1,13** This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come. 13 But **evil men** and seducers shall **wax worse and worse, deceiving**, and being deceived.

## In the name of Jesus? shall deceive many

**Matthew 24:5** For many shall come **in my name**, saying, **I am Christ**; and shall deceive many.

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**1 John 2:18** ?Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that **the Antichrist is coming?**

## Preposition *anti*

## means ?instead of? or ?in place of?

**Luke 11:11** "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent **instead of** [Greek ? *anti* ] a fish?

**James 4:15** **Instead of** [Greek ? *anti* ] this, you should say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we shall still be alive to do this or that.'

## Antichrists went out from the apostolic churches

**1 John 2:18-19** Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even **now many antichrists have come**, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 **They** [antichrists] **went out from us** [the Lord's church and its teachings], but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

## the Antichrist is the deceiver

**2 John 7** For many **deceivers** have gone out (from us in the church) into the world, people who **do not confess Jesus as Christ** coming in the flesh. This person is **the deceiver** and **the antichrist!**

# antichrist comes first *before* Christ ?

## Let no man deceive you!

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-5** Now, brethren, concerning **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though **the day of Christ** had come. 3 **Let no man deceive you** by any means; for **that Day will not come unless** the falling away comes **first**, and **the man of sin is revealed**, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and **exalts himself above all** that is called God or that is worshiped, so that **he sits as God in the temple of God**, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

## A warning against looking for Christ first

**Matthew 24:23-31** Then **if any man shall say unto you**, Lo, **here is Christ**, or there; **believe it not**. 24 For there shall arise **false Christs, and false prophets**, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, **they shall deceive** the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore **if they shall say unto you**, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, **he is in the secret chambers; believe it not**. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29 **Immediately after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming** in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and **they shall gather together his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

## the revealing of antichrist starts the great tribulation

**Matthew 24:15** When ye [disciples of Christ in the church] therefore **shall see the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by **Daniel** the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 21 For **then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

### Daniel's seven-year prophecy

**Daniel 9:26-27** ??The people of **the ruler who will come** will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. 27 He (?the ruler who will come? ? antichrist) will confirm a covenant with many for **one seven?** [7 years]. In **the middle of the seven?** [at 3 ½ years] **he** (antichrist) will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple **he will set up an abomination that causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.?(N IV)

**Daniel 12:11** "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and **the abomination of desolation is set up**, there shall be **one thousand two hundred and ninety days** [3 ½ years].

# He will rule the world for 3 ½ years

**Revelation 13:5-6** And there was given unto **him** (the beast) a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and **power** [or authority] was given unto him **to continue forty and two months** [3 ½ years]. 6 And he opened his mouth in **blasphemy against God**, to **blaspheme his name**, and **his tabernacle**, and them that dwell in heaven (His angels Mt.22:30).

## satan shall give him the kingdoms of the world

**Revelation 13:2** And **the beast** [antichrist] ?the dragon [Satan Rev.20:2] gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

### The last gentile world kingdom

**Daniel 7:23** Thus he said, **The fourth beast** shall be **the fourth kingdom upon earth**, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and **shall devour the whole earth**, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

### The masses will follow the beast

**Revelation 13:3** ??**all the world** marveled and **followed the beast**?

**Revelation 13:8** And **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

### He will have complete military power

**Revelation 13:4** And **they** [all the world v.3] worshipped the dragon [Satan] which gave power [or authority] unto **the beast**: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? **who is able to make war with him?**

### He will control the religious worship of the world

**Revelation 13:11-15** And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein **to worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And **deceiveth them** that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**.

### He will control the world's economy

**Revelation 13:16-18** And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a **mark** in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that **no man might buy or sell**, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

### Antichrist will persecute the saints

**Matthew 24:9** Then shall they **deliver you up to be afflicted**, and **shall kill you**: and ye shall be **hated of all nations** for my name's sake.

**Revelation 12:17** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and **went to make war with the remnant of her seed**, which keep the commandments of God, and **have the testimony of Jesus Christ**.

**Revelation 13:7, 10** And it was given unto **him** [the beast] **to make war with the saints, and to overcome them**

: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into **captivity**: he that killeth with the sword must be **killed** with the sword. **Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.**

**Daniel 7:25** And he [the beast] 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 given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time [3 ½ years].

**Revelation 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were **beheaded for the witness of Jesus**, and for the word of God, and which **had not worshipped the beast**, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

## THE SAINTS ARE IN THE CHURCHES

**1 Corinthians 14:33** For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as **in all churches of the saints.**

### A STRONG DELUSION

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous **deception among those who perish**, because they did not receive **the love of the truth**, that they might be **saved**. 11 And for this reason **God will send them strong delusion**, that they should believe the lie, 12 that **they all may be condemned** who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

### Prepare yourself now to endure unto the end

**Mark 13:13** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.