

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 2:18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Who is Antichrist?” - Part 1

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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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 went out from us, 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.

With The Advent of the New Testament

came the announcement that the believers were now living in the last days.

The Last Days Being

God's Final Sequence of Communication to this world

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things,

Revelation 22:7

"Behold, I am coming quickly!
Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:18-19

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Deuteronomy 4:2

"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take anything from it..."

Deuteronomy 12:32

"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it;
you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

Prophecy is the Defining Factor Between The False and The True Messenger of God

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

"If there arises among you a **prophet** or a **dreamer** of dreams, and he gives you a **sign** or a **wonder**, 2 "and **the sign or the wonder comes to pass**, of which he spoke to you, saying, (DOCTRINE) 'Let us go after other gods'-- which you have not known--' and let us serve them,' 3 "you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Jesus Warned;

Matthew 24:1-7

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

This is an Often “Passionate Warning” from those who care for the body of Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:1

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren,
you have no need that I should write to you.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him
He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

In Ancient Times

Nimrod, Nebuchadnezzar, Antiochus Epiphanes, Caesar Nero

In Recent Years,

Adolf Hitler

1.) We're Living at the End of the Church Age v. 18a

Little children, it is the last hour;

“the last hour”



little children

grk 3813 paidion (pahee-dee'-on);
having little experience, immature, a child



Last

grk 2078 eschatos (es'-khat-os);
farthest point out. at roads end. the end



Hour

grk 5610 hora (ho'-rah);
an "hour" (literally or figuratively): days end, at eventide.

2.) We See That The End Days Are Escalating v. 18b

and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming,

“the Antichrist is coming”



Heard

grk 191 akouo (ak-oo'-o);
being announced. noised abroad, being shown



Antichrist

grk 500 antichristos (an-tee'-khris-tos);
an opponent of the Messiah:



Anti

grk 473 anti (an-tee');
opposite as against. but also as instead of!



Christ

grk 5547 Christos (khris-tos');
anointed, i.e. the Messiah, - Jesus

3.) We Need to be Alert Against Imposters

v. 18c

even now many antichrists have come,

“many antichrists have come”



Have Come

grk 2064 erchomai (er'-khom-ahee);
to come or go. to appear, bring, come, enter, is currently coming at you and shall increasingly come at you



Even Now

grk 3568 nun (noon);
a primary particle of present time; "now" hereafter. presently

Jude 1:3-4

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

4.) We Can Be Encouraged By Their Arrival

vv. 18d

by which we know that it is the last hour...

by which we know

Many False Christs Shall Appear



grk 1097 ginosko (ghin-occe'-ko);

to have knowledge of. to have perceived, be resolved, can speak of. to be sure, understand.

We Know Beyond a Doubt

the last hour...

Just the Beginning...