

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 2:18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Who is Antichrist?”

Part III

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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I 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.

Matthew 24:24

for false Christ's and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders so as to deceive if possible the elect

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

2.) We See These End Days Escalating toward Evil vv. 18b

3.) We Need to be Alert Against Imposters vv. 18c

4.) But We Can Be Encouraged By Their Arrival vv. 18d

We're Looking at 10 Considerations About The Spirit & Person of the Antichrist

1.) What is it to be Antichrist?

1a.) Is to **Deny The Deity** of Jesus Christ

1b.) Is to **Live in Opposition** to what the Scriptures say

1c.) Is to **Proliferate False Doctrine**

2.) What is the Spirit of Antichrist?

2a.) It's a **Mindset, Belief, or Way of Thinking** Against Christ

2b.) It's a **Rebelliousness** Against the One True God

2c.) It's a **Liberal Understanding** of the Scriptures

The Remaining 8 Considerations

3.) The Deception of the Antichrist

3a.) To Lead Humanity Away from God

To Muddy the Water / Flood the Market

with anything that will distract mankind from thinking about having a personal relationship with Christ

Anything in Place of God – Anything!

3b.) To Lead Humanity Toward Satan

- Satan will paint any picture He can to Rob a Soul
 - Paints with a Brush dipped in wealth
- And it Other Times He Paints with a Brush dipped in Pleasures

3c.) To Create an Alternative Kingdom

Matthew 4:8-9

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Isaiah 14:9-15

"Hell from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. ¹⁰ They all shall speak and say to you: 'Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?' ¹¹ Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.' ¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I

will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

4.) The Days of the Antichrist

4a.) His Days Have Always Been

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

4b.) His Days Are Now

We Have Seen
and we shall see more false-messiah's

4c.) His Days Will Increase in Power

Daniel 8:23-25 TLB

"Toward the end of their kingdoms, when they have become morally rotten, an angry king shall rise to power with great shrewdness and intelligence. ²⁴ His power shall be mighty, but it will be satanic strength and not his own. Prospering wherever he turns, he will destroy all who oppose him, though their armies be mighty, and he will devastate God's people. ²⁵ "He will be a master of deception, defeating many by catching them off guard as they bask in false security. Without warning he will destroy them. So great will he fancy himself to be that he will even take on the Prince of Princes in battle; but in so doing he will seal his own doom, for he shall be broken by the hand of God, though no human means could overpower him.

Daniel 9:24-27

"Seventy weeks (**490 years**) are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. ²⁵ "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be (**49 years**) seven weeks and (**434 years = 483 years**) sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. ²⁶ "And after **the (434 years)** sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of

the war desolations are determined. ²⁷ Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for **(7 years)** one week; but in the middle of the week **(31/2 years)** he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

5.) The Powers of Antichrist

5a.) He Will Arouse Fallen Humanity

5b.) He Will Appeal to The Masses

5c.) He Will Approve a World Religion

6.) The Person of the Antichrist

6a.) He is Forth Coming - *Scripture Warns Us*

Revelation 16:13-14

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of **the dragon**, out of the mouth of **the beast**, and out of the mouth of **the false prophet**. ¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

6b.) He is Divine in His Own Mind - *Of the New Age Mold*

II Thessalonians 2:3-4

Let no one 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.

Revelation 13:1-3

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his

power, his throne, and great authority. ³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

6c.) He Will be Possessed by Satan Himself - *His Only Be-Rotten Son*

Satan Has Always Wanted Attention

Ezekiel 28:13-16

You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴ "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. ¹⁶ "By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones.