

## Revealing The Antichrist

'Children, these are the end times and as you have heard the Antichrist is coming and even now many antichrists have arisen. By this we know it is the final hour. They went out from us but they did not belong to us for if they had belonged to us, they would have continued with us. But they left so they might be revealed as none of them belong to us ... Who is the liar but they who deny Jesus is the Messiah? This is the Antichrist, those who deny the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father. Those who confess the Son has the Father also' (1 John 2:18 & 19; 22 & 23).

'Beloved, do not believe every spirit but test the spirits, whether they are of God because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God. Every spirit who confesses Jesus the Messiah has come in the flesh is of God and every spirit who does not confess Jesus the Messiah has come in the flesh is not of God. This is the spirit of the antichrist of whom you have heard that it comes and it is in the world already' (1 John 4:1 to 3). 'Many deceivers have gone out into the world. Those who do not confess Jesus the Messiah came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the Antichrist' (2 John 1:7).

'Let no one deceive you in any way. Until the great apostasy comes first and the man of sin (antichrist) is revealed, the son of destruction. He who opposes and exalts himself against all that is called God or what is worshipped so that he sits as God in the temple of God, setting himself up as God ... You know what is restraining him to the end so he may be revealed in his own season (in God's time). The mystery of lawlessness already works (among mankind). There is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the way then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will kill with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the manifestation of His coming. He whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, with all deception of wickedness for those who are being (eternally) lost, because they did not receive the love of the truth so they might be saved. Because of this, God sends them a working of error so they should believe a lie so they all might be judged who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness' (2 Thessalonians 2:3 to 12).

Before we can reveal who the main antichrist is we need to define what the antichrist is. There is scripturally an antichrist spirit (1 John 4:3) that came to the world when Adam first sinned. 'God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above every animal of the field. On your belly you will go and you will eat dust (be carnivorous) all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman (all women) and between your offspring (evil people) and her Offspring (Jesus). He (Jesus) will bruise your head (overcome the devil) and you will bruise His heel (kill the Messiah)'" (Genesis 3:14 & 15). Apostle John revealed there is also a particular evil man who would come after John himself died whom he called The Antichrist (1 John 2:18). That male antichrist would kill Jews and Christians. For the sake of this Bible study we will label him the 'main antichrist'. He kills Jews because our Messiah was Jewish and he kills Christians because we believe our Messiah was Jewish. The early church believed Nero was the main antichrist because in Hebrew, every character has a numerical value and Kaiser Nero, his full name came to the numerical value of 666. Nero certainly was an evil antichrist who slaughtered many but he did not deceive millions of people, besides that Nero died before Apostle John, so scripturally Nero could not have been the 'main antichrist'. Could there have been another who came after him? A man who has been deceiving millions of people through his false religion for centuries right up to the present day? We will explore the possibility. The Bible defines the antichrist as anyone who denies Jesus is the Messiah; anyone who denies the Messiah came in the flesh as a Man and anyone who denies God the Father and Jesus the Son. This is what the Bible says as we read in the opening verses, "Who is the liar but they who deny Jesus is the Messiah? This is the antichrist, those who deny the Father and the Son." "Every spirit who does not confess Jesus the Messiah has come in the flesh is not of God. This is the spirit of the antichrist of whom you have heard that it comes and it is in the world already." "Those who do not confess Jesus the Messiah came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist."

Who could the antichrist be? The word 'antichrist' actually means, 'anti-Messiah' and he is absolutely anti-Semitic. The antichrist wants to rule the world and the antichrist spirit tried to kill Jesus three times when He was just a baby and young child. From the day God cursed the serpent, the devil knew what the Messiah was going to accomplish so he tried in vain to destroy God's plans to bring salvation to the world. The other reason the devil wanted to destroy God's plans was he knew the Messiah was going to overcome him and show him up for what he is – a liar, thief, murderer and everything that is evil in this world ... 'Jesus made you alive together with Him having forgiven us all our sin, wiping out the handwriting in ordinances (our judgement) which was against us and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross (bringing salvation), having stripped the principalities and the powers, He made a show of them openly triumphing over them' (Colossians 2:13 to 15). If the devil knew what a mistake it was to murder Jesus, he would never have done it because Jesus also conquered death, the very thing the devil brought to mankind via Adam. 'None of the (evil unseen) rulers of this world realised, for had they known it, they would not have crucified

the Lord of glory' (1 Corinthians 2:8). 'As sin entered the world through one man (Adam) and death through sin, so death passed to all mankind because all have sinned' (Romans 5:12). 'Jesus, Whom God raised up, having freed Him from the agony of death because it was not possible He could be held by it' (Acts 2:24). 'Knowing the Messiah, being raised from the dead, dies no more. Death cannot have dominion over Him!' (Romans 6:9). 'Since death came by man (Adam), the resurrection of the dead also came by a Man (Jesus) ... The last enemy that will be abolished is death' (1 Corinthians 15:21 & 26). 'The testimony of our Lord ... has now been revealed by the appearing of our Saviour, Messiah Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel' (2 Timothy 1:8 & 10). 'When I (Apostle John) saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. He laid His right hand on me saying, "Do not be afraid. I AM the first and the last and the Living One. I was dead and behold I AM alive forevermore. Amen. I have the keys of Death and of Hades"' (Revelation 1:17 & 18). Jesus is alive!

We will tell you who the antichrist is not. The antichrist is not the Catholic Church nor is the antichrist involved in any Christian church in any way. In fact he hates Christians, Christianity and all it stands for. Many people have claimed the Catholic Church is antichrist but the truth is, they are not antichristian. They have made mistakes but are most definitely not the antichrist. Although there are many antichrists (1 John 2:18) who operate with the help of an evil antichrist spirit, the main antichrist is a man (Revelation 13:18) who leads millions of people from all over the world into error by deception and into eternal damnation. He murders many more than he converts to his twisted form of false religion. There is one man who fits this description. What do the Scriptures tell us about the main human antichrist among many? We can learn a lot about the main antichrist by reading the first three groups of verses written above. Firstly, we know he is a man who will end up in the lake of fire because he is so evil. He arrived in the 'final hour', which are the centuries since Jesus came and ushered in salvation and the new church. The human antichrist did not arrive before Jesus came, as opposed to the spirit of antichrist that came via Adam. The human antichrist pretended to believe in the God of Abraham but in reality, did not. He never actually belonged to the Godly people of his time. If his conversion had been real, he would never have left. The Bible says, "None of them belong to us" (1 John 2:19), therefore neither the antichrist nor his followers belong to God. He is anti Christian and anti Jew and wants to kill every Jew and every Christian as well as wanting to destroy Israel, the Holy Land of God. He is a liar who denies the deity of Jesus and the sovereignty of God. We are warned to test every leader to see if they are genuine or not because only genuine believers confess Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, Who came in the flesh as a Man. It is inferred the antichrist is a false prophet among many other false prophets. He is a deceiver and a liar. He will be exposed when a great falling away of people from the Christian faith happens and sadly that is happening now. Only as recently as 50 years ago most people attended church regularly. Families went to church week after week. Now, in comparison with the growing world population, very few people attend church on a regular basis. Entire suburbs may have just one or two families of genuine Christians. Worse still, true Christians are often harassed by godless people. Sin is more acceptable than Godliness in our modern world. The time is ripe for the antichrist to be revealed. The antichrist wants to be worshipped and sets himself up as God in his own temple or place of worship. He is lawless so obviously his followers are also lawless and Jesus said lawlessness would increase as natural love grows cold meaning there will be a terrible lack of care and empathy (Matthew 24:12). The Lord will eventually kill the antichrist and all of his wicked followers. He deceives people who refuse to love the truth (the Bible), they choose to believe his lies (his false so-called holy book) and take pleasure in unrighteousness (evil behaviour).

Scripture tells us quite clearly, the antichrist is a man who was given his power and authority by the devil. He has enormous influence, he deceives millions of people and even some Christians in Christian nations, he speaks with authority, he was seriously wounded and recovered, he and his 'deputy' are likened to beasts. He came from a nation beside the sea. People from all nations worship him, that is those people who do not have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life, genuine Christians. He lives by the sword or is exceedingly violent and desires to kill all those who do not worship him. One man fits almost all of the descriptions listed in the Bible. It is very possible, Muhammad was the main Antichrist, Apostle John said was to come along with the antichrist spirit working within him. He certainly fits the criteria. That evil man Muhammad was the founder and leader of the false religion of Islam. They do not worship God of the Bible. The name 'Allah' was the main false god of over three hundred false gods Muhammad's ancient tribe worshipped so when Muslims bow down to worship 'Allah' they are actually worshipping a false god, literally the devil. The devil loves it when people bow down to worship him and his place of worship is the mosque. Remember, the devil was foolish enough to ask Jesus to bow down and worship him. The devil said to Jesus, "I will give you all of these things if You will bow down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get behind Me Satan! It is written, 'You will worship the Lord your God and you will serve Him only'" (Matthew 4:9 & 10). Muhammad was a seriously mentally ill man who was orphaned at the age of six years and was raised by a slave girl. He heard voices, saw demonic visions and acted so irrationally people rejected him. He knew he was possessed by the devil. Only violent men accepted him so Islam was begun by a group of bloodthirsty,

violent madmen and that behaviour was adopted by millions of his followers and continues to this day. The following information comes from the Book of Revelation 13:1 to 18.

'I (Apostle John) stood on the sand of the sea. I saw a beast coming up out of the sea having ten horns and seven heads'. Muhammad came from a nation near the sea. He was born near the place now called Mecca in what is now Saudi Arabia in AD 570 and he died in AD 632. That area of Saudi Arabia abuts the Red Sea. 'The dragon gave him his power, his throne and great authority.' Muhammad's authority came from the devil. 'One of his heads looked like it had been wounded fatally. His fatal wound was healed and the whole (then known) earth marvelled at the beast.' Muhammad was seriously wounded in battle and recovered, which he took as a sign from God, he was to continue his murderous religion.

'They worshipped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast and they worshipped the beast saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" Muhammad and his evil followers gained a lot of territory through constant violence and murder. Even after his death, Muhammad's followers continued to take territory, forcing people to convert to Islam or have their heads severed.

'Permission was given to him to make war with the saints (righteous people) and to overcome them. Authority over every tribe, people, language and nation was given to him.' Muhammad is still the authority over millions of Muslims all over the world, over hundreds of tribes, languages, individuals and some nations. Many times over the centuries, Muslims have overcome God's people and killed them. Around the year 1,000 or about that time, the Muslim ruler killed so many Jews and Christians living in Jerusalem, their blood mixed with water ran down the streets of Jerusalem. Times like these Jesus said His people had to exercise endurance (Revelation 13:10).

'All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who has been killed.' People all over the world worship the false god of Islam.

'If anyone has an ear let him hear.' Listen to what the Bible is warning us about.

'If anyone has captivity he will go into captivity. If anyone is with the sword he must be killed. Here it takes the endurance and the faith of the saints.' The Jews and Christians who lived in that area refused to accept Muhammad was a prophet of God and soundly rejected his blasphemous teachings. This enraged Muhammad who beheaded many thousands of Jews, Christians and any person who rejected his lies and false prophecies. Since then, Muslims, who accept that violent religion, still to this day sever heads of people they regard as 'infidels'.

'I (Apostle John) saw another beast coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb and he spoke like a dragon.' This 'deputy' of Muhammad came about after Muhammad died and Islam was split into two groups. The most violent group are called the Sunni Muslims. The other group are the Shi'ia Muslims. Notice this verse says they speak like the dragon. When we listen to the insane ramblings of the Islamic teachers, condoning violence and murder we can understand, they speak like the devil.

'He (the evil 'deputy') exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast whose fatal wound was healed.' All Muslims have to worship Muhammad and Allah regardless of which group they come from.

'He deceives My own people (Jews and Christians) who dwell on the earth because of the signs (false miracles) he was granted to do in front of the beast saying to those who dwell on the earth, they should make an image to the beast who had the sword wound and lived'. Jesus warned, "If anyone tells you, 'Behold, here is the Messiah,' or, 'He is there,' do not believe it. There will arise false messiahs and false prophets, and they will show great signs and wonders so as to lead astray, if possible, even the Christians" (Matthew 24:23 & 24). Sadly, many Christians have fallen prey to the lies and deception of Islam. Verse 18; 'Here is wisdom. Those who have understanding let them calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is six hundred sixty-six'. The main antichrist is a beastly human man whose name in Hebrew adds up to 666, which is the number of mankind. He is not a company, a church, a huge computer, a microchip number, an evil spiritual entity, a spaceman or anything else science fiction writers can dream up. Although Muhammad was possessed by the devil he was still a human man.

Most of the known world at the time of Muhammad was Christian due to the hard work of the apostles and disciples but the evil Muslims conquered Jerusalem, Syria, Persia, Egypt, Turkey, Cyprus, Greece and slowly other nations fell to the violence of Muhammadism. Many of these countries are still held under the grip of Islam. Islam is a religion based on lies, deception and violence. They believe the chosen son of Abraham was Ishmael not Isaac, which is completely opposite of what the Scriptures teach. One thing stands out above everything else; Muhammad and his followers wanted to kill Jews, Christians and anyone who did not believe his false teachings. Modern Muslims want to destroy Israel and 'wipe it off the map'. They also murder Christians whenever they can. In contrast, God wants to build up Israel as the Jewish nation and as His Holy nation. 'If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you will be My own possession from among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine and you will be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation' (Exodus 19:5 & 6). God wants to build up Christians to be His kings and priests, and internationally and collectively, His holy nation. 'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a

people for God's own possession so you may proclaim the excellence of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light, who (as Gentiles) in time past were no people but now are God's people, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy' (1 Peter 2:9 & 10). God wants to build up and restore lives. Muslims want to steal peace, destroy and kill. That is clearly the work of the devil (John 10:10).

Muslims are not one single race of people so speaking out against Islam is not being racist. It is not a race it is a false religion. Islam is an evil antichristian, anti-Messiah, anti-Semitic and anti-Jewish religion founded by a man who was himself antichristian and anti-Jewish and who was influenced by the antichristian spirit Apostle John wrote about. Islam is not a religion of peace. We only have to look at the atrocities and terrorism carried out by Muslims around the world to realise that. They are not peaceful even towards each other. Look how cruel they are to women in Islamic countries. Look how they are slaughtering each other. Look how insane Isis is and look at the shocking things they are doing to other Muslims. Look how they use women and children as human shields. Look at the numbers of cowardly men who have escaped so-called persecution in their homelands leaving their women and children behind to face the persecutors. Little girls are being forcibly taken from their helpless mothers and are being used as sex slaves to some utterly ruthless, barbaric men. Some Muslims are even using young boys as their sex toys. How can anyone call that a religion of peace? Women in Western countries have taken to wearing clothing that covers them from head to foot because they actually believe that so-called 'modesty' will get them into heaven. They are wrong. The only way into heaven is by accepting our Jewish Messiah Jesus as the Way, Truth and eternal Life and nobody can get to the Father except through Jesus (John 14:6).

No other individual false prophet and cruel beast has founded a false religion that has deceived and led so many millions away from the true Messiah over hundreds of years, overcoming dozens of countries and deceiving thousands of people all over the world even in Christian nations. If Muhammad is not the main antichrist mentioned by Apostle John, he would have to come close to being one of the most evil people who has ever lived on earth. Not all Muslims are violent terrorists. Some are very sweet natured people but sadly, all Muslims are deceived. Their religion was founded about fifteen hundred years ago and often their mindset is caught up in the past. We must not condemn these deceived people, but love them into the Kingdom of God. We need to try to pull them out of the kingdom of darkness. We need to teach them, Jesus is the only way to eternal life and He came through the bloodline of Isaac, not Ishmael. Unless Muslims repent and turn to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and accept the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and His blood that was shed for mankind, our one and only true Messiah, they will be lost to eternal damnation along with their evil leader, the false prophet, Muhammad. Christians are not 'better' than Muslims because we are all sinners who have been saved by the grace and mercy of God. Muslims are not 'worse' sinners than other people because we all were headed for eternal damnation. However, we decided to accept Jesus and follow God. There is no doubt, Muhammad regrets his decision to attempt to set himself up as the messiah because as the false prophet, he will by now know his eternal end will be a terrible place to be. 'The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet are also. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever' (Revelation 20:10).

We know Muhammad was inspired by the devil when he tried to set himself up as God on earth because that is exactly what the devil did and the Bible tells us exactly what will happen to him. 'You (the devil) said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly in the far north! I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!" Yet you will be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit (the lake of fire). Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you saying, "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a (spiritual) wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not release his prisoners to their (heavenly) home?" (Isaiah 14:13 to 17). That sounds exactly what Muhammad has done to his followers. He overthrew cities and he will not release his 'prisoners of deception' so they can go to their heavenly home but will burn eternally with him. Notice it says here, "Is this the man ...?" Muhammad truly was an evil incarnate. We are saying to Muslims everywhere, repent, turn to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and accept His Son Jesus is the true Messiah. Stop following a false prophet. Stop believing in a false religion. Stop trying to undermine God's plan for Israel and the Jewish people. You will not succeed. Do not love Muhammad but learn to love Jesus the Son of God. Do not go down to damnation with Muhammad. Break free of deception and come to Jesus. Muhammad is dead and awaiting his final judgement. Jesus rose from the dead and sits at the right hand of God the Father.

As the Bible says, in the last days the antichrist, the man of sin, the son of perdition, the lawless one, the beast, the false prophet will be revealed and exposed for what he is. Jesus will destroy his evil rule and his attempts to take over the world. We have nothing to fear from this false prophet. We must keep our eyes on Jesus and trust Him to take care of us. It is true Muslims are in almost every nation but there is no scripture that says the false prophet will be able to take over the entire world. He will try, he wants to and Muslims are trying to by their modern caliphate but God will not allow that to happen. The antichrist spirit, the beast, the

false prophet and the devil will vex mankind and be part of the Great Tribulation right up until Jesus returns but we need to have faith and understand, the only one world government we will see will be when Jesus comes to rule the earth from Jerusalem. Our God is in control of His earth and has already told us what He will do with the beast and his evil followers when Jesus our Messiah returns to earth. 'The lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will kill with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the manifestation of His coming' (2 Thessalonians 2:8). Praise the Lord for that!

Amen and God bless you.

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