

# The Spirit of Antichrist

# The Antichrist

Antichrist – Greek, *antichristos* (Strong's) - the adversary of the Messiah

L. anti- from Gk. anti "against, opposite, *instead of*".  
- Online Etymology Dictionary, © 2001 Douglas Harper

# John and the Antichrist

**1 John 2:18:** Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many **antichrists**; whereby we **know that it is the last time**.

**1 John 2:21-22:** I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. **Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?** He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

**1 John 4:3:** And **every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God**: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and **even now already is it in the world**.

**2 John 1:7:** For many **deceivers** are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. **This is a deceiver and an antichrist**.

# John and the Antichrist

- On the scene before and during the end times (1 John 2:18)
- A liar (1 John 2:21-22)
- Denies that Jesus is the Christ and that He is of God (1 John 2:21-22; 4:3)
- Denies the Father and the Son (1 John 2:21-22)
- A deceiver (2 John 1:7)

# John and the Antichrist

Deny - Greek, *arneomai* (Strong's):

1) to deny

2) to deny someone

a. to deny one's self

i. to disregard his own interests or  
to prove false to himself

ii. act entirely unlike himself

3) to deny, abnegate, abjure

4) **not to accept, to reject, to refuse  
something offered**

Who is  
*THE* Antichrist?

# Paul and the Antichrist

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-2:** Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, *as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

# Paul and the Antichrist

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4: Let no man **deceive** you by any means: *for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition*; Who **opposeth** and **exalteth** himself *above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God*, shewing himself that he is God.

# Paul and the Antichrist

**2 Thessalonians 2:5-7:** Remember ye not, that, *when I was yet with you*, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: **only he who now letteth will let**, *until he be taken out of the way.*

# Paul and the Antichrist

**2 Thessalonians 2:8-12:** *And then shall that Wicked be revealed*, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, *whose coming is after the working of Satan* with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all **deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion*, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

# The Attributes of the Antichrist

- Will come to power before the return of Christ
- **Comes after a Roman emperor**
- Will fall away from truth (Greek, *apostasia* - a falling away, defection, apostasy)
- Son of perdition (destruction) – John 17:12, 6:70-71
- Opposes God and exalts himself above all that is called God
- Exalts himself above everything that is worshiped
- Sits in God's temple as though he is God\*
- Does the work of Satan
- Is a deceiver
- **Will be destroyed by the Second Coming of Christ**

**\* The Antichrist is a religious entity**

# Timing of *THE* Antichrist

## Daniel 2:

- (Rome) Legs - Iron that brakes things into pieces
- (**Antichrist**) Feet - Iron and clay
- (Jesus Christ) Rock that brakes the statue into pieces

## Daniel 7:

- (Rome) Non-descript with iron teeth and brakes things into pieces
- (**Antichrist**) Little horn that came from among ten horns
- (Jesus Christ) Judgment given by the Ancient of days

## Daniel 8:

- (Rome) Little horn that first grew horizontally to the “pleasant land”,
- (**Antichrist**) Grew vertically to heaven to cast down the sanctuary
- (Jesus Christ) Sanctuary cleansed

# Characteristics of the Antichrist

## ➤ Daniel 7:8

- **Came from amongst the ten horns**
- Plucked up three horns
- Eyes of a man
- **Spoke “great things”**

## ➤ Daniel 7:20-21

- Came from amongst the ten horns
- Three horns fell
- Eyes and a mouth
- **Spoke “very great things”**
- More stout (greater) than the other kingdoms
- **Made war with the saints**



## ➤ Daniel 7:24-25

- Came from amongst the ten horns
- **Different type of kingdom** [religious]
- Subdues three kings
- Spoke “great words” *against the most High*
- Wears out the saints
- **Think to change times and laws**
- **Rules for a time, times and a half (1,260 “days”)**

What *religious* kingdom  
came out of the **Roman**  
empire?

And also:

- Has a man at its head?
- Persecuted God's people?
- Speaks blasphemous words against God?

# Yes, the Office of the Papacy is the Antichrist Power!



Innocent X



John Paul II



Benedict XVI



# What is Blasphemy?

**Greek, *blasphēmia* (Strong's):**

- 1) slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another's good name
- 2) impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty

# What is Blasphemy?

**Mark 2:7:** Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? **who can forgive sins but God only?**

**John 10:33:** The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and **because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**

**1 Timothy 1:12-13:** And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and **a persecutor**, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

# Speaks Blasphemy Against God

"The priest holds the place of the Savior Himself, when, by saying 'Ego te absolvo,' he absolves from sin.... To pardon a single sin requires all the omnipotence of god. The Jew justly said: Who can forgive sins but God alone? But what only God can do by His omnipotence, **the priest can also do** by saying, 'Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis' ["I absolve you from your sins"].... [Pope] Innocent III has written: 'Indeed, it is not too much to say that in a view of the sublimity of their offices **the priests are so many Gods**.'" Alphonsus de Liguori, *Dignity and Duties of the Priest* (Brooklyn, NY: Redemptorist Fathers, 1927), pp. 26-36.

# Speaks Blasphemy Against God

“The **Roman Pontiff judges all men, but is judged by no one.** We declare, assert, define and pronounce: to be subject to the Roman Pontiff is to every human creature necessary for salvation *that which was spoken of Christ 'thou has subdued all things under his feet' may well seem verified in me.../ **have the authority of the King of Kings. I am all in all and above all,** so that God himself and I, the vicar of God, have but one consistory, and I am able to do all that God can do.” *The Bull Unam Sanctam*, Issued by Pope Boniface VIII.*

# Make War Against God's People

- Albigenses - (1209 -1229)
- Huguenots - St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre (1572)
- Waldenses (16th – 17th centuries)
- Inquisitions: Medieval (1184 - 1230s), Spanish (1478 - 1834), Portuguese (1536 - 1821) & Roman (1542 - 1860)



Medal struck by Emperor Gregory XIII (1572-85) to commemorate the slaughter of over 100,000\* French Christians!!

When news of the Massacre reached the Vatican there was jubilation! Cannons roared, bells rung, and a special commemorative medal was struck to honor the occasion! The Pope commissioned Italian artist Vasari to paint a mural of the Massacre - which still hangs in the Vatican!

\* *estimated*

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# Would Think to Change Times and Laws

“Question: Have you any other way of proving that the [Catholic] Church has the power to institute festivals of precept?”

Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; - she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.”

- *A Doctrinal Catechism*, Stephen Keenan, 3rd ed. p. 174

# Would Think to Change Times and Laws

"We Catholics do not accept the Bible as the only rule of faith. Besides the Bible, we have the living Church, as a rule to guide us. We say, this Church instituted by Christ, to teach and guide men through life, has the right to change Ceremonial laws of the Old Testament and hence, we accept her change of the Sabbath to Sunday. We frankly say, "yes", the Church made this change, made this law, as she made many other laws..."

- The Catholic Extension Magazine (response by Peter R. Tramer, under the Blessing of Pope Pius XII)

# A Day for a Year Principle

Time – one year

Times – two years

Half a time – six months

One year = 360 days

Two years = 720 days

Six months = 180 days

**“Time, times and a half” = 1,260 days**

# A Day for a Year Principle

**Ezekiel 4:5-6:** (5) For *I have laid upon thee the years* of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. (6) And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: **I have appointed thee each day for a year.**

**Numbers 14:34:** After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

**In symbolic language, a YEAR is represented by a DAY.**

**The papacy once ruled  
for exactly 1,260 years!**

# Ten Horns of Rome

- Anglo-Saxons: England
- Alamanni: Germany
- Burgundians: Switzerland
- Franks: France
- Lombards: Italy
- Suevi: Portugal
- Visigoths: Spain

## Three Horns Plucked Up (uprooted)

- Heruli (493 AD)
- Vandals (534 AD)
- Ostrogoths (538 AD)

# 1,260 years

## Justinian Decree – 533 AD

Justinian, the emperor in the East proclaimed the Pope [Bishop of Rome] supreme, universal head of all the world's churches.

# The start of the 1,260 years

538 AD

Decree could not go into effect until the last of the three uprooted Germanic tribes were done away with.

The Ostrogoths were driven out of Rome in 538 AD.

# The end of the 1,260 years

1798 AD

General Berthier, under the command of Napoleon, charged into the Vatican and took Pope Pius VI prisoner. This ended papal rule of that age, inflicting a “wound” on the papacy.

# Six Kingdoms of Daniel

1. Babylon (605BC – 539BC)
2. Medo-Persia (539BC – 331BC)
3. Greece (331BC – 168BC)
4. Rome (168BC – 476AD)
5. Papacy (538BC – 1798AD)
6. Jesus Christ (1844AD – eternity)

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**Isaiah 14:12-14:** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

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**Ezekiel 28:15-18:** Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, *till iniquity was found in thee.* **By the multitude of thy merchandise** [trading] **they have filled the midst of thee with violence**, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **Thine heart was lifted up** [proud] **because of thy beauty**, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: **I will cast thee to the ground**, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. **Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries** by the multitude of thine iniquities, **by the iniquity of thy traffick** [trading]; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and **I will bring thee to ashes** upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

# Spirit of Jesus Christ

**Philippians 2:5-11:** Let this mind be in you, *which was also in Christ Jesus*: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **But made himself of no reputation**, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and **became obedient** unto death, *even the death of the cross*. **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# Spirit of Jesus Christ

**Isaiah 53:2:** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: **he hath no form nor comeliness;** and when we shall see him, **there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

## ➤ **Antichrist spirit:**

- Pride
- Self-exaltation
- No desire to serve God
- Destroyed by God

## ➤ **Christ-like spirit:**

- Humble
- Not concerned with self
- Obedient to God
- Exalted by God

**Who wants to  
be exalted by  
God, like  
Jesus Christ?**