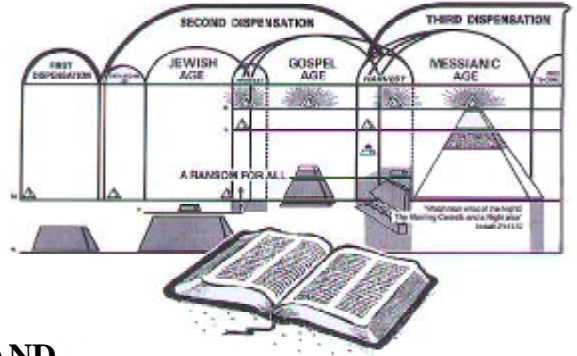




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## THE TIME IS AT HAND

### STUDY 9

#### “THE MAN OF SIN -- ANTICHRIST”

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- ◆ It is realized that many details are omitted in this study, but hopefully the many highlights presented will be of help to you in proving that Papacy is the Antichrist.
- ◆ **BEFORE** filling in the blanks, please prayerfully **study** the 241 paragraphs and the scriptures cited with the questions. We suggest that you number the paragraphs in your book.
- ◆ Return your answers to us. *PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.* Our Canadian and International friends may make special arrangements for the postage.
- ◆ Your answers will be checked and returned to you for your future studies.
- ◆ **STUDY 10** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1,2. (a) Has the day of the Lord already begun to dawn? YES

(b) Is it prophesied that the Man of Sin would first rise, develop, and prosper before the Day of the Lord began? YES

(c) The Man of Sin is being destroyed by the BRIGHT shining of our Lord's presence.

3. Was the Antichrist principle already working in the Apostle Paul's day? YES

4. (a) Are professed Christians inclined to forget and dread the promise that our Lord would come again? YES

(b) Did the early church look for our Lord's return anxiously? YES

5. (a) Paul wrote the second letter to the Thessalonians to CORRECT their error of thinking that our Lord had already returned in their day.

(b) His second letter stated; Let no man delude you, by any means; because the falling away (apostasy) must first come, and there must be REVEALED that Man of SIN, the son of destruction..."

(c) This system (the Man of Sin) is to be annihilated by the bright shining of our Lord's parousia (PRESENCE).

(d) Was Paul given visions and revelations? YES

6. Is Christ's second presence revealed by the sounding of a literal trumpet and reeling tombstones? NO

7. Are we now living in the day of our Lord's second presence? YES

8,9. (a) Paul calls the Antichrist system, "the man of SIN", "that wicked ONE", the mystery of INIQUITY", and "the son of PERDITION". 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8

(b) Daniel calls this wicked system the abomination that maketh desolate, and it was shown to him as a little HORN or power out of a terrible beast which had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things.... (Daniel 11:31; 12:11; 7:8,21)

(c) Our Lord referred to the same character as the abomination of desolation, (Matthew 24:15) and also as a beast. (Revelation 13:1-8)

(d) Did John warn the church against Antichrist? (1 John 2:18-27) YES

(e) Does a large part of the book of Revelation contain a symbolic prophecy concerning Antichrist? YES

10. Was the base, subtle, hypocritical, deceptive, tyrannical and cruel Antichrist system developed in the midst of the Christian church? YES

11. (a) Is the Man of Sin a system or an individual? A SYSTEM

(b) Does the Antichrist system counterfeit the authority and reign of the true Lord and his church? YES

12. Since 1799 the Antichrist system is being CONSUMED by the spirit of the Lord's mouth (the truth) and will be utterly DESTROYED during this day of the Lord's wrath.

13-15. Is it absurd to claim that the predictions regarding the Antichrist system will be accomplished by one literal man? YES

16,17. The Greek word "theos" (god) signifies a MIGHTY one, a ruler, and especially a RELIGIOUS or sacerdotal ruler.

18-20. Does Paul declare that the day of our Lord's presence could not come until the Man of Sin has been revealed? YES

21. Is the Antichrist system one of the heathen systems of religion? NO

22. The falling away from the true Christian faith had its stealthy beginning in the days of the APOSTLES.

23. The apostate church united with her lord and head, the pope, is the Antichrist or Man of SIN (a religious empire, falsely styled Christendom.)

24. The Gospel age is appointed for the selection of the CHURCH,

25. Has nominal Christianity been embraced by many who have not entered into the spirit of its institution? YES

26. (a) Gradually the spirit of the church became WORLDLY.

(b) The worldly church wanted success, without the Lord, under the headship of a line of POPES.

(c) Did Satan lead from one evil and error to another, both of doctrine and practice? YES

27. (a) Is it a mistake to suppose that to be conscientious is always to be right? YES

(b) Did Papacy deceive the kings of the earth for hundreds of years? YES

(c) Who planted and watered the seeds of error and developed the greatest and most influential system the world has ever known? SATAN

28. (a) The name "Antichrist" has a twofold significance: 1. AGAINST; i.e., in opposition to Christ; 2. INSTEAD (i.e. a counterfeit) of Christ.

(b) The Scriptures apply the term Antichrist as against, in the sense of a COUNTERFEIT, taking the place of the true Christ.

29,30. Papacy is an enemy or opponent of Christ in that it falsely bears his name, COUNTERFEITS his kingdom, and misrepresents his CHARACTER, plans, and doctrines before the world.

31-45. (a) Do historians trace the falling away of the church from its original simplicity and purity, step by step, down to its deep degradation which culminated in the development of the "Man of Sin"? YES

(b) The mission of the church was lost sight of in a degrading alliance with the STATE.

46-53. (a) For a time Pagan ROME stood in the way of the aspirations of Papal ROME.

(b) The iniquitous ambition of Papal ROME was hindered for a time because the PLACE aspired to was already filled by another.

(c) The emperor of Rome was styled "Pontifex

Maximus" - i.e. chief PRIEST or greatest religious RULER.

(d) "Pontifex Maximus" is the title given to the POPES of Rome.

(e) Not one of the Roman emperors ever exercised the TYRANNY of some of their successors on the Papal throne.

(f) It is a reasonable supposition that Constantine adopted CHRISTIANITY to strengthen his empire.

(g) Under Constantine's reign the apostate Church of Christ was assisted to a place of popularity and SPLENDOR.

54-57. By the time of Constantine, a great falling AWAY had occurred and errors, such as the doctrine of everlasting torment, had drawn a vast HORDE into the church.

58-64. (a) Under Constantine's reign all hindrance was finally removed, and the organization of PAPACY was speedily effected.

(b) At the time of Theodosius there were 1800 BISHOPS, several of whom, had their eye on the title "Pontifex Maximus".

(c) Within 50 years from the time Christianity was legally established, the wealth and power of the bishop of ROME was very great.

(d) In A.D. 455, Leo (the bishop of Rome) exclaimed to the Vandals, "Beware!...I hold in my hands the curses of HELL and the benedictions of HEAVEN."

(e) In the course of time the bishop of Rome claimed a SUPERIORITY to all other bishops, governors, and rulers.

65-70 (a) Of the period of Antichrist from 539 A.D. to 1799 A.D., the first 300 years mark the rise of temporal power, the last 300 years mark its waning under the influence of the Reformation and civilization, and the intermediate period of SEVEN centuries embraces Papacy's glory time and the "DARK ages" of the world.

(b) The exaltation of the true church is not to be a blood-stained and crime-polluted throne, such as the throne of PAPACY.

(c) The real church of Christ in those corrupt times, as wheat, was permitted to grow in the midst of a field overrun with TARES and experienced much persecution.

71. (a) The Man of Sin, born in Rome, was at first opposed, but gradually raised himself up to POWER.

(b) Daniel's prophecy predicted that as "a little horn", it would come up out of the head of that old "great and terrible" Roman BEAST. (Daniel 7:8)

72-79. (a) The definition of Antichrist as used in the scriptures is "in the place of, INSTEAD of..."

(b) Papacy claims to be the glorified kingdom

of Christ and applies to itself and its successive heads (the POPE) all those passages of the prophets which describe the Millennial glory of CHRIST.

(c) Psalm 2:12 applies to the present when the great ones of EARTH are being tested by their willingness or UNWILLINGNESS to bow to the righteous regulations.

(d) As a counterfeit the great Antichrist has misrepresented the PLAN of God with reference to the selection of a "little FLOCK" and has entirely set aside the real hope of the church and the Lord's provision for the blessing of the WORLD during the mediatorial reign of Christ.

(e) Have the nominal churches invented theories to frighten and drive the world into a profession of godliness? YES

(f) The greatness, grandeur, and necessity of Christ's Millennial KINGDOM must be seen before the greatness of the Antichrist counterfeit can be appreciated.

(g) The Antichrist system is SATAN'S workmanship.

(h) God has permitted the Antichrist system to do havoc to the truth because it has been a means to thoroughly TRY the truly consecrated and their faithfulness to God's WORD.

80-82. Study the table on page 303 regarding the church of God in its true type, the reality, and the counterfeit.

83-94.(a) Antichrist's great swelling WORDS or blasphemies, cover the whole period of his long career. (Revelation 13:5,6; Daniel 7:8,25)

(b) The word "blasphemy", in its true significance, is applicable to any INDIGNITY offered to God.

(c) God's character has been blasphemed in the thousand monstrous EDICTS, bulls, and decretals issued in his name, by the long line of those who claimed, as vicegerents, to REPRESENT his Son.

(d) Approximately 62 blasphemous titles have been applied to the Pope, (See page 307) and have been received by the Roman pontiffs with marked SATISFACTION.

95-112. (a) Did the Antichrist "think to change times and laws"? (Daniel 7:25) YES

(b) Error of doctrine produces UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

(c) Is it the constant claim of Papacy that its doctrines are unchangeable? YES

(d) Soon the bright shining of our Lord's PRESENCE will utterly DESTROY the vain-glorious counterfeit and wholly free the world from the chains of the delusive claims and errors of Antichrist.

113-137. (a) Are the presumptuous claims of more recent times the same as those of the Dark Ages? YES

(b) Is the doctrine of the Mass an abomination in the sight of the Lord? YES

(c) The Bible and reason had to be interpreted and TWISTED to match the infallible decrees of fallible MEN.

(d) Papacy, while professing to reverence the Bible, has proscribed God's word entirely, as unfit to be READ and dangerous to the PEOPLE.

(e) The translations of the Bible by Wycliffe, Tyndale and Luther were not approved by Papacy, but the work went grandly and steadily FORWARD.

(f) In the course of time the church of Rome permitted the translation of the scriptures into modern languages by Catholic TRANSLATORS, accompanied with Catholic NOTES.

(g) Ignorance and SUPERSTITION are Papacy's bulwarks; schools and BIBLES have ever been Antichrist's unendurable enemies, and would not be tolerated, except as they became necessities.

138-154 (a) Papacy's doctrine of the inherent immortality of man led to the conclusion that if existence must continue FOREVER, the wicked would have a life of suffering in hell.

(b) Purgatory was brought in to give Antichrist a firmer hold upon the PEOPLE.

(c) Masses for the dead became a source of great INCOME to Antichrist.

(d) Indulgences are REWARDS of merit which offset or CANCEL a certain number of days or years of purgatorial anguish.

(e) The people speedily got to understand that so much money PAID for so much sin.

(f) Tetzel said, "Pay, only pay largely and you shall be FORGIVEN."

155-216. (a) The papal counterfeit kingdom used every means that could be thought of to crush out the very spirit of true CHRISTIANITY.

(b) Error, always more popular than the truth, when exalted to influence and power, made disreputable the TRUTH.

(c) For 1260 years the true church (woman) fled into the WILDERNESS - an outcast because of her fidelity to the TRUTH and the true Head of the church. (Revelation 12:6)

(d) The persecutions of the Christians under Pagan ROME were not worthy of comparison with those under PAPAL Rome.

(e) Were the victims burned by tyrant Nero comparatively few? YES

(f) Were the persecutions of Papacy reduced to a regular system, animated by religious fanaticism and scheming ambition, and inspired with a Satanic zeal, energy, and cruelty unparalleled in the annals of history? YES

(g) Kings and princes trembled for the SECURITY of their crowns and were not tardy in their efforts to comply with the MANDATES of the Papacy.

(h) Resistance to Papacy was made only by a faithful FEW.

(i) Opposers of Romanism were hunted and hated and PERSECUTED with pitiless fury by papal emissaries.

(j) Were many thousands of Protestants executed under the direction of Papacy in various cruel ways? YES

(k) Did Antichrist find extreme satisfaction in these dreadful scenes of carnage? YES

(l) Was St. Dominic a monster devoid of every feeling of compassion? YES

(m) The "Holy Office" employed PHYSICIANS to watch the process of torture and stop it when DEATH seemed likely, and then after the victim partially recovered the torture was applied a second or even a third time.

(n) It is estimated that Papacy, during a period of 1300 years directly or indirectly caused the death of 50 millions of people.

(o) A few of the fiendish atrocities by Papacy were BURNING, drowning, stabbing, starving, and shooting; molten lead was poured into ears, tongues were cut out, others were hammered to pieces on ANVILS etc., etc.

(p) Why did kings, emperors, and the people at large permit such atrocities? The answer is found in Revelation 18:3: The nations were DRUNK (stupefied); they lost their senses in drinking the mixed wine (doctrine - false and true mixed) given them by the apostate church.

(q) Should all who possess the spirit of the true Christ readily recognize Papacy as a counterfeit. YES

217-229. (a) The Papal counterfeit kingdom began in A.D. 800 and lasted for a thousand years.

(b) Romanists regard the close of their Millennium as the time when SATAN was to be

loosed for a little season.

(c) Although Papacy was set up in power in A.D. 539, yet it was CHARLEMAGNE who was the first emperor over the "Holy Roman Empire" (A.D. 800).

(d) About A.D. 50, there was a beginning of the SECRET working of the iniquitous ambition of Papacy.

(e) The popes came to be recognized as the Head, representing Christ, reigning in the church and over the NATIONS gradually from about A.D. 300 to 494.

(f) The Reformation began about A.D. 1400.

(g) The period of Napoleon's success and the casting aside of the title "Emperor of the HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE" by Francis II was A.D. 1800-1806.

230-241. (a) There should remain no doubt in any unbiased mind that Papacy is the ANTICHRIST, the Man of SIN.

(b) In 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12, the Apostle Paul declares that our Lord will annihilate Antichrist with the bright shining of his PRESENCE.

(c) Since 1874 the devil is making a most desperate RESISTANCE to the new order of things about to be established.

(d) Socialists, FREE-thinkers, infidels, discontents and TRUE liberty-lovers are on one side in this closing struggle and government leaders, ARISTOCRATS, etc. are on the other side.

(e) Is Antichrist in close sympathy with the aristocrats? YES

(f) Is Antichrist seeking to win back into sympathy and practical co-operation extremists of all Protestant denominations? YES

(g) Is there now a severe hour of trial and testing of the truly consecrated church? YES

(h) Papacy is the Antichrist, not because of its moral obliquity, but because it is the COUNTERFEIT of the true Christ and the true kingdom.

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