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.
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♦ 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. (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.

2. Was the Antichrist principle already working in
   the Apostle Paul’s day? YES

3. 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

4. (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 an-
   nihilated by the bright shining of our Lord’s parousia
   (PRESENCE).
   (d) Was Paul given visions and revelations?
   YES

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

6. Are we now living in the day of our Lord’s sec-
   ond presence? YES

8. (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 Anti-
   christ? (1 John 2:18-27) YES
   (e) Does a large part of the book of Revela-
   tion 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.

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 falsly 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 SPLENDOUR.

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 the 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..."  

   (b) Papacy claims to be the glorified kingdom.
of God and applies to itself and its successive heads (the __ POPES______) 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. (Revel 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__
(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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