



## JESUS CHRIST OR THE ANTICHRIST?

**Revelation 1:1** *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John* 1174

**Revelation 12:10, 11** *Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.* 1182

**John 17:3** *“And this is life eternal, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”* 1045

Can you think you're following Jesus Christ when you're actually following the \_\_\_\_\_?

## SATAN ISN'T STUPID

**Revelation 12:7-9** *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.* 1182

**John 8:44** *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.* 1035



**2 Corinthians 11:13, 14** *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.* 1118

**Matthew 24:4** *And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you.”* 960

**1 Timothy 4:1** *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons* 1141

## HOW DECEPTION WORKS

Deception only \_\_\_\_\_ when you think it isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

Satan knows the best way to get away with something \_\_\_\_\_ is to make it seem \_\_\_\_\_.

Many people expect the antichrist to be a sinister politician, a military leader, or some other obviously evil figure who will appear at the very end of time to openly oppose God and wage war against all Christians. But Scripture paints a vastly different picture! Thankfully, God has not left us in the dark and His Word provides more than enough information to conclusively identify the antichrist power.

## ONE POWER. MANY NAMES

**1 John 2, 4; 2 John 1:7** “Antichrist”  
**Daniel 7, 8** “Little Horn”  
**Revelation 13** “Beast from the Sea”  
**Revelation 17** “The Great Harlot”  
**2 Thessalonians 2** “Man of Sin / Son of Perdition”



## THE ANTICHRIST YOU NEVER KNEW

**2 Thessalonians 2:1, 2** Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. **1138**

Paul explains that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus returns, certain things must happen \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3** 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 **1138**

The only things that can fall away are things that were once \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 17:12** Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. **1045**

**Acts 20:28-30** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after themselves. **1075**

**2 Thessalonians 2:4** ...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. **1138**

**2 Corinthians 6:16** You are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” **1115** (see also 1 Corinthians 3:16,17 **1100**)

Every time Paul uses the term “temple of God” he means the \_\_\_\_\_.

The prefix *anti*, while it does mean “\_\_\_\_\_ to,” it also means, “\_\_\_\_\_ of.”

**Isaiah 14:13, 14** 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; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ **667**

**2 Thessalonians 2:6, 7** Now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. **1138**

**1 John 2:18** 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. They went out from us, but they were not of us but they were not of us... **1169**

**1 John 4:3** ...the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. **1170**

## REVIEWING THE EVIDENCE

Since knowing Jesus Christ means the hope of salvation for us, Satan is continuing his deceptive warfare through his representative, the antichrist. The Bible explains that the antichrist will:

- ✓ Not be an open opposer of God’s people from outside, but a subtle betrayer of God’s people from inside.
- ✓ Not be a political or military power, but a spiritual power in the guise of Christianity.
- ✓ Not appear suddenly at the end of time, but has arisen steadily from the earliest days of the church.