

THE END – Part 12

THE ANTICHRIST BEAST

It's impossible to talk about the 'end times' without mentioning the *Antichrist*. But, who is the Antichrist?

[1John 4:3](#)

We see two things here. First, we see that the 'Antichrist' is a *SPIRIT*. This is important because when most people think of the Antichrist they think of a *person*; that is, a charismatic leader who will conquer the whole world. The second thing we see is that this 'Antichrist' spirit is ALREADY here!

[1John 2:18](#)

Again, we see that the 'antichrist' spirit is already in the world, AND we see that there are *MANY* antichrists!

[1John 4:3](#)

Notice, EVERY SPIRIT that does not confess that "Christ *is* come in the flesh" is considered the *spirit of the Antichrist!* Therefore, there must only be *two* spirits in the world—the spirit of Christ, and the spirit of the Antichrist!

[1John 4:4](#)

Everyone who is "of God" has the 'greater one' (spirit of Christ) in them. Everyone who is *not* of God does not have the spirit of Christ. Instead, they have the spirit of the Antichrist.

[Romans 8:9](#)

How is it possible for the antichrist to inhabit so many people? Is he omnipresent like God? No.

[Matthew 13:24, 25](#)

The reason the devil is able to inhabit so many is because he 'sows' his word in them! Moreover, he is able to recreate himself (his spirit) in others.

[John 8:23](#)

When Jesus says, "You are of this world," He means they are the *offspring* of the devil, who is the '*god of this world.*'

[John 8:44](#)

Everyone who is born of the devil, speaks and acts like their father. Moreover, this is made possible by the presence of ‘antichrist’ (demon) spirits that are at work in men.

[Ephesians 2:2](#)

How can we know if someone has *a* spirit of the antichrist?

[1John 4:1, 3](#)

The first thing we’re to do is “try” or test a man’s *spirit*, namely what his spirit *confesses*. For example, if a man’s spirit *does not* confess that Christ IS come (present tense) in the flesh, then his spirit is of the *antichrist*.

We must understand that this is a test of what a man’s “spirit” confesses, and not what his “mouth” confesses. (It’s possible to confess one thing with our mouth, and another thing with our spirit!)

[Matthew 15:8](#)

Furthermore, God has given us the Holy Spirit so we can know what’s in a man’s heart (or what spirit he’s operating by).

[Romans 8:16](#)

We can also know what’s in a man’s heart (spirit) by what he repeatedly *does*.

[1John 3:8-10](#)

[1 John 3:8–10 NLT](#)

⁸ *But when people **KEEP ON SINNING**, it shows that **THEY BELONG TO THE DEVIL**, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.*

⁹ *Those who have been born into God’s family **DO NOT MAKE A PRACTICE OF SINNING**, because God’s life is in them. So they can’t keep on sinning, because they are children of God.*

¹⁰ *So **NOW WE CAN TELL** who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.*

[1John 2:18, 19](#)

According to this verse, the antichrist will be in the *Church*. While people are looking for the antichrist in secular government, he will arise from among those in the Church!

[Revelation 13:11-14a](#)

This is a reference to the false prophet. Notice that the false prophet (antichrist) is said to come up from the *earth*. Moreover, he is described as the *second* beast because he's part of the *first* beast that came up from the sea ([Revelation 13:1](#))!

Finally, the false prophet (antichrist) will masquerade as a 'lamb' (Christ), but speak as a dragon (devil). Thus, the false prophet (or antichrist) will be an emissary (minister, double-agent) for the dragon in the Church!

[Matthew 24:24](#)

The 'false Christs' in this verse are a reference to the *Antichrist spirit* that will be operating in the 'false prophet.' Therefore, the false prophets of the last days will operate according to the spirit of the antichrist!

Now, according to Jesus, the false prophets (antichrist) will be given the power to deceive everyone in the Church EXCEPT the elect. The reason they will not be able to deceive the very elect is because they (elect) believe and love the truth.

[2Thessalonians 2:8-12](#)

The false prophet (antichrist) will be given authority by God to deceive everyone who does not love (obey) the truth, but has pleasure in unrighteousness! The quickest way that I know to being deceived is to develop an aversion for truth and a love for sin. It's slowly becoming apparent that the reason people are deceived is because they are looking for an excuse for their sin.

[Proverbs 17:4](#)

Sinners like to associate with those who help justify their evil pleasures. Incidentally, this is how these evil 'antichrist' spirits gets transmitted—through association!