

# SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTI-CHRIST

THE NEAR AND SUDDEN APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST  
IN LIGHT OF SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTICHRIST AND THE IMMINENT RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

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## THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTI-CHRIST” – PART 3**

A look at the current global events concerning Bible prophecy and the analysis of these events as viewed in light of biblical eschatology. An update on current events as of 2023.

## SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Perilous Times, Last Days, Rapture, Second Coming, Tribulation Period, Israel**

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## **We have been asking a very worthy question**

and that is - why would we study what the Bible has to say regarding a **coming global** world leader referred to as the Anti-Christ?

## **We remember that the title given to him**

is one that is sometimes misleading even though it is very accurate. We must know the definition of **why** this person is and **who** he is and **what** he accomplishes.

## **I have already pointed out that an astute Bible**

student would ask the question “why in the world are we studying this individual when the Bible is very clear that he can only be revealed after the Holy Spirit has performed two vital events.

## **One is the transport or translation of the church,**

the Bride of Christ - up and away to meet Her Groom to be, the Lord Jesus Christ, then the unveiling of the Antichrist.

**In fact, let’s remember this – that we are to be** always “looking for” and be eagerly awaiting the arrival of Jesus Christ – not the Anti-Christ

**Titus 2:13**

**Looking for the blessed hope  
and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,**

Foundational to Our Learning is – “Can We Trust The Bible?”

### **On The Authority of the Scriptures**

**2 Timothy 3:16a**

**All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.**

**2 Peter 1:19-21**

**And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.**

**On what Authority do we Base this “Blessed Hope”?**

**- *On the Authority of Jesus Christ Himself***

**John 14:1-3**

**“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.  
:2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**

## On what Authority do we Base this “Blessed Hope”?

### *- On the Authority of the Apostle Paul Himself*

**Colossians 3:4**

**When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.**

**Galatians 5:5**

**For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.**

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**1 John 3:2-3**

**Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

## What are we to be doing in the meantime?

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

**And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**

### **And So - The Next Prophetic Event to Happen**

**Regarding You and I and The Church on Earth Now is the Catching Up or Taking Away of the Church.**

## What is The Day of Christ?

The Day of Christ is a prophetic event specifically referenced three times in the New Testament; the apostle Paul speaks of “The Day of Christ,” “The Day of Jesus Christ,” and “The Day of Our Lord Jesus Christ.” Other New Testament passages allude to The Day of Christ, but the use of the structure is unique to the Apostles John & Paul and Jesus Christ Himself in their writings.

**Philippians 1:3-6**

**I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until The Day of Jesus Christ;**

This Day of Jesus Christ is a moment in time when – either by death or rapture – our redemption is made complete

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**Philippians 2:14-15**

**Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in The Day of Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 1:6-8**

**Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the Day of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Remember Class;

**There are No Chapter Breaks in the Original Bible**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10**

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep (died) in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until The Coming of The Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will (#1) descend from heaven (#2) with a shout, (#3) with the voice of an archangel, and (#4) with the trumpet of God. And (#5) the dead in Christ will rise first. (#6) Then we who are alive and remain (#7) shall be caught up together with them in the clouds (#8) to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, (#9) we shall always be with the Lord. (#10) Therefore comfort one another with these words. But (indicating a thematic change) concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that The Day of The Lord so comes as a thief in the night. (the Day of Christ takes up the church thus triggering the Day of the Lord begins) For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

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**1.) What is The Day of Christ?**

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**1a.) We're excited about The Day of Christ – Not The Day of the LORD**

**Philippians 3:20-21**

**For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, :21 who will transform our vile body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,**

**1 Corinthians 15:50-53**

**Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**

**1b.) Why will the church never meet the Anti-Christ?**

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-5**

**Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day (The Day of Christ) will not come unless the falling away comes first, (and) the man of sin is revealed, the Son of Perdition, 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. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?**

**1c.) Why the church cannot be on earth during the 7 years**

**1 Thessalonians 5:9**

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**In Great Contrast is The Day of The Lord.**

Beginning with the Rapture of the Church, (The Day of Christ) only then can The Day of The Lord begin - a time of God's wrath and judgment to be poured out upon a hostile, rebellious, Christ-rejecting world. The Day of The Lord is a period of time that follows after the Rapture and is carried out through the entire 7 years of the Tribulation Period and continues on out until the end of the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth.

Mark this down - The Day of Christ Is the Rapture of the Bride of Christ.  
What follows is The Day of The Lord which triggers the Last Days events.  
This begins with a man-made Peace Treaty with Israel for 7 years.

**Daniel 9:22-27**

And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. 23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision: 24 "Seventy weeks (490 years) are determined For your people and for your holy city, To (F1) finish the transgression, To (F1) make an end of sins, To (F1) make reconciliation for iniquity, To (S2) bring in everlasting righteousness, To (S2) seal up vision and prophecy, And to (S2) anoint the Most Holy. 25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks (49 years) and sixty-two weeks (434 years) (49 years + 434 years = 483 years) The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. 26 "And after **THE** sixty-two weeks (49 years + 434 years = 483 years) Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come (490 years – 483 years = the 7 years of tribulation) Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then he shall the prince who is to come confirm a covenant with many for one week (7 years); But in the middle of the week (3 1/2) He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

It is During The Last Seven Years That...

**Malachi 4:5**

**Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet  
before the Coming of the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD.**

**Joel 1:15**

**Alas for the day! For The Day of the LORD is at hand;  
It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.**

**Isaiah 13:6**

**Wail, for The Day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.**

**Amos 5:18**

**Woe to you who desire The Day of the LORD! For what good is The Day of the LORD to you?  
It will be darkness, and not light.**

**Obadiah 1:15**

**"For The Day of the LORD upon all the nations is near; as you have done, it shall be done to you;  
your reprisal shall return upon your own head.**

**Joel 2:27-32**

**Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel I am the LORD your God and there is no other.  
My people shall never be put to shame. 28 "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out  
My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream**

dreams, your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on my maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and terrible Day of the LORD. 32 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

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### 2.) Why - The Day of The LORD?

For a closer look at The Day of The LORD study the Book of Revelation Chapters 6 to 19 (22)

#### 2a.) Why the Day of the LORD presupposes Israel and the Jew

#### 2b.) Why the Day of the LORD is a time of great anguish and fear

##### Joel 2:11

The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?

#### 2c.) Why the Day of the LORD = the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ

##### Isaiah 63:1-6

Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength? - “I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? 3 “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger and trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. 4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; Therefore, My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me 6 I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, made them drunk in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth.”

## It's New Testament Fulfillment Here Recorded

##### Revelation 19:6-9a; 11-20

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and

give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ...

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it

He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the

supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.” 19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

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**3.) What will happen to those left behind?**

**3a.) Among those who have heard the gospel – Judgment.**

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**3b.) Among those who have not heard the gospel – Choice.**

**3c.) Among those who choose Christ – Unspeakable Suffering.**

**3d.) A vast number will respond to the Gospel message.**



**3e.) A vast number will be killed for their faith in Christ**

**3f.) A Remnant of Tribulation believers will endure to the end.**

**3g.) At the time of the end – the Anti-Christ will begin to unravel.**

**3h.) At the time of the end – the kings of the East will advance**

**3i.) At the time of the end – they unite to war against The Lamb.**

## **A GRAVE WARNING - A DIRE PREDICTION**

**1 Timothy 4:1-2 (amp)**

**Now the Spirit expressly says that in Latter Times (#1) some will depart from the faith, (#2) giving heed to deceiving spirits and (#3) doctrines of demons, 2 (#4) speaking lies in hypocrisy, (#5) (and here's why) having their own conscience seared as with a hot iron.**

**“Dude - Chill Out Brah.  
Duncha Know? “The Lord Delays His Return”**

**Luke 12:45-46**

**But if that servant says in his heart, “My master is delaying his coming,” and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.**

**2 Peter 2:1**

**But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies,**

**2 Peter 3:3-4a**

**Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?”**

**Our Operational Orders Have Been Clearly Given  
From High Command**

**Revelation 22:12-13,16-17**

**“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”, 16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” and let him who hears say, “Come!” and let him who thirsts come! Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.**

**Again I Read This Passage...**

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