

December 5th – The Antichrist & antichrists

“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.” (1 John 2:18)

Many false prophets have incorrectly predicted the end of the world and consequently their “ministries” have been discredited. We need to be very clear – only God in heaven knows when the end of time will be. Jesus said, “of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (Matt. 24:36). While no one can predict exactly when Jesus will return, we know for certain that He is coming back and that the signs of His coming are already visible (Matt. 24:4-14).

In today’s verse, John underscores an important truth – we are living in the last age before the return of Christ. God has given us His Law, He has given us His grace, and now we are simply waiting for the promised return of Jesus. Because we’re in earth’s “11th hour,” we know that “the Antichrist is coming.” Who is the Antichrist? The Bible tells us that the Antichrist will be something of a messianic figure who will emerge just before the Second Coming of Christ (see Rev. 6 & 13).

The Revelation tells us that the Antichrist and the false prophet will be defeated at the end of time, but prior to their defeat they will mislead many people. But in today’s verse John wants us to understand something – deception will not be contained to the Antichrist. In fact, “even now many antichrists have come.” How do we know if someone is a modern-day antichrist? “He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.” Stand your ground against those who deny our God!