

God preserved 1 John so we can know we are saved (*assurance*) and understand the depth of God's love and plan for us. Wherever we are on our spiritual journey (*little children, young men, fathers*), we all navigate a world that flows in stark contrast to the Father and His love for it. Today, we are informed through John's understanding that it is the last time. We are in the final stages of God's great plan (Ps. 90:4; 2 Pet. 3:8). This world is on a \_\_\_\_\_ course with the one called Antichrist. We will see that there are many minions of Antichrist at work and our adversary has sown an antichristianity in this world that looks very authentic.

## IT IS THE LAST TIME – 1 John 2:18-23

### 1. The Antichrist – v. 18, 22-23

- A key mark of the last time is the spirit of antichrist at work in the world deceiving and \_\_\_\_\_ the truths about the Lord Jesus Christ – v. 22-23; 1 Jn. 4:3; 2 Jn. 1:7; Eph. 4:19-20.

*Anti-christ* =

### Jesus Christ vs. Antichrist

**Jesus Christ** is from *above* (Jn. 6:38)

**Antichrist** is from *beneath* (Rev. 11:7, 17:8)

**Jesus Christ** comes in *His fathers name* (Jn. 5:43)

**Antichrist** comes in *his own name* (Jn. 5:43)

**Jesus Christ** *humbles Himself* (Php. 2:8)

**Antichrist** \_\_\_\_\_ *himself* (2 Thess. 2:4)

**Jesus Christ** is *generally despised* (Is. 53:3)

**Antichrist** is *generally admired* (Rev. 13:3-4)

**Jesus Christ** came to \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 19:10)

**Antichrist** comes to *destroy* (Dan. 8:24)

**Jesus Christ** is *the good shepherd* (Jn. 10:4-15)

**Antichrist** is *the idol shepherd* (Zech. 11:17)

**Jesus Christ** is *the truth* (Jn. 14:6)

**Antichrist** is *the \_\_\_\_\_* (2 Thess. 2:11)

**Jesus Christ** is *that holy one* (Jn. 6:38)

**Antichrist** is *that wicked one* (2 Thess. 2:8)

**Jesus Christ**, the *son of God* (Lk. 1:35)

**Antichrist**, the *son of perdition* (2 Thess. 2:3)

**Jesus Christ** *ministers for 3.5 years* (Lk. 3:23)

**Antichrist** *deceives for 3.5 years* (Dan. 9:27)

- There is a literal person John says we have heard will come which is \_\_\_\_\_ Antichrist. He is like Christ (God incarnate) but will function as the devil incarnate – Lk. 22:3; Jn. 13:27; Rev. 13:3, 18.

*The little horn* – Dan. 7:8 (*horn* = power/authority/dominion – Lam. 2:17; Jer. 48:25; Dan. 8:20-21)

*A king of fierce countenance* – Dan. 8:23

*The prince that shall come* – Dan. 9:26

A \_\_\_\_\_ *person* – Dan. 11:21

*That man of sin, the son of perdition, that wicked* – 2 Thess. 2:3-8

*A dreadful, terrible, exceedingly strong beast* – Dan. 7:7

*The \_\_\_\_\_* – Rev. 13:1-9, 18

- The spirit of Christ vs. the spirit of Antichrist was set in \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning of creation – Gen. 3:15; Lk. 24:27; Jn. 5:46-47; Acts 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 10:1-4.

**Some antichrists seen through the Bible and world history:**

*Cain (1 Jn. 3:12; Jn. 8:14, Gen. 4)*

*Pharoah (Ex. 4-12)*

\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 10:9-10, 11:1-9)

*Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 1-4; Jer. 51:34)*

*Goliath (1 Sam. 12; 2 Sam. 21:20)*

*Herod (Matt. 2; Rev. 12:4-5; Acts 12:21-23)*

*Judas Iscariot (Jn. 6:66-71, 13:27, 17:12)*

*Alexander the Great*

*Antiochus IV Epiphanes*

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2. Antichristianity – v. 19-21

- Like Judas Iscariot, there will be (*and may be now*) some \_\_\_\_\_ among us who are not of us (*people and churches*) – Matt. 7:15-16 (Gal. 5:22-23); Lk. 22:21; Acts 20:30; 2 Cor. 11:1-4, 13-15.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ that began with the apostles is now full blown in our time – Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43.
- By God's revealed truth (*the Bible*) and His Holy Spirit we can overcome all of this...but we must not be \_\_\_\_\_ about it – Lk. 19:13; Jn. 16:13; 2 Pet. 1:19; Job 40:19; 2 Thess. 2:1-4; 1 Jn 4:4.

*Ye have **an unction** from the Holy One...\_\_\_\_\_ know all things (Mk. 1:24; Acts 3:14; 2 Cor. 1:21-22)*