

WHO IS THE ANTI-CHRIST?

II THESSALONIANS 2

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THE SON OF PERDITION REVEALED



DISCUSSION OPENERS

- What events have made people think that we may be very near the end of time? How do others excuse this concern and appear confident that it will not be in our lifetime? Is it O.K. to hope that it won't be happening any time soon?
 - What is *your* current understanding of the anti-Christ? Do you follow the claim that he is a human figure, a religious movement, Satan himself? Will he be physically seen before the end of time? Are you ready to give an answer to one who is searching for Biblical evidence?
1. What are some of the signs warning that the end is near?
 - A. Matt. 24: 3-7 > Physical signs
 - B. Matt. 24:10-14 > False prophets/the preaching of the gospel
 - C. Matt. 24:21-24 > The great tribulation
 2. What must happen FIRST before the last day shall come? II Thess. 2:3-4
 - A. Who is the "son of perdition"? (See definition) John 17:12
 - B. What does the Bible teach concerning "perdition"? I Tim. 6:9; Heb. 10:37-39
 3. What specifics does the Bible teach concerning the Anti-Christ?
 - A. Deceiver(s) - II John 7; I John 2:18 Rev. 12:9
 - B. Denies that Jesus is the Son of God - I John 2:22-23; 4:2-3; Jude 4
 - C. Lawless - II Thess. 2: 6-10
 - D. Freedom given to him - Rev. 13:4-8
 - E. The Judgment: Daniel 7:9-11; Rev. 14:9-11; Rev. 20:7-15

STRONG'S DEFINITIONS

ANTI-CHRIST <i>anti-christos</i> an opponent of the Messiah	G500
ANTI- <i>anti-</i> opposite. i.e. <i>instead</i> or <i>because of</i> , in the room of: Often used in composition to denote <i>contrast, requital, substitution, correspondence</i>	G473
PERDITION <i>perdition</i> Ruin or loss (phys., spiritual or eternal); damnable, destruction, die, waste	G684
TIME <i>hora</i> an hour (lit.); day, instant, season	G5610
ANOMOS <i>anomos</i> lawless, not subject to (Jewish) law; transgressor, without law	G459

- see R.C. Meredith

RESPOND: The question, "Who or what is the Antichrist?" has been asked Bible believing Christians for over 2000 years. When asked, what will be your answer?

- Is it a group of people? Which one(s)?
- Is it a movement? Which one(s)?
- Is it Satan himself?
- Will we recognize him as a person before Christ returns, or only when Christ returns?
- What should be our attitude toward the Anti-Christ today?

Jude 4

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many anti-christs; whereby we know that it is the last time."
- I John 2:18