



MISSION CITY

BIBLE CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, July 10, 2022

TITLE: The Antichrist

SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

PASSAGE: Revelation 13:1-10

INTRO:

The Antichrist will be a man who is _____ and _____
_____ and will _____ in his attempt to lead
many people away from God.

5 KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST:

1) Who is the Antichrist? (v1-2)

Cf., Daniel 7:7-8

Cf., Daniel 7:24

2) What will happen to the Antichrist? (v3)

Cf., Zechariah 11:15-17

3) How will the world respond to the Antichrist? (v4)

Cf., 2 Thessalonians 2:4

Cf., 2 Corinthians 11:14-15

4) What will the Antichrist do? (v5-8)

5) How must God's people respond? (v9-10)

3 take-away truths from this passage:

Remember:

- A) The _____ will not prevail against the church (Matt 16:18b;
cf., Rev 13:1-8)
- B) There is _____ like our God (cf., 1 Sam 2:2; 1 Chr 17:20; Ps
86:8; cf. Rev 13:4)
- C) Your name is written in the _____ (Rev 13:8)



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DISCUSSION:

1. When you hear the word *antichrist*, what do you think of? On what are your ideas, understandings, or fears about the antichrist based?

2. Read 1 John 2:18, 1 John 2:22, 1 John 4:3, 2 and John 1:7. These are the only five times the word *antichrist* is used in Scripture. Based on those verses, how would you define or describe an antichrist?

3. The ultimate antichrist is coming—The Antichrist—who will embody all that the word means. Compare the beast’s description in Revelation 13:1-2 with Daniel’s vision in Daniel 7:7-8, 19-27. What do you learn about the beast?

“In Revelation, the term *beast* refers to two related entities. Sometimes “the beast” refers to the end-times’ empire. The seven heads and ten horns indicate that the beast will be a coalition of nations that rises to power to subdue the earth under Satan’s control. Later references to “the beast” in Revelation picture an individual—the man who is the political leader and head of the beastly empire.”

Reference: GotQuestions.org: Who is the Beast of Revelation?

4. How will most of the world respond to the Antichrist (the beast) (v4)?

5. What roles might social media, fake news, and sensationalism play in this time on earth?

6. What timeframe has God placed on the beast’s rule of terror (v5; cf., Daniel 7:25)? List everything the beast will do during his reign (v6-7).

7. Who are the only people that will not worship the beast (v8)?

8. When you think of those who will be living in such a day and resisting the command to worship the beast, what emotions does it stir in you, and how can other passages of Scripture encourage, calm, or speak to those powerful feelings?

9. According to Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, and Revelation 21:27, what sort of people have their names written in the book of life?

7. How must God’s people respond when the Antichrist comes (v9-10)?

Application, pick A, B, or C as appropriate.

- A) If thoughts of the end times have stirred feelings of fear and anxiety, search for three passages of Scripture to combat those emotions. Work on memorizing them over the summer months.
- B) If thoughts of the end times have stirred feelings of awe and wonder for God, search for three passages of Scripture that lead you to respond in worship. Then, work on memorizing those verses this summer.
- C) If thoughts of the end times have stirred doubts about your salvation and leave you wondering if your name is written in the book of life, read the following verses and answer the questions:

Romans 3:23, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23, "for the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

What does that say about all people, the cost of our sin, and where is our hope?

Romans 5:8, "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

What did Jesus do for sinners?

Acts 4:12, "There is salvation in no one else. There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Why did it have to be Jesus?

Romans 10:9, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

How should you respond to what God has done for you?

John 3:16-17, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

Why did God provide this way of salvation?

Action: Pray through these verses, inviting the Holy Spirit to transform your life. Confess your sin. Repent, which means turn away from your sin and turn toward God, seeking His forgiveness. Trust that God will do what He has said He will do and that your name is now written in the book of life.

TELL SOMEONE! We are not meant to walk the Christian life alone, so invite others to celebrate with you and come alongside you.

PRAYER POINTS (based on Revelation 13:1-10):

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:

- God remains in control – even over the beast and the dragon (v5, 7: “the beast was given”; “it was allowed”)
- God has written the names of the redeemed in the Lamb’s Book of Life (v8)
- Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, was slain for our sin (v8)

REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- God, I praise you because you have written my name in the Lamb’s Book of Life forever
- Father in heaven, there is no one like our God because You are . . .

RESPONSE:

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- God, I confess I haven’t always believed you’re in control, especially when . . .

REQUEST:

- Lord Jesus, when it gets hard for me, help me to remember that you died to save me from . . .
- Father, I pray that (name the person) would turn away from their sin and trust in you before it’s too late

READINESS:

- Lord, when I’m tempted to believe “the masquerade” from Satan concerning _____, I will trust that you alone have true light for what I’m going through
- Lord, when I’m tempted to despair because of the evil of _____, I will run to you and remember that nothing can defeat your church