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## WHY THE WORLD WILL HAIL THE ANTICHRIST

*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

*Rev. 20:10*



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When we get to heaven, and they show us the movies of the past, we'll be able to sit and watch the drama of the fall of Lucifer. This event was so dramatic that nothing has ever happened on earth like it. This angelic creature was filled with such beauty and wisdom, that no other creature was quite like him. He was in a class by himself. Then pride entered into him. He looked at himself and liked what he saw. In fact, he liked himself more than anything else. He even liked himself more than his Creator, God!

Many church members do the same thing. They say, "I'm a good person. Look at me." And the moment they do that, they are following the path of Lucifer. We need to know that any

goodness within us did not originate with us, but with God who created us.

Lucifer's pride caused him to be removed from heaven. His beauty turned into ugliness. Now the ugliest thing in the universe is Lucifer; the next ugliest thing are the angels that fell into deep sin with him. If you want to know what they look like, go into pagan temples. They have seen these dirty, filthy creatures. They make images of them, and they worship them as idols.

As a result of Lucifer's actions, an antagonism began in heaven between God and Satan that goes beyond human comprehension. The culmination of all this demonic hatred will reach its peak when Lucifer makes his last stand against Jesus Christ. And he will do this through a person the Bible calls the Antichrist.

There are people who think the Antichrist is simply an idea, some kind of philosophy. You can be sure he is not a philosophy. He is a person, a real human being who is enlightened and

empowered by Satan. Everything about him will be demonically generated: his eyes, his grin, his movements, everything. His total being will be devoted to spreading and fulfilling Satan's lies. You had better know the truth from God's Word, or you will be deceived. Anyone who rejects the Bible will automatically fall prey to his lies.

Other people think the Antichrist is just a political system, but that's not true either. The Antichrist will be a man. Maybe he will rise up through the United Nations or the European Common Market. We're not sure. But we are sure that he will be a person who is made of flesh and bones, just like you and me.

Still others say that the Antichrist is a metaphor or a mere form of speech. They think he is just an influence in the world. That idea is false, too. He's more than an influence projected by this age. He's more than a spirit of anarchy. He's a human being, probably a handsome person.

And the Antichrist is not the devil, as some

people falsely imagine. Instead, he is the devil's answer to God. It was God the Father who sent Jesus into the world to become its Savior, and the devil will send his own representative into the world as a counterfeit savior. Then the world will have to decide which "Savior" it wants. Of course, the world is making that decision right now. Christians are taking God's Savior, and everyone else is taking Satan's savior.

Unquestionably, the global stage is now being set for the diabolic appearing of this person that God calls the "man of sin." He personifies all iniquity. He's the total of everything bad. And many people will like just that. They don't want to be good like God. They want to sin. This is even true in the church. That's why the Bible says there will be a great falling away from the faith in the last days (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Millions of people who belong to churches are not true Christians. They are gullible, and they are ready to follow Satan's lies. You had better know more than that

bunch or you'll get trapped along with them. You had better study your Bible and follow it!

### **WHY MUST THERE BE AN ANTICHRIST?**

When mankind refuses God's Christ, our Savior, then there is no alternative but to receive the devil's christ—the Antichrist. In other words, if you reject what God offers, then you automatically accept what is left. The choice is made the instant you reject Christ. At that point you will follow the Antichrist because you won't have any other option. If you turn away from the "day," then the only thing that is left is the "night." There is no in-between. Either you are a follower of Jesus Christ, or you will be a follower of the Antichrist.

This generation has planted the seeds of universal moral breakdown, of hatred and rioting, of witchcraft and of heathen religions. We have pushed God to the background of our personal lives and of our total culture. That means we have



actually prepared ourselves for the Antichrist. Because of our global rebellion against God we have created the way for the arrival of the Antichrist.

Today, we have heathen religions springing up in areas of our own nation which were once totally Christian. It's worse in England, it's worse in France, and it's worse in Germany, but we're moving as fast as we can to catch up with them. Soon, the whole world will be ready for the appearance of the Antichrist.

Our country and much of the world says it can get along without God. You see it in our schools; we don't want God in them at all. You see it in our businesses; we don't want God in our dealings. You can see it in our laws; we don't want God or the Bible or the Church to touch anything. You can see it in families; we don't want our children to learn the fear of the Lord. We are opposing the Christian faith at every turn. We are fighting God as if He were our worst enemy!

There isn't one percent of our whole nation today that understands the judgment of God. The truth is if you do evil you will have to pay for it. But most people resist that idea. They don't believe in Divine punishment. So we have set the stage ourselves for the time of the Antichrist. The first chapter of Romans describes our generation (especially verses 18-32). This is a generation of people who are reprobate in their minds. They simply cannot be reasoned with!

## **THE WORLD DESIRES A SUPREME LEADER**

The whole world is looking for a supreme leader today. Our generation is being constantly conditioned emotionally, spiritually, morally, economically and politically for the appearing of a person who will rule the world. You don't have to call him a dictator, but a ruler, a deceptive and powerful ruler. And when he appears, everyone will be glad to see him because he

will seem to have the answers for the world's problems.

Modern society, worldwide, is clamoring for a superman, a charismatic personality who will lead them. Whether or not he loves God doesn't mean anything to them because they themselves don't know or love God. Finally, when the Antichrist appears, he will present himself as a champion of the common people. He will be the one who will seem to be able to lift them out of all their distress. So the people will accept him.

## **THE ANTICHRIST WILL BE A REPLICAF OF HIS GENERATION**

I believe in every generation you get what belongs to you. For example, the residents we elect are a replica of the people who voted them into office. If the majority of the people in our nation are without God, then they will put in the Presidency a person without God. If the people are bad, they will elect a bad president.

The Antichrist will completely represent the popular conception of life at the time of his appearing. He will not seem to be a strange person. In fact, he will seem quite normal to the majority of the people. Millions of people around the earth will adore him and say, “He’s just like me. He believes just like I do.” Antichrist will be a perfect reflection of the soul and the mind of the people, his followers.

## **WHAT WILL THE ANTICHRIST BE?**

***Economically.*** The Antichrist, in a seemingly miraculous way, will bring the world tremendous prosperity. That is what will captivate the whole world. You find that in Daniel verse 8:25. *And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many.* The “craft” in this passage refers to global prosperity. By some special arrangement for “peace” he’s going to stop people from fighting,

and this will cause many people and nations to prosper.

**Politically.** Revelation 13:1-10 says this: *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy (verse 1).* The sea represents multitudes of people. The ten horns and crowns stand for the ten nations that will be recreated in the last days from the Roman Empire. The European Common Market has already created a situation that could clear the road for the arrival of this person called the Antichrist.

*And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority (verse 2).* This imagery goes back to the strength of the ancient empires (Daniel 7). In the political arena the Antichrist will possess

the powers of the world's past greatest nations. The dragon, of course, is the devil. This means that the Antichrist will be guided and supplied by the world's ultimate source for evil.

*And I saw one of the heads as if it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and the entire world wondered after him (verse 3).* This will be something very remarkable. Perhaps he will be assassinated, then rise up from that assassination and show the world that he is immortal. He is the one who should rule the world because you can't kill him.

*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him (verse 4)?* The people in the world at this time will actually worship the devil and the Antichrist. That shows you how far from God they have gotten.

*And there was given unto him a mouth*

*speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (verse 5).* The great strength and power of the Antichrist will last for seven years. For the first three-and-one-half years he will develop his kingdom. Then in the final three-and-a-half years he will display all of his evil nature and plans. This seven-year period is called “the great tribulation” (Revelation 7:14).

*And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven (verse 6).* The Antichrist, like many of the cultures in the world today, will have nothing good to say about God or the church or heaven.

*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given to him over all kindred's, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the*

*foundation of the world (verses 7-8).* Isn't that amazing? Everyone will worship him. We're living in that dreadful moment when the fullness of all corruption beginning with Cain and coming down to the Antichrist is going to be manifest. We're living in that time immediately prior to Divine judgment!

*If any man have an ear, let him hear (verse 9).* You should put a circle around that little verse. It's short, but it means everything. Most Americans will not hear—they will not hear, they will not hear, they will not hear! There's no use trying to persuade them that they are in sin. They will not listen. America is drunk on pleasure. All they want is entertainment and more entertainment. They watch game after game on television. But when a baseball game is over, what do you have on the inside? Nothing. When a football game is over, what do you have inside? Nothing. You would be better working in the basement and making something than watching



television. That way, the next day you have something. I hate to do anything that doesn't have something left over the next day. If I sit down and write for an hour, I can sit down and look at it the rest of my life. If I sit down and watch something, when it's over, it's finished and I don't have anything. I don't like anything that doesn't have a lasting relationship with it. Are you listening?!

*He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword shall be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints (verse 10).* When everything is finished, people are going to reap whatever they sow. If they sow evil, they will reap evil.

**Morally.** The Antichrist will be morally bankrupt. In Daniel 11:37 it says he will have no desire for women. That means he will be homosexual. He will be what the world is. Do you want to know something? Jesus said, as it was in the days of Lot, so will it be in the day

when the Son of man is revealed (Luke 17:28). That's one of the biggest fulfillments of prophecy. In Sodom, it was popular to be a homosexual. And that's exactly the way it will be in the last days as well.

When I was a boy, if a man would have been a homosexual, the rest of the men in the community would have taken a strap and beaten the daylights out of him. Then they would say, "Don't ever let us see that kind of misconduct from you again or we'll just kill you next time." They wouldn't call the police. They would take care of it themselves. I'm telling you times have changed, and you don't even realize it. We condone everything today. We'll tolerate anything. We've fed on immorality so long that we don't even know how to think straight. Listen, if you don't stand up against evil, then evil will clobber you. Don't say, "I can't do anything about it." You could if you tried. God wants you to change your way of thinking and your way of acting.

You say, “Brother Sumrall, you can’t get a lot of people to come to church if you talk like that.” Well, I’ll say what God wants me to say as long as I live. Those who like it can enjoy it, and those that don’t can just stay away from it. But someday I’ll stand before God with clean hands regarding sin in the last days.

**Religiously.** Daniel 11:37 specifically says that the Antichrist will not regard the God of his fathers. Then in Revelation 13:6-8 it says that his mouth is full of blasphemies. His lifestyle will be the opposite of Jesus’ lifestyle. And the people of the world will praise him for being brazen in his sins and for being uninhibited. The psychiatry of the day will pronounce him perfectly adapted for the conditions of his time.

The Antichrist will have a partner whom the Bible calls the false prophet. He may have a fancy name given to him by the world, but when God looks at him, all He sees is a liar. He is so twisted in his thinking that he will actually attempt to

persuade the world to worship the Antichrist. But his lies will not last long. After three-and-a-half years he will be cast into the lake of fire, along with the Antichrist (Revelation 19:20; 20:10)!

## **CONCLUSION**

I'm sorry for you who live in such a time as this. If you could have lived a hundred years ago, maybe you wouldn't have traveled over ten miles from where you were born. You would have known all the people in your area, and you would have had a pretty comfortable time on planet earth. We don't live there anymore. We live in the last days—the very final days of the Gentile age. We're finally climaxing the six “days” of man's story upon the face of this earth. We're finalizing it right now. You need to be stronger right now than in any other generation in history. You need to be firmer than any other generation in history.

There is a lot of apathy in the world today. We're weak. We say, “What will be will be.” But

it doesn't have to be that way at all. The devil cannot make you do anything you don't want to do. He that's in you is greater than he that's in the world (1 John 4:4). Until the Bride of Christ is taken to be with the Lord Jesus Christ, the devil has no authority that you cannot push down. Fight back. Resist sin in yourself and in your world. Don't tolerate it!

### **The Words of Christ:**

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. <sup>18</sup>He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. <sup>21</sup>But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John 3:16-21

## **Prayer of Salvation**

Lord Jesus I confess I am a sinner and I repent (stop sinning and turn away from my sins). Please forgive me. I accept you as my Lord, Master and Savior. I thank you for taking my judgment of death for my sin debt, by being nailed to the cross and shedding your blood for the forgiveness of my sins. I thank you for giving me your righteousness for my sins.

I promise to love you and with your help obey you all the days of my life. I will confess you before all mankind and never be ashamed of you. Please change me, and give me your grace and love for all people. Show me the plan you have for my life and help me to fulfill it.

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Sign your name

(1) -Be sure to read your Bible daily, (2) -Pray daily, and (3) -Attend a Bible believing Church.

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