

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

JESUS OR THE ANTICHRIST?

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PART 2: BIBLICAL TRUTH ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST

In the previous sermon we established that the Antichrist will come on the world scene before Jesus comes back. In order to make it easier for us to understand what the Bible tells us about the end times, let's establish a timeline when certain books of the Bible were written:

- ❖ The Book of Ezekiel was written around 592 B.C.
- ❖ The Book of Daniel was written around 603 B.C.
- ❖ The Gospel of Matthew was written around 45-50 A.D., some 12 years after the resurrection of Jesus.
- ❖ The Gospel of Mark was written around 60 A.D., some 27 years after the resurrection.
- ❖ The Gospel of Luke was written in the late 50s A.D., some 25 years after the resurrection.
- ❖ The Gospel of John was written between 85-95 A.D., some 52 years after the resurrection.
- ❖ The Book of Acts was written around 60 A.D., some 27 years after the resurrection.
- ❖ First Thessalonians was written around 52 A.D., some 19 years after the resurrection.
- ❖ The Book of Revelation was written between 95-96 A.D., 62 years after the resurrection

THE TIME AND RELATION BACKGROUND

The Gospel of Matthew is the earliest written account. His original name was Levi. In the Book of Acts we are told that Paul spent some time in Jerusalem with the apostles and most likely met and talked with Levi. **Mark 2:14; Acts 9:26-29**

Luke was a constant companion with Paul but there is not much information about him in the New Testament except that he was a Gentile, a physician and the writer of the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Luke was not an eyewitness to the events of Jesus and stated that he wrote down what he learned from the men and women who had spent time with Jesus. It is also very likely that he had met Mary, the mother of Jesus, since he described what happened prior to the birth of Jesus in such detail. **Luke 1:1-4**

Most likely Paul had access to the Gospel of Luke and it is possible that he had a copy of the Gospel of Matthew when he wrote the epistle to the church in



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Thessalonica. But Paul did not have access to the rest of the writings of the other apostles since they did not exist at the time he wrote his epistles to Thessalonica.

Furthermore, the apostles had been spread out from Jerusalem after the first conference as recorded in Acts chapter 15. Peter ended up in Babylon, where some three million Jews lived at this time and the rest spread out throughout the Roman Empire. As a result, there was no real central Christian leadership during the first century. Once Jerusalem was destroyed, the center of Christianity moved to Antioch, and it would be more than 300 years later that the center of Christianity ended up in Rome.

The writings of the apostles were not collected into a single file until after 100 A.D. when they were all dead and it became known as the New Testament.

Each New Testament writer was moved by the Holy Spirit to record different events during this time, to set forth the historical record of Jesus and write down the doctrine of the Christian faith. 2 Peter 1:12-21

With the exception of John, all the other apostles were dead when Jesus gave the Great Revelation; thus, none of the writers in the Old and New Testaments had seen the Book of Revelation when they penned their works.

THE REIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST

Jesus told us that it would be like the days of Noah at the time of His second coming. **Matthew 24:37-39**

What were the days of Noah like? There was a mixing of humans and fallen angels, changing of genes in plants and animals, sexual perversion, sorcery and violence.¹ The condition of the earth in 2010 is very much like it was before the flood. **Genesis 6:1-12**

In the Book of Revelation we are told that Antichrist is going to come out of the sea (ocean). **Revelation 13:1**

We have very little information on this subject, but we do have a reference there are intelligent beings living in the sea that were affected by Lucifer's banishment to the earth. **Revelation 12:12**

A very interesting fact is that U.S. military officials have admitted that unidentified flying objects "teased" the American Air Force and Navy in the 1940s and 50s and operated as easily under water as in the air or in outer space.²

Regardless where the Antichrist originates, he will have supernatural characteristics that will impress the people in the nations, his supernatural powers will be from the Devil and his political position will also be given him by the Devil. **Revelation 13:2**

¹ AS THE DAYS OF NOAH, John S. Torell, 2001. View online: www.eaec.org/bibleanswers/Noah.htm

² THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL, Col. Philip J. Corso, 1997, p.54

This ruler is going to be mortally attacked by someone but through a miracle he will be made alive again. **verse 3**

There is no other cross reference to this verse but I want to give you my opinion:

When the Devil presents his world ruler to the people in the world, he will not be presented as “the Antichrist,” but as the long awaited Jewish messiah who finally has arrived on the earth in order to rescue mankind from all problems, famine, wars and global warming.

Furthermore, the Devil has been preparing the Jewish people for the last 2,000 years to receive this messiah and anyone familiar with Judaism knows that Jewish people are longing and yearning for their messiah to come.

Jewish people have spread out into every nation in the world, and even though there are only some six million living outside the State of Israel, they are well educated and found in top positions of politics, military circles, judicial circles, banking, media, religion and education.

Since the Jewish people have a more developed cohesiveness than any other nationals, a central global leadership already exists in the form of the World Zionist Federation together with a number of other organizations like the World Jewish Congress, the African Jewish Congress, the European Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Congress, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the South American Jewish Congress. Don't forget the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and hundreds of others.

No other religion in the world is waiting for a messiah whom they believe will be a global ruler and with Jerusalem as the seat of its power from where the Antichrist will rule supreme over all nations in the world.

Thus, the Devil has positioned his people and built the political structure necessary for a global leader to function. God gave some insight to the prophet Daniel, and this revelation tells us that the global world ruler is going to be Jewish, homosexual, and deny the Old Testament doctrine. **Daniel 11:36-39**

In Revelation chapter 11, we learn that the seat of this global leader will be the city of Jerusalem and that God is going to place two witnesses to confront the god of the earth. **Revelation 11:1-8**

SATAN WORSHIP

Most Christians do not know what is taught in the Jewish Cabala which is a set of some 650 books.³ In the end time, the world religion will be worshipping the Devil and his ruler. **Revelation 13:4**

The Cabala teaches that the God of Abraham is the bad God and the source of all evil. Lucifer is the good and real god; therefore, during the reign of this Jewish global ruler, he will introduce his god to be worshipped. Since there will be such a

³ THE DOVE MAGAZINE: WINTER 1995, John S. Torell, pp. 2-37

power display from Lucifer and his global ruler, people will gladly accept Lucifer as their god and the global leader as the messiah.

Christian Zionist pastors and their followers are going to face some difficult issues at this time. They believe that Jesus, the son of Mary, is the Messiah that came thousands of years ago, but what are they going to do with this man who claims he is the Jewish Messiah?

John Hagee (if he is still alive) will claim that God has a special deal for the Jewish people and they are now back in their own land. This global ruler has taken them under his wings and Jerusalem is not only the capitol of Israel, but of the whole world. The temple has been rebuilt, sacrifices have resumed and all the prophecies of the Old Testament have been fulfilled.

At this time Christian Zionists will be forced to reject Jesus as the Messiah or they must reject the global ruler as the messiah because they won't be able to have it both ways.

Since the Bibles used in most Christian churches have been revised time and time again, people will not be able to turn to their Bibles and find any answers.

Amos 8:11-13

As a result, most Christians will be so confused that they will believe that this global ruler is really Jesus who has come back to set up His kingdom on this earth. 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?

