

SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST

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1John 2 verse 1 tells us that there is a particular Antichrist coming in the 'last time'. So we ask, 'is this the same person as the 'Man of Sin', or is he identified with the coming Beast or his Little Horn of Revelation 13? There are four sets of scriptures about antichrists that help answer this question:

1.

1Jo 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1Jo 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

1Jo 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

Verses 19 and 20 give us the clue that the particular Antichrist coming in the last time is identified with those who 'went out from us'. Any organization could use this scripture to say that those who went out from 'us' (that is from their own organization) are antichrists. But the word 'us' here actually refers to the original apostles who taught the truths of the Lord and built his church. Those who have gone out from them and their teachings are antichrists. The particular Antichrist who is to come is a false leader who shall depart from the true teachings of the original apostles in the 'last time'. This is why the Book of Jude chapter 1 verse 3 and 4 exhorts Christians to earnestly contend for the original faith once delivered to the saints and goes on to describe in detail what ungodly men entering in do in the church.

The true church must exist in the 'last time' in order for the 'Antichrist' to go out from it's true teachings. Notice the letters to the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3 are addressed to the churches in the time just before the opening of the events surrounding the return of Jesus. Seven major sins they are told to repent of are: 1. losing their first love, 2. the doctrine of Balaam, 3. The doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, 4. fornication, 5. spiritually dead because of imperfect works, 6. lukewarm instead of cold or hot, 7. thinking themselves rich while being poor, blind and naked

These verses in 1John tell us that the Antichrist is more identified with the Man of Sin who brings about the apostasy in the church than with the end time Beast who conquers the world and makes war against the saints.

1Jo 2:27 But the anointing (G5545) which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing (G5545) teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

In contrast to those who depart from the true faith, the true believers have an unction from God. The word unction in 1John 2:20 is the Greek charisma (G5545) and is used in this scripture (verse 27) as well translated anointing. The unction or anointing that believers have is the holy spirit which God gave us when we are baptized whereby we know all the truths God wants us to know and need not man's teaching.

2.

1Jo 2:22 Who is a LIAR but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that DENIETH the Father and the Son.

1Jo 2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1Jo 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

The way we can be assured that we are continuing with God the Father and Jesus is to keep the holy spirit which we have had in us from the beginning or from when we were first baptized. We can lose the holy spirit by deliberately rejecting God's truth and following sin. The second truth about antichrists is brought out in these scriptures in two particular words. They are LIARS who DENY Jesus the Christ and God the Father.

Here are some scriptures about how we can become LIARS:

Pro 17:4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a LIAR giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

Note: You can become a liar by giving heed to false lips that teach false doctrines.

Pro 30:6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Note: One way that a true doctrine can become a LIE is by adding to it words that are not God's words.

1Jo 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Note: Those who forsake the keeping of God's commandments saying that they are not required to be kept are liars. Acts 5:32 tells us that God gives the holy spirit (the unction mentioned above) to those who obey him. And they will keep the holy spirit who continue to obey him.

1Jo 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Note: Jesus said in Mark 3:35 that they are his spiritual brothers, sisters and mother who are doing the will of God. To profess that you love God and yet do harm to one of these who are doing the will of God is to be a liar.

1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1Jo 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

Note: These are two scriptures that tell how we can make God out to be a liar - by not believing (or denying) the record that God gave us in his word either about Jesus, his son, or about ourselves as sinners.

Here are some scriptures showing how we can DENY Christ.

1Jo 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

Note: In this verse the two words, LIAR and DENIETH are used together.

Tit 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Tit 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Note: If you are unbelieving (in other words you don't believe things that God has said, for example, his commandments to keep holy the Sabbath and Holy days in Leviticus 23 or to not eat pork and shellfish in Leviticus 11), then your mind and conscience are defiled. You are denying God by eating things he says are abominable, by being disobedient to his commands and by neglecting to do good works. This is said to those who profess to know God - to those who think they were God's chosen people in ancient times or who think they are Christians today.

Pro 30:8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

Pro 30:9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Note: We can be tempted to deny the Lord by having too much of this world's goods. An example of this in Revelation 3:17 is about the Laodiceans who think that they are rich and increased with goods and need nothing, knowing not that they are actually poor, blind and naked.

Mat 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Mat 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

Mat 10:30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Mat 10:31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Mat 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 10:33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Note: Jesus was here telling his disciples to teach the things he taught them in secret upon the housetops, not being afraid of even death for preaching the truth of God for this is denying him

Mat 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Mat 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Mar 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mar 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Mar 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mar 8:37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mar 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Luk 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Luk 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Luk 9:25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

Luk 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

Note: These scriptures tell us that we must deny ourselves in order to follow Jesus Christ and to not deny him. We must bear crosses even to death, giving up worldly gains to proclaim his truth unashamedly to the world.

2Ti 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Note: These scriptures say in a subtle way that those who do not believe God in something he says are denying him.

3.

1Jo 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Jo 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

1Jo 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

1Jo 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1Jo 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

*1Jo 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us.
Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

Note: In the days of the early disciples, the holy spirit spoke audibly to people. Examples are Acts 8:29,10:19,11:12,11:28. Here, 1John 4 verses 1-3 are talking about how the disciples can test the spirits to discern whether this is the holy spirit or the spirit of antichrist and the world. Again, the 'us' spoken of in verse 6 is the original apostles who taught the truths of the Lord and built his church.

4.

2Jo 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

2Jo 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

2Jo 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2Jo 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

2Jo 1:11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Note: In these scriptures the final admonition as to how to escape deceivers and antichrists is to hold fast to the original true doctrines of the Lord. Also in these scriptures we find another word as a synonym for antichrist - DECEIVER. This word is used to describe these false teachers from the sect of the circumcision.

Tit 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Tit 1:8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Tit 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Tit 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and DECEIVERS, specially they of the circumcision:

Tit 1:11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

Tit 1:12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

Tit 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

CONCLUSION

All together these scriptures show us that a particular Antichrist shall come in the end time who departs out of the church and the truths of the original apostles. Thus he seems to be more identified with the Man of Sin than the end time Beast of Revelation 13. Many antichrists are also false teachers who enter into the church corrupting it. Scriptures that contain the words 'deny', 'liar' and 'deceiver' can apply to antichrists just as much as the definition of an antichrist as one that denies that Jesus came in the flesh. We need to examine ourselves as Christians to see that we in no way deny our Lord, become a liar or a deceiver. We are God's little children who remain faithful and obedient to God's doctrines and thus are overcoming a whole world of antichrists.