

Who is “antichrist”? A System, a man, or both?

Definition: antichrist – the simple meaning is “against Christ.” This includes systems, corporations and individual people. If they are against Jesus Christ, then they are “antichrist.”

The answer to this question will be based on scripture, the final authority when solving the mysteries of the Bible.

1. System:

Daniel 7:8 “...before whom of the first horns (kings) were plucked out by the roots...” History records that the Roman Papacy stamped out three of the original ten tribes (or monarchies) of divided Europe. They were: #1- Vandals (454 AD), #2 – Heruli (493 AD) and 3: Ostrogoths (538 AD). Not one bloodline can be traced to any of these three kingdoms. They were completely subdued or wiped out. The Roman Church could and did now exercise her full authority. She controlled the remaining seven kingdoms at this point. (538 AD)

From 538 AD until 1798 AD when the papacy was stripped of all its power by General Berthier of France when he made his entrance into Rome, abolished the papal government and established a secular one. This is exactly 1,260 days! (Years in Biblical prophecy.)

Rev. 12:6, “Then the woman (the true church started by the Apostles was “kidnapped” bit by bit by the Romans who distorted the teaching of Jesus through the Apostles), but many who saw the truth about what was happening fled into small villages in the surrounding mountains in the areas where they lived) fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to give her care for 1,260 days.” Many of their hiding places are known today, but there is not room in this little article for all the details.

Rev. 13:10a, “The people destined for prison will be taken away. Those who are destined for death will be killed.”

Pope Pius VI was driven out of Rome by the French army and a year later was taken to France, where he died. (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1990, Vol. 26, p. 938)

This was the “mortal wound” mentioned by John when he was describing the beast that came out of the sea in Rev. 13:5.

This mortal wound was healed in Rome on June 7, 1929; at that time there was an article in the New York Times which reads as follows:

“From 22 o’clock this morning there was another sovereign independent State in the world. At that time Premier Mussolini ...exchanged with Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, representing Pope Pius XI, ratifications of the treaties signed at the Lateran Palace on Feb. 11.”

By that simple act the sovereign Independent State of Vatican City came into existence.”

“All the world marveled at this miracle and followed the beast in awe.” Rev. 13:3

CONCLUSION AT THIS POINT: We have learned one thing; the beast that came out of the sea is none other than the Roman Papacy under the rule of the Pope. The last Pope before Christ’s return will be the current Pope who will also be known as the “false prophet” who will do the bidding of the antichrist and will eventually receive powers from Antichrist to perform a few miracles to deceive the people of the world.

This Pope will be the Globalist leader of the one-world religion! He will do the bidding of the Antichrist who will rule over the Globalists...Satan himself in “sheep’s clothing,” that of a man. Now let’s see if we can prove that **Antichrist** can also be a man.

. A Man: 2

I will begin with the words of John:

1 John 2:18, “...and just as you heard that **antichrist** (singular) is coming, even now *many antichrists* have appeared...”

1 John 2:22, “...anyone who denies that Jesus is the Christ. This is the **antichrist**, the one who denies the Father and the Son.”

1 John 4:3, “...and *every spirit* that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the **antichrist** (*part of the system*) of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.”

2 John 1:7, “For *many deceivers* have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the *flesh*. This is the deceiver and the **antichrist**.”

It is generally accepted that this John is the same one who wrote the book of Revelation. He also wrote about the **antichrist** in Revelation.

Depending how you look at it, this could be Satan as the head of the Globalists, the Antichrist, as the beast out of the sea, the false prophet as his human "side-kick" or a man who does Satan's bidding (using the system).

It is quite obvious to me that the Roman Church Pope does the bidding of Satan and will be the one to cause the nations to bow down to the statue that he orders to be made. Satan could speak through the statue, causing the so-called miracle that puts the peoples of the world in awe! Only time will tell. As events get even closer to the end, we shall know more as we have need to know.

Our job is to be faithful in watching for His return and endeavoring to win as many people to the Lord as we can. Our various talents and activities will be depend on the gifts that God as given us. Some will be the foot soldiers and others will be leaders and everything else in between. We have to have faith that God knows what He is doing and put our fears behind us as we trust Him in our lives.

Now let's complicate things and look at what Jesus says in the New Testament about the "antichrist."

This is what Jesus says in **Matthew 24**. You can read the whole chapter for yourself and get all of it. Here is a synopsis of what Jesus says,

Vs. 28b: "Just as the gathering of the vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near."

All the signs and the horrors to come are written in the book of Revelation (that match the following verses)!

Vs. 29: "Immediately after those horrible days end, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. NOTE: No rapture BEFORE the tribulation period.

Vs. 30: "And then at last, the sign of the coming of the Son of man will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the nations of the earth. **And they will see the Son of Man arrive on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31: And he will send forth his angels with the sound of a mighty trumpet blast, and they will gather together his chosen ones from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.....34: I assure you, this generation (age, sometimes called the Church Age) will not pass from the scene before all these things take place. 35: Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will remain forever. 36: However, no one knows the day or the hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.**

NOTE: Jesus is talking about himself on earth. Once He gets to heaven He will know because the Christ side of Him will know; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are ONE God!

37: When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. 38: In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. 39: People did not realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of man comes.

NOTE: Please notice that all of this happens *after* all the terrible things mentioned in Revelation take place, not before, not in the middle but around the end. The signs you will notice by watching which plagues and terrors have already taken place and which ones are still coming. Revelation gives them all in great detail. They are not pleasant. Believers will be in the hands of God, but many are destined to be martyrs before the end comes. Just pray and trust God to give you strength and wisdom during the coming days and years. God bless you all! The end times are also referred to by some as the Great Tribulation.