

The Antichrist – Part 1

1 John 4:1-3

Revelation 13:1-8

Lesson #12

Introduction

1. Who is the Antichrist? We don't know
 - A. Scripture never says.
 - B. Does God know? Yes, He knows all.
 - C. This antichrist will only be revealed when he steps into this leadership role in the end.
2. Here is what we do know.

Two things we know.

1. ***Intellectual genius***

Daniel 8:23

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

Daniel 8:23

23 “Toward the end of their kingdoms, when they have become morally rotten, an angry king shall rise to power with great shrewdness and intelligence.

2. ***Fast rising political figure.***

What is the Spirit of the antichrist? 1 John 4:1-3

1. Try the spirits.

What should we look for as we examine these spirits?

1. What is driving the teacher or preacher message.
2. If the speaker confess Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, they are of God.
3. If the speaker denies Jesus Christ, they are of the spirit of the antichrist.
4. That spirit is already in the world.

The origin of the antichrist. Vs. 1

The antichrist will gain great political power. Vs. 1-2

The antichrist will have seven heads

Two things this teaches us.

First – The antichrist will have great ability.

1. He will have great intelligence.
 - A. In our political climate of today just think how far this person could go.
 - B. This person will be able to maneuver & manipulate power & people like no other.

Second – Seven heads and ten horns refer to ten nations he will rule over.

1. It is believed that the Roman Empire will be revived and operating.
2. The thought is there will be 10 nations in power.
 - A. The antichrist will take over or be given power and rule of 3 nations.
 - 1) Seven heads.
 - B. The other 7 nations will probably surrender their power over to the antichrist control.

Seven heads are representing the antichrist controlling power over all the nation of the world.

What are the ten horns?

1. Rev. 12:3 gives us a picture of the great red dragon having 7 heads & 10 horns.
 - A. We conclude that the antichrist is a representative of the devil on earth.
2. These 10 horns represent the power he has.
 - A. The antichrist has gained political dominance and power by taking over 3 nations.
 - 1) The other 7 have surrendered that corporation to him.
 - B. The antichrist possesses all power across 10 nations.
3. On each horn will be a crown.
 - A. Symbol of authority & power.

There will be names of blasphemy on each head.

1. He will be against God, believers, and against anyone who opposes him.
2. This leader will work on behalf of Satan.

The identity of the three nation the antichrist took control over. Vs. 2

1. It is believed that these 3 nations will have been some of the most powerful empires that have conquered and controlled in the known world.

To understand who these nations are we must turn to Daniel.

1. Daniel 2:24-45.

- A. Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a statue.
- B. It was made up of 4 different metals.
- C. Each metal represented 4 nations

Gold – Babylon

Silver – Medo-Persians

Bronze – Greece

Iron – Rome

2. Daniel 7:3-8 – four beasts of Daniel's dream

Lion

Bear

Leopard

Dreadful & terrible beast that had great strength and had 10 horns.

We conclude the antichrist has taken control of nations that possessed power that was seen by Nebuchadnezzar statue.

Conclusion

1. Why do we even talk about this?
 - A. We know bible prophecy has been fulfilling so why should this prophecy be any different.
2. To know what the future holds calls us to self-reflect today.

Self-reflection

1. ***Am I born again?***
2. ***Am I following Jesus?***
3. ***Would my life be pleasing to God if I left this world today?***
4. ***Has God called me to trust Him, yet I haven't let go?***
5. ***Is God calling me to serve Him, yet I have chosen not to?***
6. ***Do I need to surrender to the Lord?***