

The Antichrist, Part 5

How We Can Tell If Info About The Antichrist Is True Or False

We will continue studying about the antichrist today. We want to make sure everybody has a good grasp on who this individual is and what he's going to do so they are well informed. Christians and the church will not meet the antichrist because we will be raptured first, then the antichrist will come on the scene. He is a great enemy of the church and a venomous enemy of Israel.

Thessalonians tells us how Christ will return so we won't be fooled by the antichrist's false claims.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 ¶ But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. "Asleep" in the bible means "dead". After Paul had been there and preached to them, some of them had died. The people are asking about their friends who have died. Paul tells them not to worry about the dead.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Paul tells the people, yes, these people have died, but Jesus will bring them with Him. The dead are not completely destroyed.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. Paul tells us when the Lord comes back, the dead will be raised first.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; When ever an event occurs in the future, *this is the next event that Christians should be looking for* – the return of Christ in the air to call out His believers dead and living, the first part of His return, and the second time after the tribulation for judgment and rule over the earth. The word "rapture" is not in the New Testament. The Greek word means "pull away quite suddenly".

17 then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. If we're still living when Christ returns, the dead will rise into the air and meet Christ first, then the living shall rise into the air and meet Him second.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words. We can take comfort in that we will see our deceased loved ones again. We can comfort and support each other knowing that our deceased loved ones are not gone forever.

2 Thessalonians 1:1 ¶ Now we beseech you, brethren, touching the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him;

2 to the end that ye be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day of the Lord is just at hand; Paul is again telling his friends not to worry.

3 ¶ let no man beguile you in any wise: for it will not be, except the falling away come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, Christians should not be fooled by other men or the antichrist. Read your bible to learn the truth. Don't let anyone tell you different, that the bible is not the truth. There will be an abandonment of scripture, a pulling away of reading the bible in church on a mass scale. When this happens, the tribulation is not far behind. This is happening today all over America. There are churches here that say you don't have to bring your bible with you anymore.

4 he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God. We know from Daniel that this is exactly what the antichrist is going to do when he comes on the scene. He has people worship him in the middle of the tribulation period.



5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know that which restrains, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness does already work: only there is one that restrains now, until he be taken out of the way. The presence of the church is preventing the antichrist from coming today.

8 And then shall be revealed the WICKED one, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the breath of his mouth, and bring to naught by the manifestation of his coming; The Holy Spirit resides in every believer, in every the heart of every Christian.

9 even he, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, When the deceiver comes on the scene, he's going to look good, solve all the world's problems, and make all who worship him wealthy.

10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God sends them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: Don't believe the lies taught by the antichrist when he comes. If you don't believe what the bible says, what God tells us as truth, you will swallow the lies told by the antichrist. The 144,000 witnesses will remain on earth during the tribulation to spread the truth of the Lord to people who have not heard the truth before the tribulation. Believe it or not, with all the communication routes we have today, there are still many people who have not heard the truth of the Lord.

12 that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 ¶ But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, for that God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 whereunto he called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye were taught, whether by word, or by epistle of ours.

16 ¶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.