

Who is the Antichrist? 1John 2:18-22 **Part I**

Four schools of interpretation

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| 1. Futurist | _____ - _ | most or all at short last days (7yrs-ish) |
| 2. Preterist | _ - _____ | most or all at short fall of Jerusalem 70AD (and maybe some to the fall of Rome) |
| 3. Idealist | ~~~~~ | spiritualized struggle between good and evil through time |
| 4. Historicist | _ ----- _ | historical events from 1st to 2nd coming |

Three Millennial Views (the pre and post have to do with when Jesus will return before or after the mill.)

- Amillennial – The millennium is spiritual in nature and there will not be a physical reign in this age.
- Premillennial – Christ will physically return and then physically reign before the last judgment.
- Postmillennial – The millennium is spiritual in nature but the world will turn to Christ more and more until the world is generally Christianized.

(Most combinations of these are possible: 1B, 4C, 3A, and so on...)

Each view has a particular view or effect on the view of antichrist.

- Antichrist is a single person who will appear at the close of world history
- Antichrist is anyone who fits the bill of being in some form of opposition to Christ especially those in power
- Antichrist is an institution or office with many particular persons sitting in it (probably with one culminating embodiment)
- There is no antichrist *per se* only antichrists, the beast was Nero

Each person might say a particular verse does or does not speak about Antichrist.

- Ezekiel 38 Gog v17
- ❖ **Dan 7:7-28** 4th Beast
- Dan 8:9-27 Antiochus Epiphanes
- Dan 9:24-27 Who makes a covenant?
- Dan 11:1-35 Antiochus (Greek Period) Kings of North and South (not the same person –different kings same name)
- Dan 11:36-45 Change of character? (still in Greek period?)
- *Lots more in OT!
- Revelation 6:2 Rider on white horse?
- Rev 9:11 Apollyon?
- Rev 11:7 Beast from the bottomless pit?
- ❖ **REV 13** Beast 1 (sea v1-10) Beast 2 (land v11-18)
- Rev 17-18 Babylon? The woman?
- ❖ **2Thess 2:1-12** The man of lawlessness

Conclusion

- This is not easy, it requires good wide ranging Bible study –interpreting Scripture with Scripture
- Godly persons have had differing opinions – but they are not all correct!
- It is unlikely that no one in church history has been correct.
- Some views or aspects of them can coexist, but much is mutually exclusive.
- You may not have it figured out yet, but you will come down in one of the combinations.
- If you have something totally new and unheard of be very cautious!
- More to come next week Lord willing!
- Try to understand where you think you are.