

First off, last night I posted in the verses from 1st and 2nd John without explanation. I want to correct that oversight.

The word antichrist (in Greek:antichristos, an-tee'-khris-tos: an opponent of the Messiah:--antichrist.) That word appears only four places in Scripture.

Every verse is in 1st and 2nd John:

Now you have to ask, why is antichrist mentioned in John's epistles and nowhere else?

Well, John was the last Apostle alive. The church had been established some 70 years earlier.

John's Gospel, his three epistles and Revelation were penned somewhere between 95 and 110AD, nobody knows exactly when.

Many heresies had already entered the church and John was the last inspired writer who could address them.

In his gospel, John addresses Gnosticism and the deity of Christ. In Revelation, He addresses the Nicolaitans, worldliness and other heresies. In his epistles, false leaders, brotherly love, the victorious walk in Christ and one more error . . .

1 John 2:18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even NOW many antichrists have arisen.

"You have heard" is the significant phrase here. John isn't saying that antichrist is coming, only that you have heard that he is.

Then he goes on to debunk the idea by saying, "even NOW many antichrists have arisen."

John then describes what antichrist is really like . . .

1 John 2:22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is THE antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

So anyone who "denies that Jesus IS the Christ" is THE antichrist . . . Not AN antichrist, but THE antichrist. Then lastly . . .

2 John 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.

So there was going to be a bunch of antichrists. John also tells us what antichrist really is . . .

1 John 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.

Ah, and this spirit is an IT not a him! What's more, this spirit wasn't waiting around twiddling its thumbs until the end of the Christian Era. Antichrist was ALREADY in the world during the time of John.

So biblically, antichrist is any evil spirit who denies that Jesus is the Christ.

Now the above quotes are EVERY verse in Scripture that mentions antichrist!

So do you see some super-duper Satan-inspired human being called "The Antichrist" in those verses? One who is going to appear at the end of the Christian Era and rule the world from Jerusalem for seven

years?

Well do you?

No? Well, those are all the verses in the Bible that mention antichrist. Everything else we believe about antichrist is pure conjecture. If that seems impossible, see if you can find other verses in your own concordance.

Now some 19<sup>th</sup> century theologians concluded that "the man of sin" of 2 Thessalonians 2 just had to be "THE" antichrist. So lets look at "the man of sin."

2 Thess 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall NOT come, except there come a **falling away first**, and that **man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God**, showing himself that he is God.

Now what temple do you suppose the Lord was speaking of in that verse?

In Old Testament times, God's temple was in Jerusalem, but this epistle is to the Thessalonian church which began after the Paul preached there!!!

And where is the temple of God during this Christian Era?

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2Co 6:16 for ye are the temple of the living God.

Because of the location of 2Thess in the Bible, it is sound theology to conclude that the temple spoken of in the above verses is the human heart. So I quote again:

" he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

Now this is not a criticism of any church, but Pentecostals admit themselves that many of the spiritual phenomena happening in their churches are not of God.

So what are they? Occult phenomena, cleverly disguised as an interaction with the Holy Spirit. Few have a sufficient understanding to Scripture to recognize the demonic origin of the doctrines they follow.

2Th 2:4 "who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship":

Secular humanists state that man is a god, their manifesto declaring: "Man made God in His own image." By these declarations they exalt themselves above every god.

v.4 (cont.) "so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God":

That phrase, all by itself, shows us that the "man of sin" is not a human being, but a spirit! Only a spirit being can take his seat in the human heart.

Our bodies are still the New Testament temple of the Holy Spirit.

Simply stated, demons are entering people and faking the works of the Holy Spirit by giving false gifts.

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The enemy's intellect should not be underestimated. This satanic attack is brilliant. Satan has brought false doctrine and false spiritual phenomena into the Church under the guise of being the Holy Spirit.

Many are afraid to speak against these sins for fear of blaspheming the Holy Spirit. If we don't know our Bibles well enough, we get caught in that trap.