

THE ANTICHRIST AT WORK TODAY.

“Know this that in the last days, perilous times will come” 2 Tim.3-1

Today Satan is working hard, preparing for the reign of the antichrist. He is using the Covid pandemic, by scare tactics, enabling him through willing governments to bring in draconic laws that enslave the people, rob them of liberty, and enforce them with rigid laws and colossal fines, as in a “Police state”, and causing massive interruption to the commercial and industrial world, with millions out of work and businesses going bankrupt! .

He has followed with the world wide “Mob rule” mentality over the death of a black man in USA. Certainly this was a horrific crime, but murders worse than this, cutting off of hands for theft, in Muslim and other countries, are happening every day. The murder was a USA affair, so why is the whole world staging mass demonstrations, in defiance of the Covid laws, plus looting and stealing, burning shops, overturning cars, and attacking Police Stations!.

This is “mob mentality”, at which Satan is adept at using, and will use to full advantage when the Antichrist is in power; “Bow down to our great new world leader” the mobs will cry, take his glorious mark, if you don’t you will be killed”.; and they will seek out any who don’t have the “mark of the Beast” to kill them. Once anyone takes the mark of the Beast, they are doomed forever to Hell and the Lake of Fire.

Paul in **2 Thess.2-3**, in speaking of the 2nd coming of our Lord, says, “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; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, showing himself that he is God..v7) For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now hindereth will hinder, until he be taken out of the way”. God will lift his restraining hand and allow the full manifestation of evil during “the Day of Vengeance of our God”. **Isa.61**

The “falling away” is now happening, as we see an increased opposition to the Christian faith, and abortion (the murder of innocent babies, who grow up in Heaven), homo-sexuality, the restriction of free speech, a hostile media, together with the Satanic doctrines of evolution and the “big bang” origin of the Universe, all combining against God and opening the way for the rebellious World to except Satan’s substitute for Christ, the Antichrist!.

The Antichrist will be a man whom Satan takes full possession of, as he did with Judas, **John 13-27** “and after Jesus had given him (Judas) the sop, “Satan entered into him”. This is the true interpretation of the scripture, **2 Thes.2-3/4** “for the day of Christ shall not come except there be a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalts himself above all that is called God; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God”. Since Jesus died and rose again, triumphant over sin and death, God now dwells in our hearts, we are now the temple of God.

The false prophets say that Antichrist will enter a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem after making a 7 year treaty with the Jews. The Jewish Temple was destroyed in AD70 and a million Jews were slain by the Roman army. God will never allow another man made temple. The unbelieving Jewish nation have made a candlestick of gold in preparation for it, but it is a “monstrosity”, having 8 parallel lamps, and bears no resemblance whatsoever to the candlestick which God instructed Moses to build, which had 6 arms extending out from a central pillar, 3 on each side, each arm having a bud, blossom and fruit 3 times (9 in all), plus the same under each arm of the central pillar, plus 3 under its lamp, (12) thus a total of 66, the No. of books in the Bible; the 7 lamps on the top of each arm, represent the 7 fold Holy Spirit, the whole candlestick like a tree. These are troublous times, but Jesus said, “When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.” **Luke 21-28**.

This study should be read in conjunction with my study on – “The Erroneous View of a 7 Year Antichrist-Israel Treaty” on this same web site. There is much false teaching about the Antichrist, saying he will be in power for 7 years, and make a covenant with the Jews for 7 years and after 3-1/2 years he will break the covenant and put an end to Jewish sacrifices, (quoting Daniel 9-27).

This is a blasphemous interpretation, which robs Christ of the Glory of His atoning sacrifice and ascribes it to the Antichrist. The truth of the matter is, as prophesied by Isa. 61, the Messiah was given two ministries – “to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, (which He did for 3-1/2 years) and the Day of Vengeance of our God (which He is yet to do during the 3-1/2 years when He pours out the 7 Vials of His wrath upon the wicked).– Dan. 9-27 says “He shall confirm the (Abrahamic) Covenant with many for one week, and in the midst of the (70th) week. He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” – which Jesus did by His all atoning Sacrifice on the Cross.

It is during this 2nd half of the week that the full manifestation of evil will occur. Read Rev. 13. 1st the devil will be cast out of heaven, the “man of sin”, the Antichrist, a man possessed of the devil, will have power over the whole world; he will control every man, woman and child on the face of the earth, and no one will be able to buy or sell without his mark or the No. of his name, 666, (which will doom them forever). To refuse means certain death, but for any who repent at this late stage,, a glorious entrance into Heaven. The antichrist will be accompanied by a false prophet, and they will set up an image of Satan and cause everyone to bow down and worship this image, under penalty of death! We don’t want to be around when all this occurs.

Jesus said, **Luke 21-25** “There shall be signs in the sun, moon and stars, (as in Rev.6-12) and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken, Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and glory”.

The closing days of this age are upon us. Jesus said “Pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape the things that are coming upon the earth, and to stand before the Son of Man.”. For the faithful believing saints, it is time “to look up, and lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh” **Luke 21-28**.

Let us press forward in faith, and as faithful witnesses to those around us, with our lamps burning brightly!