

## Antichrist Part Two

### Commentary for September 1, 2009 — The Rest of the Story

The booklet "The Life and Times of the Antichrist" was put out by Dr. Martin in 1992. It was time to revisit that information for the August and September 2009 Newsletters and Articles. For this month read first the "[September 2009 Newsletter](#)" before you read the Article. It contains additional information about this important subject.

Dr. Martin over the years has produced information about the Antichrist, but never in such a concentrated presentation as he did in the 1992 booklet, now updated. In particular he wrote an excellent article in 1981, "[New Prophetic Discoveries Concerning the End Time](#)." Although written first, that article continues chronologically from this month's Part 2 article, showing the last of the end time events. The biblical indications and references give such precise geographical locations that maps (contained within the article) can be made to show the route of the Antichrist and his armies as they proceed toward the last battles against the true Christ, His saints, and His angels.

We win. The Antichrist and his minions lose.

Prompted by Dr. Martin's writings, I wrote about the necessity of demonstrating and believing that Jesus IS the prophesied Messiah. This understanding is vitally important for every Christian to learn and to demonstrate from his or her own Bible. In fact, the entire purpose of the New Testament is to proclaim that "Jesus is the Messiah" (John 20:31, 1 John 5:1).

Those who deny that fact of faith and witness are antichrists and liars. See my article, "[Christ and Messiah](#)." Whenever you read material written by religious teachers or supposed "Christian" authors, consider the basic question: do they seem to evidence belief or accept that Jesus is the resurrected Messiah? The apostle John defines the term clearly and simply:

**"Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ [the Messiah]? He is [the] antichrist, that denies the Father and the Son. Whosoever denies the Son, the same has not the Father."**

• 1 John 2:22–23<sup>1</sup>

As far the apostle John is concerned, an antichrist is an anti-*messiah*, someone who denies that Jesus at this present moment is the Messiah, having been resurrected from the dead and first proclaimed at Pentecost in 30 AD. That account is in Acts chapter 2.

Let me set out the above verse differently, focusing on the important word "denies," which is the Greek participle *arnoumenos*, identical in all three uses:

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1. Those who deny that Jesus is the Messiah (and should know better) are liars. (Satan was the father of lies, John 8:44.) Every spirit should be tested to see if they are telling the truth. See 1 John 4:1–3, 15 for other descriptions of the antichrist mindset.

These denials imply knowledge of the truth, as John notes in verse 21. Those making the denials are not deceived, they are deceivers.<sup>2</sup>

An antichrist (and the Antichrist) is also someone who acts in place of Christ, usurping His position as mediators between God and man. While actually this is impossible, many "church leaders" today will tell you that they act on your behalf to God and on God's behalf to you. This is solely Christ's prerogative, His exclusive right and privilege. That was the purpose for which He suffered, died, and was resurrected. The apostle Paul expressed it plainly:

**"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."**

• **1 Timothy 2:5**

There is not a body of men who are mediators. There is not a church that mediates between God and men. There is only one. He is a man. He is Christ Jesus, or more precisely "Messiah Jesus."

As the apostle John indicates there are, however, many antichrists:

**"Little children, it is the last time: and as you have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."**

• **1 John 2:18**

**"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."**

• **2 John 1:7**

All the antichrists in our time and in the future before Christ returns will yield to the ultimate Antichrist who will be energized directly by a spirit being, a cherub, who in turn receives his power and authority from Satan. Remember that any power Satan possesses is power derived from God to serve God's purposes. God's purpose in allowing the Antichrist to perform his great acts of deception is that the world must experience the evil of a false satanic civilization so that they can appreciate the government of Christ that is true, real, and loving in its administration.

### ***The Birth of Christ, the Messiah***

Jesus Christ was born on the Day of Trumpets on September 11, 3 BC. Those who think He was born in December, or that the day should be celebrated in any way, are greatly mistaken. He was born on a highly significant day of the Jewish calendar. If you have not read it yet, then learn the evidence and the account of Jesus' birth in Dr. Martin's book [\*The Star of Bethlehem: The Star That Astonished the World\*](#) which is available complete online for free. You will not read far before you will want to purchase this book for yourself at "[ASK Books: The Star of Bethlehem.](#)"

### ***Milwaukee Talk***

Another reminder. If you live in the Milwaukee area I hope to see you on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. for coffee and for questions/answers at "The City Market Bakery and Cafe" at 8725 W. North Avenue in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. The coffee shop phone is 414-453-0000 for directions. Click on "[A.S.K. Events](#)" (the **ORANGE** button at the top of the ASK homepage) for all future events.

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2. Anyone ignorant of the truth cannot be condemned as a deceiver. The intent of the verse is to show that such individuals knowingly deceive.