ANTICHRIST-NOW OR LATER?

Intro--Spmetimes hesitate to speak on prophecy bec (1) hobby but of John 16:13 or (2) quacks but be expert. Not sensational, just taking a Biblical doctrine. More here than virgin birth or trinity. Only 5 references by name, all in Jn. 1 John 2:18 (2x),22; 4:3; 2 John 7. But other places where described tho not called by name. Not exclusively Johannine but principally.

I. The Spirit of Antichrist, 1 John 4:3. Place to start bec behind all other antichrists. A. The Person or being involved. Spirit.

1. Not human. cf 3:24-HS. Now uses same word in 4:1 so not human but superhuman.

2. Work thru humans. Eiter demonic or angelis or Satan or HS. Demons or angels. Mars of in Rev.

B. The Work involved. Empower. Eph 6, Heb 1:14.

C. The Relation of Xn. Try. How? later. Antichrists are satanically inspired.

II. The Present Antichrists.

(A. Porn 4:3

S. Nardon 2:18

C. Fellowing 2:19

A. Their Presence. Hard to realize bec we always

- use word for future person. But now, 2 Jn 7 (aor), 1 John 2:18. Part of ? in title answered.
- B. Their Power. See above.
- C. Their Position.
 - 1. Forerunners of future antichrist. Jn doesn't deny, 2:18. The well-known character of future one ought to make us aware of danger of present ones now.
 - 2. Fellow-members of churches. 2:19. Outwardly belong to group tho not organically.
 - 3. Teachers in groups, 2 Jn 7.
- D. Their Purpose. Anit-god. Different religion. Culminates in worship of the Antichrist. Not unX
- E. Their Program. /but antiX.
 - 1. Doctrinally. Essentially to teach divinity of man apart from God. Can be done by:
 - a. Denying Trinity as unitarians, 2:23.
 - b. Denying reality of incarnation, 4:3. modern
 - c. Denying permanence of " ,4:3-has come-perfect.

- 2. Ethically. Have to go to background of gnosticism in Eph. 2 forms
 - a. Asceticism. Detach from world. X not in flesh bec flesh evil. Remember harder to go to a party and behave like Son of God.
 - b. Antinomianism. License. Incarnation is basis for ethics in example of E. 2:6.
- III. The Future Antichrist. S. Middle 27hcm 2 9 Rv13
- A. Identification. One who opposes not false Messiah. Main character acc to 2:18, not
 - secondary. Bec many identify with RC we think he has to be religious. He is head of Roman empire, (Ban 2,7,9), man of sin (2 Th 2), and 1st beast out of pit (Rev.11:7) or Rev 13. Has political and religious duties.
- Has 2nd aid (Rev. 13:11ff) to assist when he's out of Palestine tending to other affairs.
- B. Description, Rev. 13:2-3. 1. 7 heads. Roman empire in history and he's the last head.
 - 2. 10 horns, 16 kingdom confederation. 3. crowns. regal power.
 - 4. blasphemy.
 - 5. leopard--like one--wisdom of Greece, Dan 7. 6. like bear, Persia, power.
 - 7. Like Mon, absolute authority of Babylon. All this links him to Dan 7.
 - 8. Given authority by Satan. 9. 1 head wounded. May die and be raised or
 - may refer to eclipse of Roman empire.
- C. Activity. 1. Worshipped, 4. Directly and thru image, 15.
 - 2. Allapowerful, 4b, 7,10.
 - 3. Blasphemes God. 6. 4. Kills and captures. 10.
 - 5. Controls buying and selling by mark, 16.
- Concl. Doom Rev 19:20; 20:10; Mt 25:41. Men will go there bec deceived by antichrist.
- Many in trib and many today. He says no incarnation, therefore no need for Saviour. X said, Jn 14:6.

Which will you follow?

Homes broken believe French