

ANTICHRIST--NOW OR LATER?

Intro--Sometimes hesitate to speak on prophecy bec (1) hobby but cf 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 angelic or Satan or HS. Demons or angels. *That's why in Rev. Ant X is spirit & person*

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

C. The Relation of Xn. Try. How? later.
Antichrists are satanically inspired. *Relationship is so close*

II. The Present Antichrists. *{ A. From 4:3
B. From 2:18
C. Fellowship 2:19
D. Deceive 2:22
E. Jn 7*

A. Their Presence. Hard to realize bec we always use word for future person. But now, 2 Jn 7 (acr), 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. Anti-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. *in Secular modernism*

c. Denying permanence of " , 4:3--has come-perfect.

