

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST

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PART 1: DEFINING THE ANTICHRIST

Over the years I have preached many sermons and written various articles about the coming of the Antichrist. The purpose of this series is to present a precise but condensed version for people who have little or no knowledge in this area.

This study is meaningless to anyone who rejects the Bible as the Word of God. It is necessary to have a firm belief that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel who was born to a virgin, lived a sinless life and died on the cross for our sins. He was resurrected on the third day and is now seated in heaven as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 1:9-18

The Jews were looking for the physical kingdom of Israel and were not interested in the kingdom of God. They wanted an earthly messiah, not a divine messiah. **Acts 1:4-6**

WHAT DOES THE TERM ANTICHRIST MEAN?

The word "antichrist" only appears four times in the Bible and is used exclusively by the apostle John. The word "anti" has the following meanings, "against, hostile to, opposite, reverse, or rivaling." **1 John 2:18; 2:22; 4:3; 2 John 7**

The word "Christ" is the English version of the Greek "Christou," which is a translation from the Hebrew word "Messiah", and means "the Anointed One."

The name "Christ" therefore refers to a man of Jewish descent who will present himself as the long awaited Messiah according to the Old Testament prophecies. **Isaiah 9:6-7; 53:1-10**

We can define the "Antichrist" as a Jewish man who will claim to be the messiah of Israel who has come to redeem the Jews and set up an earthly kingdom with Jerusalem as its capital.

Jesus stated that the Jews rejected Him even though He came in the name of the Father, but they would accept a man that would come in his own name. **John 5:43**

Before the Antichrist can present himself as a world leader, he must first take control of the twelve tribes of Israel. Jesus tried to gather and save the twelve tribes of Israel, but He was rejected by the Jewish leadership. **John 1:11**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?

