

CLUES TO THE IDENTITY OF ANTICHRIST



1 JOHN 2 :18

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

THE ORIGIN OF ANTICHRIST

Look up the word 'antichrist' in Strong's concordance. Record what it means, and then write a description in your own words. This description will be your first clue to the identity of Antichrist.

"Anti" Meaning: _____

"Christ" Meaning: _____

CLUE #1 - Write a description of Antichrist from the meaning of the Greek words:

CLUE #2: Write out some of the words Jesus used to describe the 'antichrist' system. Highlight the phrases that give clues to what "antichrist" is: _____

CLUE #3: 'even now' - What does this phrase tell you about "antichrist" and why is this significant?

CLUE #4: 'there are many antichrists' – What does this phrase tell you about "antichrist" and why is this significant?

1 JOHN 2 :19

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

1. a) Who are the "they" of verse 19 above? _____

b) Who are the "us" of verse 19 above? _____

2. Comment on how Acts 20:20-30 is significant in this context.

CLUE #5: Membership of the Antichrist System. From who or what did this 'antichrist' system originate?

1 JOHN 2 :21 - 22

I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son.

CLUE #6 - Based on these verses, with what is "antichrist" associated?

CLUE #7 - What teaching does "antichrist" deny?

1 JOHN 4 :1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1. 'try' - Greek# _____ Meaning: _____

(Notice that in 1 John 4:1 – 'the spirits' that are to be tested are linked to the 'false prophets')

CLUE #8: Would the work of the false prophets concern a few people or many? (Use 1 John 4:1 and Matthew 24:11 in your answer) Why is this significant?

1 JOHN 4 :2 - 3

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Note: This is one of the most important verses to understand. It gives the test case for Antichrist's teaching.

1. 'confesseth' – Greek # _____ Meaning: _____

How strong a word is this? Is it talking about a firm belief, or just a casual understanding?

2. 'flesh' - Greek# _____ Meaning: _____

Note how this word is used in relation to Jesus in the following passages:

Romans 7:5, 18 _____

Romans 8:3, 5, 6 _____

Hebrews 2:14-18 _____

Hebrews 4:14-16 _____

CLUE #9: What teaching about Christ's nature distinguishes between true teachers and those of Antichrist?

CLUE #10: Again, is the Antichrist system something only to exist in the future, or was it already in existence before the New Testament was completed? Why is this significant?

