

Bible Marking Sheet for the topic of "Antichrist in Scripture"

The word 'antichrist' only appears 4 times in the Bible – all in the Epistle of John. Below are the four verses and some suggested notes that you may like to add to the margin of your own Bible:

Definition from the Greek:

'anti' = opposite, i.e. instead, in the room of. Often used in composition to denote contrast, requital, substitution.

'christ' = anointed, i.e. the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus

Therefore, 'antichrist' is someone or something that opposes Christ or tries to replace Him.

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.

'even now' means that 'antichrist' existed in the 1st Century when John wrote his epistle. See also 1 John 4:3

'antichrists' can be PLURAL - therefore it cannot just refer to a singular individual, but either a succession of individuals or a system/group of people.

'denieth' - by challenging Jesus, or by trying to usurp his authority, antichrist denies Him!

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that **denieth** that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist**, that **denieth** the Father and the Son.

"antichrist": Opposing Jesus is to deny both Father and Son!

'confessest' = to assent, i.e. covenant, acknowledge, promise.

This is a strong word indicating a full acceptance of and agreement with a fact.

1 John 4:3 And every spirit that **confessest** 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. See also 1 John 2:18

'in the flesh' = human nature (with its frailties - physically or morally, and passions), a human being.

Jesus had the same identical nature as all humans. This is a fundamental doctrine of the True Gospel.

See also: Rom. 7:18; 8:3; 9:5; Heb 2:14; 5:7

'deceiver(s)' - the antichrist is a deceitful power associated with lies about Jesus' true nature.

2 John 1:7 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. See also 1 John 2:18; 4:3