



Is Obama the Anti-Christ?

OBAMA IS THE ANTICHRIST

Any fair study of the Scriptures coupled with the study of the signs of the times will convince almost anybody with a modicum of intelligence that the end of the world is drawing nigh. This is amazing stuff going on here, right before our eyes, unprecedented in the history of the world - and it fits the pattern set out in Revelation 13, when there's a great beast supposed to rise out of the worldwide sea of troubled humanity. He's arisen out of that filthy sea of restless humanity and captured the imagination of the nation and the world. Barack Obama is the Antichrist, and is leading doomed America to her final destruction and the destruction of the world! We're not talking some vague, nebulous postulation, we're talking plain, straight Bible talk backed up by an overwhelming amount of real evidence - on the ground! Watch this fascinating, three-part documentary and check out the rest of the site for Bible perspective on the rise of Antichrist in the last hours of these last, dark days. (this must be read with a loud voice, breathlessly, and with great urgency.)

Another crazy website that knows who the Anti-Christ is. And so it goes...every generation has at least one figure who is the supposed Anti-Christ, the Beast of

Revelation, Mr. 666. And you know what that means, the End is Near!

From Napoleon to Hitler to Gorbachev to Obama...and a whole gaggle of beastly bad guys in between...dispensational false prophets have gotten this wrong. The reason they will never get this right is their whole system of prophecy is wrong. Their whole approach to prophetic Scriptures is faulty.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not defending the President! I believe he is an evil man, and that his policies are of the devil. Is he the Anti-Christ of popular dispensational fiction? No. Is he an anti-christ according to the biblical definition? Probably. I don't know his mind on the incarnation. A good guess would be that he is not orthodox in holding the "faith once delivered to the saints." I really doubt he could confess the Apostle's Creed truthfully in all good conscience. I think his sincerity of Christian profession is as sincere as his oath to uphold the Constitution.

Here's the point: the End is not near! The Tribulation is past! The Kingdom began with Christ's First Advent and continues until all His enemies are made His footstool. Of course, you can sell lots of books and videos, and get gullible people to donate to your "ministry" if you specialize in sensational, prophetic drama! But don't fall for it...please!

Our business during this Kingdom Age is to obey Christ's command to "disciple the nations." Speculating on silly things like the end of the world, or who is the tyrannical leader who will bring in a mythical New World Order, is a colossal waste of time....and resources.

As Christians we are to be about our business no matter what the conditions may look like temporarily. It seems that many Christians think that the power of evil is stronger than the Gospel; that Satan is not bound because of the Cross, but is stronger than the One enthroned in heaven at the right hand of God.

Biblical scholar and teacher, David Chilton, presents a more balanced approach:

"The orthodox Christian faith cannot be reduced to personal experiences, academic discussions, or culture-building activity--as important as all these are in varying degrees. The essence of biblical religion is the worship of God. And by *worship* I do not only mean listening to sermons, even though preaching is certainly necessary and important. I mean *organized, congregational prayers, praise, and sacramental celebration*. This means, further, that the reformation of *Church government* is crucial to biblical dominion. True Christian reconstruction of culture is far from being simply a matter of passing Law X and electing Congressman Y. Christianity is not a political cult. It is divinely ordained worship of the Most High God.

That is why the Book of Revelation begins with a vision of Christ and goes

on to deal with the government (the "angels," or officers) of the Church. The entire prophecy, in fact, *is structured as a worship service on the Lord's Day* (Rev. 1:10). Throughout the book we see a repeated pattern: first, the "angels" lead the saints in organized worship; second, God responds to His people's worship by bringing judgment unto salvation. For example, John shows us the martyrs gathered at the incense altar, beseeching God to avenge them on their persecutors (Rev. 6:9-11). Shortly thereafter, an "angel" formally offers up their prayers to God, then *takes coals from the altar and throws them to the earth*: the result is devastation and destruction upon Israel; the land catches fire; a burning mountain is thrown into the sea (Rev. 8:1-8). This is but one illustration among many of a central truth of Revelation: *the inseparable connection between liturgy and history*. The Book of Revelation shows that God's judgments in history are direct responses to the Church's official worship. When the Church, in her official capacity, pronounces lawful judgments, those declarations are honored in heaven at the Supreme Court of heaven (Matt. 16:19; John 20:23), and God Himself executes the Church's verdict.

Jesus, in fact, had specifically commanded His people to pray for the Mountain of Israel to be cast into the sea (Matt. 21:21-22), and that is exactly (figuratively) what happened. This is an important lesson for the Church today. Our primary response to persecution and oppression must not be political. That is to put our trust in the State. *The Church's primary response to persecution must be liturgical*. We must *pray* about it,

personally, in families, and in the organized, corporate worship of the Church, whose officers are divinely empowered to bring judgments. Of course, this means that the Church must return to the orthodox practice of singing and praying *Imprecatory Psalms* against God's enemies. (The "Imprecatory Psalms" are the psalms which consist mainly of imprecations, or curses, against the wicked; a few of these psalms are Psalms 35, 55, 59, 69, 79, 83, 94, 109, and 140). Church officers must pronounce sentence against oppressors, and Christians must follow this up by faithful prayers that the oppressors will either repent or be destroyed....

If the Church faithfully calls upon God to judge murderers and persecutors, what will happen? The answer is given in the whole Book of Revelation: God's angels will cast fire upon the earth, and the wicked will be consumed. But we must remember that *the coals of God's vengeance must come from the altar*. God's fiery wrath issues from His throne, where we meet Him in public worship. A "resistance movement" that is not centered in worship will come under the judgment of God. In principle, it is like Nadab and Abihu's offering "strange fire (Lev.10:1-2)...

Of course, the Church's worship is not primarily negative but positive: we offer up petitions for the conversion of the world. We must ask God to cause all nations to flow into His Temple, praying that His Mountain will grow and fill the earth more and more, and that our age will see increasing triumphs for the gospel in every area of life. There is no

reason *not* to expect victory; if we are faithful to God's Word, there is every reason to assume that the powers of darkness will be shattered by our advance. The gates of hell must and shall fall before the aggressive, militant Church (Matt. 16:18)."

Here's the point: we ought to be realistic about our troubles in this generation, but not pessimistic about the power of the Holy Spirit as the Church spreads the Gospel throughout the world. Don't listen to the doomsday TV preachers, listen to the Lord Jesus Christ who says: "Do not be afraid: I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen...To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."



FROM THOSE WHO HATE ME

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PSALM 59

ISTE CONFESSOR, POITRES ANTIPHONER, 1746

1. From those who hate me, O my God, de - liv - er,
 2. Like hun - gry dogs, a - round the ci - ty prow - ling,
 3. But God shall laugh and hold them in de - ri - sion,
 4. Now I will sing, for You, O Lord have sa - ved me,

They rise a - gainst me, Lord be my de - fend - er.
 Their lips are swords, I hear their e - vil grow - ling.
 God is my strength, Yea, this is my con - fe - ssion.
 And in the morn - ing, thank You for Your mer - cy.

Blood - thirs - ty men of sin, work - ers of in - i - qui - ty;
 For look, they lie in wait in the dark - ness se - cret - ly;
 Scat - ter them by Your pow'r, my de - si - re let me see;
 You are my sure de - fense, and my help through e - vil days;

From them, O save me.
 From them, O save me.
 From them, O save me.
 So I shall sing Your praise.