

# Is the Antichrist Alive *Today?*

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Jesus Christ warned that in the very last days many false Christs and false prophets would appear, and if possible, deceive the very elect. Within the context of 1 John 2:18, the pre-appearance of many types of antichrist would signal the very last times, the period of time preceding the literal return of Jesus Christ. However, four times in John's first and second epistles, the Antichrist is a single, individual person.

The Apostle John, while a prisoner on the isle of Patmos, favored us with more specific information about this prophetic personality, the Antichrist. According to John's description of this world dictator in Revelation 13, and other scriptures, the Antichrist is to be a supreme world dictator. He will be given this authority by an alliance of ten nations, or ten alliances of nations. When this occurs, then the Antichrist will have control over all money, all business, all international military forces, and all religions. Anyone who does not take his mark and number will be killed by beheading, and the same fate would befall any person on earth who did not acknowledge and worship him as their god. In some twenty-five or more places in the Book of Revelation he is referred to as "the beast."

As prophesied, in the twentieth century three strong types of Antichrist appeared

1. Hitler of Germany, who was worshipped as a god, killed over 6 million Jews, and started WWII in which 35 million died.
2. Stalin of Russia, who envisioned a communist world in which he would be the supreme dictator, killed an estimated 100 million.
3. Mao Tse-Tung of China, like Stalin, persecuted Christians, closed churches, and killed an estimated 100 million.

These three had absolute authority over their individual nation, but not over the entire world.

We must wonder what world conditions will occur that would dictate giving this one world dictator, called 'he Beast, absolute authority over the entire world. One reason, of course, would be the fear of a universally devastating nuclear war. The United Nations was founded at the close of World War II to form a united world forum to prevent future wars. It has failed miserably in its purpose. As Jesus prophesied, wars and rumors of wars have continued, and now eight nations have enough atomic weapons to destroy the world a thousand times over, and the spread of such weapons continues. Iran's stated purpose of developing nuclear weapons is to create a worldwide inferno to bring their so-called spiritual champion, the Mahdi, to kill everyone who is

not a Muslim.

If there is one nation, or one man of prominence, who could convince the nations that such a world catastrophe could be avoided by turning all the nuclear weapons over to him, he could rule the world. Would this person be the head of the United Nations, or a coalition of nations? Probably. This could also mean that the Antichrist is live today.

### **World Population Control**

Some 5,800 years after God created the first man and woman and commanded they be fruitful in having sons and daughters, the world's population reached 1 billion souls in 1820. In less than just two hundred years, the world population has increased to more than 7 billion. While we are still in fairly good shape here in the United States, where we have a population of one-third of a billion, there are serious concerns about how the expanding billions are going to be taken care of when there are already serious problems in many nations of the world.

Under a massive international population control program, new contraceptive methods have been advertised, produced, and used, but the population has continued to increase. Next, massive abortion programs of ending life in the womb – without calling it murder – has been instituted. According to statistics on page 175 of the 2011 *World Almanac*, in the United States alone, between 1970 and 2006, there were over 1.5 million abortions performed (annually). It is conservative to estimate in just the United States, in the last forty years, at least 50 million babies have been aborted. Without the international abortion programs, the present world population would probably be about 10 billion.

Another important part of the world population control program has been the world promotion of homosexuality. Men having sex with men, and women having sex with women, does not produce babies.

U.S. President Barack Obama, immediately after he took the oath of office, issued a presidential directive making June – the month of brides – Gay Pride Month, and states that homosexuals (LGBTs) are the best people we have in the United States. In the first hundred days of his term in office, he was appointing them to high positions in his administration. As far as I can determine, the head of every important department in our national government is filled by a homosexual. The head of the Department of Education has been Mr. Jennings, a world noted homosexual activist. The Department of Education receives more than \$20 billion a month to spend. Schools are now being used to promote the homosexual lifestyle as a preferred lifestyle. Almost every major college now offers LGBT classes and degrees. Christian-based groups like the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts are having to disband because they will not knowingly enroll homosexuals. State departments of education are passing laws like SB-48 of California, which requires schoolbooks to praise and commend the homosexual

lifestyle. These laws are worded and passed to make homosexuals out of the younger generation.

Also, as widely reported, Mr. Obama has removed government recognition of the Defense of Marriage Act, indicating his preference that men and women do not now marry and have children. A "OneNewsNow" item dated December 21, 2011, stated in part: "A pro-family activist says a U.S. Department of Justice lawyer's arguments against the Defense of Marriage Act further enforces the Obama administration's desire for support from the homosexual lobby."

A news story by the *Washington Post* on December 15, 2011, was headed: "Married Couples at a New Low."

The story related that 50 percent of teenagers now say they do not intend to get married, which indicates a disastrous destruction of the family unit established by God – the foundation of order, church, government, and law. A *Christian Post* news item of December 28, 2011, was headed, "Obama Sends Letter of Congratulations to Gay Married Couple." Our own secretary of state, Hillary Clinton, is also an entertaining agent for International gay parades, and numerous articles from Israel report an increasing homosexual population in Israel. Scores of other news items relating to the decline of the family, and the increase in local, national, and international homosexual activity and relationships are pictured on the society pages of newspapers depicting homosexual marriages. Daniel prophesied that the Antichrist would not regard the desire of women, which could mean he will be a homosexual.

According to Bible chronology, seven years before Jesus Christ returns literally to this planet and presents Himself to Israel as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Antichrist must appear and demand that everyone in the world worship him as God. Jesus also said of world conditions that when this happens, it would be as it was in the days of Lot.

According to Bishop Ussher, on a day in 1897 B.C., God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, as confirmed in the Bible, in a fiery judgment for the sin of homosexuality. The explosion left a hole in the ground 1300 feet deep and 40 miles long. It is known today as the Dead Sea, in which nothing lives. According to the prophetic Word, the world will again be like it was in Sodom when the Antichrist appears. Therefore, it seems logical that the Antichrist is alive today.

### **Computer Economics**

We read in Revelation 13 that under the Antichrist's economic system, that no person in all the world will be able to buy even a loaf of bread or sell a pig with money. Every individual in every country in the world must have a number issued by the world government and have a mark, perhaps a computer chip, in their right hand or on their forehead. It seems obvious that a world government must have a universal exchange system.

The first computer I saw, or even heard of, was in 1943 when the Army sent our unit four new radar systems. On the back of each one was a large unit about the size of a piano on wheels. When asked what that was, I was told it was a computer.

The first thing a dictator or political system like communism does in taking over a nation and controlling the population is take charge of the monetary exchange system. This will be true of the Antichrist system. Often, the present money or exchange units are declared void and new money is issued. This is the first thing that Hitler, Stalin, and Mao did. Often, the current money or exchange system has to be destroyed gradually before the citizenry becomes dependent upon the government.

In 2008, with the election of Mr. Obama, the homeowners in our nation suddenly lost \$7.35 trillion dollars in real estate value. When Bill Clinton was president he had laws passed where banks or savings institutions had to build homes for those who had no jobs or were not able to pay for them. The loans were called "subprime mortgages," which were really worthless paper. President Bush covered up this scam to prevent an economic collapse, but when Mr. Obama was elected, the cover was gone and millions of houses were dumped on the market. As a result, \$7.35 trillion dollars worth of buying power was taken away from our nation's middle class. No wonder we had a depression.

This economic problem in the United States became part of a world economic problem. Most nations today are deeply in debt. There are tremendous fluctuations in the value of international currencies. As documented in my book, *Is the Antichrist Alive Today?*, there is a demand for a world currency based on "drawing rights," which could be controlled worldwide by computer transactions. A headline in the *Financial Times* dated December 14, 2011, reads: "Storm Clouds Darken Global Economy."

Also as I document in my book, even the Catholic Church is demanding a world economic system. Another headline in the *New York Post*, dated December 8, 2011, reads: "Euro's Fall May Doom All."

Another headline from *Financial Times*, dated December 8, 2011, reads: "The Terrible Consequences of a Eurozone Collapse."

Whether by design or just bad economics or political blunderings, the United States is trillions of dollars in debt to China and other nations. If the real truth was known, the one hundred dollar bill in your pocket might be worth a loaf of bread. In fact, in Revelation it is indicated that during the Great Tribulation under the Antichrist, it will take a day's wages just to buy a loaf of bread.

Our politicians promise us that they will restore the happy times of the Eisenhower, Ford, and Reagan administrations, but the real truth lies in two news

headlines that crossed my desk recently: "Obama Asks for Debt Hike Limit" and "120 K-Mart and Sears Stores Close."

All of the collective international economic news indicates a coming one-world economic and monetary exchange system, based on drawing rights, and controlled by a massive central computer system. This international economic concern is being promoted today, and would indicate the Antichrist may be Alive and is waiting to install his individual numbering system

### **Pandemic Catastrophes**

In Matthew 24 and Luke 21, Jesus said when He came the second time, He would come to a world beset with disease epidemics, earthquakes, and cosmic eruptions.

By checking the U.S. Geological Department website, it can be verified that earthquakes have increased in the United States from approximately 1,200 in 1985 to 3,300 in 2011. We have an average of 50 small earthquakes a year in Oklahoma, but in 2011 there have been over 1,000, some of them approaching 6.0 on the Richter scale.

In the United States in 2011, there have been over 750 tornadoes, twice as many as normal, and they have been unusually destructive, killing hundreds of people and destroying entire cities, like Joplin, Missouri. Also in 2011, there have been unusually destructive floods on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, but unusually severe droughts in Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma, where wheat farmers turned cattle on their fields because the wheat didn't mature because there was no rain. Also, the earthquake in Japan with the resulting tsunami was one of the worst in recorded history.

The headlines on page one of MAIL Online for January 4, 2012, reads, "2011 To Become Worst Ever Year for Disasters."

A Fox News item dated December 28, 2011, read in part: "Sun Storms Slam Earth." Our sun is a medium-sized star, one million miles in diameter, a monstrous nuclear fusion object converting hydrogen to heat and light. Dying stars erupt out of nuclear control for a period of seven to fourteen days when the atoms are stripped of their shells, and the entire mass collapses into a ball approximately fifteen miles across where the gravity is so intense that even light cannot escape. It is then called a black hole, where nothing can escape forever. The black hole is also called a nova, and thirty such novas are observed to occur in our own galaxy some thirty times a year. The current solar storms on our sun are due to reach a climax in 2013, which may be reason for concern. We read in Revelation 6:12 that in the coming Great Tribulation, the moon will become as blood and the sun will become black.

Another prophetic sign that we are living in the last days, and the Antichrist could be alive in the world today, is that international television will make it possible for everyone in every nation to worship the image of the Antichrist. The image of a person on televisions moves and speaks, as we are told the image of the beast would. It will also be possible for all the world to see the bodies of God's two witnesses lying in the streets of Jerusalem, as we read in Revelation 11:9. Television makes possible the fulfillment of this most specific prophecy in the Bible.

We are informed in 2 Thessalonians 2 that in order for Satan's false messiah, the Antichrist, to receive world acceptance, God would send upon the nations a delusion that they will believe a lie. An example of how all the world can be deceived is the recent claim of the Obama administration that the climate is becoming warmer and warmer because of increasing CO2 in the atmosphere. The *London Telegraph* in a lengthy article in the December 12, 2011, edition, in a bold headline reported: "Climate Change, The Worst Scientific Scandal of Our Generation."

An editorial in the *Washington Times* in the November 20, 2011, edition, under the heading, "A Climate of Fraud," indicated the climate change fraud to be the biggest lie ever perpetrated upon the human race.

With the continued proliferation of nuclear weapons, increasing populations, and increasing international catastrophes, including famines and diseases like AIDS (where over half the populations in some African nations have this deadly disease); the need for a world savior like the false biblical Antichrist will increase. Many in the previous generation thought Henry Kissinger would be the Antichrist; more recently many proposed King Carlos of Spain; others today point to George Soros. Henry Kissinger thought President Obama would make a great president of Planet Earth. . . .

Even so, come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20).

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