

The Apostasy and Global Leader

Outline – August 13, 2023

Mark 1:21-27, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10, 1 John 4:1-3, Revelation 13:4-8; 16-18

A Common Question We Often Hear: Whose Side Are You On?

- I. **For decades the news has featured headlines of churches leaving orthodox beliefs and members deconverting**
 - A. Schools, organizations, public gatherings have ceased prayer, Bible reading and pastoral guidance
 - B. Some leaders of the faith are giving up or giving in to a “woke” mentality
 - C. Apostasy in seminaries, universities and churches is becoming more pervasive

- II. **Why is this happening in our world?**
 - A. As in the beginning, many are believing the lie
 - B. The closer we get to the “end of time” lines are being drawn
 - C. And everyone is lining up on one side or the other
(Which side are you on?)

- III. **How Jesus stated it**
 - A. John 5:43
 - B. Matthew 12:30
 - C. When Jesus showed up the spiritual realm was stirred up greatly
 1. Angels appeared to the disciples, Mary, and Joseph
 2. Demons became more apparent and aggressive
 3. We are seeing similar manifestations today as the return of Jesus gets closer

- IV. **Jesus encounters a demon-possessed person**
 - A. On the Sabbath
 - B. In a synagogue
 - C. Jesus Messiah is teaching with authority
 - D. People are amazed
 - E. A man in the synagogue is possessed
 - F. The possessed cries out, “What do you want with us?”
 1. Leave us alone
 2. Have you come to destroy us?
 3. They knew their fate and future
 4. You are The Holy One of God

V. What this passage in Mark 1 tells us

- A. Demons try to invade the most worshipful places
- B. They seek to terrorize and disrupt
- C. They cry and squeal when the authority of God's Word is given

VI. John The Apostle wants us to be aware of the spirit of the Antichrist

- A. The antichrist spirit is real
- B. It denies the deity of Messiah
- C. It denies Jesus is our
 - 1. Only hope
 - 2. The Way, The Truth, and The Life
- D. The Antichrist seeks to make idols out of anything

VII. The spirit of the Antichrist leads to the "man of lawlessness," the son of perdition

- A. There are approximately 50 different names for the Antichrist
- B. Approximately 100 references are found in the Bible that point to the Antichrist
- C. Jesus calls him the "abomination of desolation"
- D. Paul calls him the "son of destruction"

VIII. When will the Antichrist enter the world stage?

- A. The spirit of the Antichrist is already here
- B. The Antichrist will be revealed once the Church (born again believers) meets Jesus in the air as declared in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 & 1 Corinthians 15:51-55
- C. God doesn't punish by His hand, the righteous with the wicked: Genesis 19
- D. Why do we need to know this?
 - 1. To be aware
 - 2. To be warned

IX. The characteristics of the Antichrist

- A. Wicked
 - 1. Jezebel Spirit
 - 2. Will always lose
- B. World domination
 - 1. Globalization
 - 2. Democratic world federalist
 - 3. Wants a federal system of government
 - 4. Wants a world bank
- C. Wonders

- D. Worship required...“or else”
 - 1. Goes into the Temple of God to be worshipped
 - 2. Many in our world are worshipping Satan
 - 3. As seen in the Grammy’s (satanic ritual featuring Sam Smith)
 - 4. Artists “selling their soul” to the devil
- E. Words of blasphemy
- F. War against all who do not follow the Antichrist
- G. Wealth controlled
 - 1. Mark of the Beast
 - 2. Was the 2020’s a “trial run”?

X. We won’t be here, right?

- A. That depends on what you do with Jesus
- B. Remember the spirit of the Antichrist is already here
- C. The difference:

Man of Sin Idle Shepherd Beast that Loses Deception Separated from God forever	Sinless Man Good Shepherd Lamb that Wins Salvation With God Forever
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**Your Name Is Written In Many Places,
 But Is It Written In The Lambs Book Of Life?
 It Only Matters If Written In The Lamb’s Book Of Life
 Whose Side Are You On?**