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So Who Is It?

Only one entity fits all of the identifying characteristics given in the Bible. Only one qualifies. It is the _____. Is that shocking? It really shouldn't be. The Bible is so clear so as to be unmistakable on this point. As a case in point, every single protestant reformer from Wesley to Luther to Calvin and beyond shared this same conclusion. Of course, God is not against people! He loves people, all people (See, for example, John 3:16). Yet, God does hate *systems* that keep people in ignorance about His true character, purposes, and nature. Sadly, this power has sought to usurp the three-fold office of Jesus Christ. This power has claimed the prerogatives of prophet, priest, and king. It claims to speak for God, to minister for God (forgive sins, etc.) and to rule for God. In doing this, it has obscured the person, power, and place of Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to do your own research on this subject. Check it out for yourself. Read and reread the Bible passages that deal with the antichrist and see if it isn't a hand-in-glove fit. Go to the library, see for yourself! Remember, Bible truth is never sent to discourage, overwhelm or humiliate us. It is sent to save us! Keep your eyes focused on Jesus Christ and His saving love. God is on your side!

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Discover: The Actual, Definite, Certain,
Unavoidable *Identity* of the Antichrist

Last lesson we learned that the antichrist is a *subtle, religious imposter*, not a *violent, political opposer*. He is a *counterfeit* more than a *combatant*. Paul referred to him as the “son of perdition” and the “man of sin”. That first name is used to describe only one other individual in the Bible, Judas Iscariot. He was not an opponent from *without*, but a betrayer from *within*. Paul drew that parallel purposefully.

In this lesson we will identify the antichrist, *from the Bible*. We will note ten identifying characteristics from the Bible, and then draw the obvious conclusion. As we shall see, it is really an elementary matter.

The Three-fold Office of Jesus Christ

As we learned last lesson the goal of Satan is to obscure the person, place and power of Jesus Christ. But what does this mean? How could Jesus Christ ever be obscured in the mind of the world, much less in the mind of the committed believer? In order to answer this question, we will take a look at the three-fold office that Jesus Christ fulfills for the believer. Jesus Christ is:

1. _____; text _____; one who _____ for God
2. _____; text _____; one who _____ for God
3. _____; text _____; one who _____ for God

This is who Jesus Christ is. The antichrist will seek to obscure or even _____ these various offices from Jesus Christ. How very important, then, that we know who Jesus Christ *really* is according to the Bible! Can you see how essential it is to know Jesus according to what is *true*? Remember, our knowledge of worship of God must be “in _____ and in _____”!

The Who?

The actual name “antichrist” is not used very frequently in Bible. Only the author John uses it, and then only in his smaller epistles. The antichrist is referred to by a number of different names or monikers in the Bible. Here are most of them:

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

That last one, number 5, is found in the book of Daniel, chapter 7. Let us turn there to uncover the identity of the antichrist.

Four, Frightening, Ferocious, Feral Creatures

God is the greatest _____ in the universe, and just like any good human teacher He uses the twin teaching techniques of _____ & _____. In Daniel chapter 2 God showed King Nebuchadnezzar a great metal _____. That metal _____ was a timeline that continued from the time of Daniel down to the second coming of Jesus Christ. It consisted of five different elements representing five eras, or epochs, of human history. They were:

1. Head of _____ represented _____
2. Chest of _____ represented _____
3. Belly of _____ represented _____
4. Legs of _____ represented _____
5. Feet of _____ represented _____

This very same timeline is spelled out in Daniel 7, but this time instead of using a metal image, God uses four great _____. Are these beasts literal? _____. Note vs. 17 and 23. According to these two verses, what do these beasts represent? _____. This practice of referring to _____ as beasts is still common even today. For example, what modern _____ are represented by the following beasts:

Bald eagle = _____
Bear = _____

Dragon = _____
Rooster = _____

These four beasts retrace exactly the same timeline that the image of Daniel 2 did, but with more detail thrown in to confirm historical correspondence. Fill in the following beasts and the eras they represent:

Beast 1. _____
Beast 2. _____
Beast 3. _____
Beast 4. _____

The fourth beast had _____ horns. According to verse 24 what do these horns represent? _____ Notice the perfect correspondence with the ten toes of the image of Daniel 2. But here comes some new information...

The Little Horn that Balked and Stalked

According to verse 8 what comes up “among” the ten horns? _____ When he arose what did he do to three of the other horns? _____ There he is. That _____ is the antichrist. He is one and the same with the Beast of Revelation 13, as a comparison between the two quickly shows. So here he is, now we have to identify him. In order to do this, we are going to note 10 identifying characteristics found in this chapter, and then apply them to the only figure that could fit all 10 identifiers. Simple enough! Let’s get started... (Remember to give the characteristic *and* the corresponding verse.)

<u>The Identifying Marks</u>	<u>The verse(s)</u>
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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.