

THE MYSTERY OF PROPHECY EXPLAINED

PART TWO - LAYING THE FOUNDATION (CONT)

LESSON 30: The doctrine of the Antichrist is prophetic. God's prophets understand it, teach it and preach it. God's people understand it, despite Satan's attempts to deceive them by perverting the truth.

- And they that understand among the people will instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.....
- For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
- For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very Elect.
- Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.
- Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron: forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats.....
- Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now there are many antichrists; whereby we know it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us...But ye have an unction from the Holy One and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.....These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.
- Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth 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.
- And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.
- And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy....
- And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness...

- So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet-colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- The beast that thou sawest was and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition..
- And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.
- I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.
- And out of one of them came forth a little horn...and it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host.....
- And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many. He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.
- And the king shall do according to his will, and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper until the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

LESSON 31: Just as knowledge of the coming Christ was taught throughout the Old Testament in types, figures and shadows, so, too, is knowledge of the Antichrist who was to come.

- Please see this author's booklet, [ANTICHRIST, A Prophetic Catechism for Protestants](#), question 5, "Is Antichrist taught in the Old Testament"?

LESSON 32: Just as Christ's first advent was a mystery, known by the few chosen of God, so, too, is the advent of the Antichrist a mystery and known by the few.

- CHRIST: He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

ANTICHRIST:and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying who is like unto the beast?....

JOHN THE BAPTIST: Art thou he that should come or do we look for another?

LESSON 33: The mystery of the Antichrist is partly due to his subtlety, cunning and Christian profession. He does not attack Christ openly as a professed enemy. If he did, there would be no mystery.

- For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
- For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.
- Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.
- For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

LESSON 34: The mystery of the Antichrist is partly due to the great power of Satan to deceive.

- And then shall that wicked be revealed....even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders....

LESSON 35: The mystery of the Antichrist is also due to unbelief, the love of sin and the lies of the Wicked. And finally, it is due to the strong delusion sent by God to those who refuse to believe the truth of the matter: that he *is* the Man of Sin and that his works *are* evil.

-And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe the lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

LESSON 36: As Jesus mirrors His Father, and His disciples mirror Jesus, we can learn much about the Antichrist and his people by examining the doctrine and methods of Satan.

- CHRIST: Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

CHRISTIANS: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

SATAN AND HIS SEED: If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father...If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God....Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth...he is a liar, and the father of it.

LESSON 37: Just as Satan was once entrusted with great authority in God's administration before his betrayal of the Lord, so, too, is the Antichrist one who held great authority in the kingdom of God. Judas Iscariot, the son of perdition, is our New Testament example.

- SATAN: Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast on the holy mountain of God....Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.....

How thou art fallen, O Lucifer, son of the morning. How thou art cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations.

JUDAS ISCARIOT: Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me...He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it.

ANTICHRIST: For many shall come in my name...Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except their come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.

THE CHURCH OF ANTICHRIST: And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen...for all nations have drunk the wine of the wrath of her fornication.....

LESSON 38: It is Satan's eternal desire and mission to usurp the authority and worship due the Lord our God and his Christ. This he accomplishes through the Antichrist, his most perfect and greatest deception. Christ and Antichrist contrasted.

- THE VANITY OF SATAN: For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...I will be like the most High.
- THE VANITY OF ANTICHRIST:that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- THE VANITY OF ANTICHRIST'S PEOPLE: And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition....Therefore, when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward....And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.....Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. For ye devour widows' houses and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.
- THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But he made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross....
- THE HUMILITY OF TRUE CHRISTIANS: Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.....But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
- SATAN RECEIVES WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORLD'S WORSHIP OF HIS ANTICHRIST: And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast....
- GOD THE FATHER RECEIVES WORSHIP THROUGH THE ELECT'S WORSHIP OF HIS CHRIST: That all should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him....I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- ANTICHRIST'S FALSE PROPHETS DIRECT THE WORLD TO WORSHIP HIM AND HIS IMAGE: And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
- CHRIST'S PROPHETS DIRECT THE WORLD TO WORSHIP GOD ALONE: And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that

dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him.....

- SATAN MASQUERADES AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT: And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
- SO DOES THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE: Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.
- SATAN IS A LIAR, PERVERTING THE WORD OF GOD: Yea, hath God said.....? Ye shall surely not die.
- ANTICHRIST IS A LIAR, PERVERTING THE WORD OF GOD: And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies...and he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that swell in heaven.
- ANTICHRIST'S PEOPLE ARE LIARS, PERVERTING THE WORD OF GOD: Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
- CHRIST IS THE TRUTH AND SPEAKS NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH: Verily, verily, I say unto you.....I am the truth....
- TRUE CHRISTIANS LOVE THE TRUTH, SEEK THE TRUTH AND FOLLOW THE TRUTH: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.....If ye love me, keep my commandments
- SATAN IS A DESTROYER: The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.
- ANTICHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE ARE DESTROYERS: And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle....and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And their tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon [Destroyer], but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon [Destroyer].
- CHRIST GIVES LIFE ETERNAL TO HIS PEOPLE: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish...This is the true God and eternal life.
- TRUE CHRISTIANS RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE BY FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- SATAN DECEIVES THE WORLD AS TO THE TRUE IDENTITY OF HIS ANTICHRIST: And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world....And they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?....And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him.....The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition; and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder....when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

- SATAN DECEIVES THE WORLD AS TO THE TRUE IDENTITY OF ANTICHRIST'S CHURCH, MYSTERY BABYLON: Come hither; and I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters; with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.....And when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

- ANTICHRIST DECEIVES THE WORLD INTO BELIEVING HE IS AN ANOINTED CHRISTIAN LEADER WHO COMES VESTED IN THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST: Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many....For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.....and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition....he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

LESSON 39: God's people, the Elect, cannot ultimately be deceived by the Antichrist.

- For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.....

- But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.....

-and no man could learn that song but the 144,000 which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth...and in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.....

- And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.....

- But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things.....Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.....

LESSON 40: Because our Lord promises the Elect cannot be deceived, those church leaders who claim Christ, yet disbelieve the testimony of Scripture and God's prophets as to the true identity of the Antichrist and his people, teaching error for truth, are not saved. They may be reprobate, never to be saved.

-they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

- He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.
- And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose name were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

LESSON 41: We know professing Christianity is in darkness and deep apostasy because few know the true identity of the Antichrist and his harlot church. Jesus predicted as much.

- And I beheld when he opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake: and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth.....
- Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall deceive many...and many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
- Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
- Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus.

LESSON 42: Both Christ and the Antichrist have several names to describe their persons and offices.

- CHRIST: The Savior
ANTICHRIST: The Destroyer
- CHRIST: The King
ANTICHRIST: The little horn
- CHRIST: The Son of God
ANTICHRIST: The son of perdition

- CHRIST: The Son of man
ANTICHRIST: The Man of Sin
- CHRIST: The Lamb of God
ANTICHRIST: The Beast from the abyss
- CHRIST: The Prophet
ANTICHRIST: The False Prophet
- CHRIST: The Good Shepherd
ANTICHRIST: The Idol Shepherd
- CHRIST: The Resurrection and the Life
ANTICHRIST: Death, and Hell followed with him
- CHRIST: A sign which shall be spoken against; that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.
ANTICHRIST: His lying signs shall be embraced; that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.
- CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE: The Seed of the Woman
ANTICHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE: The Seed of the Serpent
- THE BRIDE OF CHRIST: A Virgin, a great mystery, the Church
THE BRIDE OF ANTICHRIST: The Great Whore, Mystery Babylon, the Mother of All Harlots

LESSON 43: The Lord God has promised hatred and war, *not* love and peace, between Christ and Antichrist, true Christians and false Christians.

- And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed.
- Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
- And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars...
- But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

- We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed...
- Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.
- Fight the good fight of faith....
- And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

LESSON 44: God's prophets are killed for exposing the Antichrist. They are murdered by the Antichrist and his ministers.

- And I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them....And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High....
- And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.
- Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
- And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
- Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him.....And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them.
- And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given to every one of them: and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.
- After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands....And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

LESSON 45: The murderers are not the true Christians. They are the false Christians, the Seed of the Serpent.

LESSON 46: Their innocent victims are the true Christians, the Seed of the Woman.

LESSON 47: The false Christians obey and follow their head, the Antichrist, who is a murderer.

LESSON 48: The true Christians obey and follow their Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was murdered.

LESSON 49: History testifies to the identities of the murderers and their victims. The records of their acts and words are preserved for us to this day. It is no mystery to those who look objectively at the facts and overwhelming evidence.

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