

RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: I John: Chapter 2

Insight From The Word

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Antichrist! The term has become a 'buzz' word in Christian circles for an evil, menacing force which may appear any moment, to fulfill the signs and prophecies of the book of Revelation. But, the word **antichrist** only occurs in the Scripture in I John. That apostle writes "Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even how many antichrists have come." (I John 2:18, N.I.V.) It was common knowledge, then, that one particular person would appear as antichrist, but he had not yet been revealed. That person was probably the one referred to by Daniel (11:36-39), and is surely described by the Lord Jesus and the Apostle Paul. Our Lord warned his disciples "At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles..." (Matthew 24:23-24).

The word **antichrist** does not mean 'someone who opposes Jesus Christ'. Though that is certainly true, as far as it goes. The **anti-** prefix originally meant 'to take the place of', 'to supplant'; so, an antichrist is someone who wants to take Christ's place in honor and glory. And down through the pages of church history, many false Christs (messiahs) have been identified, including early Roman emperors Nero and Diocletian, some heretics, and political leaders like Adolph Hitler or Idi Amin. Martin Luther even declared one of the popes to be the antichrist! But, the antichrist spoken of by the Apostle John is still to come.

Our Sunday school lesson (next Sunday in the uniform series) describes the antichrist as a "man of sin" (KJV) or "man of lawlessness" (NIV). Paul wrote in II THESSALONIANS 2:1-15 to calm the fears of the Christians there, that the end times ("the day of the Lord", verse 2) had already fallen on them, and that God

would not deliver them. You see, Paul had already told them to look forward to Christ's return—to "be alert and self-controlled" (I Thess. 5:6)—because, "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (verse 2). Now they were getting confused by false teachers, who were claiming that Paul was saying the day of the Lord had already come (II Thess. 2:1-2), and somehow they'd missed the raputle!

Paul wanted his friends in Thessalonica to have a clear understanding about the future. If we read carefully, we also can have a clear understanding of God's plans in the last days. This passage, in a modern translation, I recommend to be necessary reading, along with the King James Version.

First, a great "falling away" will occur (better translated "rebellion" or "apostasy", verse 3). Since there have always been some who have turned away after once confessing Christ, we know this future apostasy must be very great, and probably sudden. I believe that this apostasy will follow the rapture of the true believers, described in I THESSALONIANS 4:13-17. Second, the antichrist, a real "son of perdition", doomed to destruction, will enjoy a time of prominence, claiming the power and glory which belong to God alone (II Thess. 2:4). Finally, he will be destroyed with just a word from the mouth of the Lord Jesus (verse 8).

Let's not make the mistake of reading bible prophecies only for curiosity or pride of knowledge. The antichrist has not yet come, but there are many antichrists, today—deceiving and leading many good religious folk astray. If you hear a person claiming to be a new "incarnation" of the Christ, you can be sure he is not from God. Don't get tangled in his error—it will only bring your own destruction. Instead, hold on to Jesus and his WORD.

In Memory Of . . .



Raymond Bell
Nov. 1, 1968 - Oct. 20, 1989

Raymond "Ray" Bell was born November 1, 1968 in Portland, Oregon. He departed this life October 20, 1989.

Ray attended Peninsula grade school, Jesuit high school his freshman year and then transferred to Reynolds high school where he graduated. He attended Chemeketa community college for one year and was currently attending Clacka-

mas community college. Ray enjoyed life to the fullest, and often liked to joke with his friends and family. Ray was a very sensitive and loving person. He loved his family very much.

Raymond also loved the game of basketball and played the game very well. His dream was to become a professional basketball player. His basketball skills began at an early age at Columbia boy's club where he starred in many tournaments. This was the beginning of many awards and trophies throughout his career.

Raymond is survived by his mother, Vicki Bell; father, John Bell; father, Raymond Snell; brothers, Randy and Greg; sister, Karen Bell. His grandparents, Walter and Pearlina Adams, Louis and Liza Bell. Aunts, Christine, Mary, Seliva, Charlene and Nobli. Uncles, Walter Jr., Alton, Thurman, Tommy. And a host of cousins and friends.

The family acknowledges with grateful appreciation your loving concern, encouragement, support, help and prayers.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your many deeds of kindness during our time of sorrow.

The Prayer

Spirit of God, invisible but ever near, our souls aspire to Thee in adoring worship. Thou art the Life of our life. We trust Thee—who art fully made known in Jesus Christ. In sorrow we confess our unworthiness. And we plead for Thy fatherly forgiveness. It is good—and we rejoice—to live in Thy visible world. Its beauty enralls us. Its majesty awes us. Its wonder speaks to us of Thee. It is better—and we rejoice the more—to live in the world of spirit, the world which Thou dost fill with Thine eternal presence; Father, of Thy presence over us, round about us, in us. We pray, in love, for our fellow men. We are sure of Thy love for them. Thy love surpasseth all our understanding. We pray for the suffering, that they may find their pain assuaged by thoughts of Thee; for the needy, that their helplessness and hunger may move to wise and joyful for those who are enslaved and dwarfed and tortured by their own sins, that they may find freedom and enlargement and peace in Thee. Give us perfect hearts to do Thy will in the earth, O God. And then do Thou Thy will with us forever. Amen.

—C.M. Bishop

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For more information, call (503) 288-3223.

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Rev. Milton Green, pastor
(503) 288-5429

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