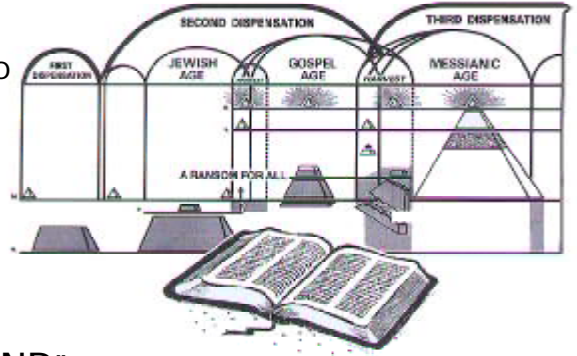




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VOLUME 2
 "THE TIME IS AT HAND"
 Study 9 "The Man of Sin—Antichrist"

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- ◆ It is realized that many details are omitted in this study, but hopefully the many highlights presented will be of help to you in proving that Papacy is the Antichrist.
- ◆ **BEFORE** filling in the blanks, please prayerfully **study** the 241 paragraphs and the scriptures cited with the questions. We suggest that you number the paragraphs in your book.
- ◆ Return your answers to us. **PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.** Our Canadian and International friends may make special arrangements for the postage.
- ◆ Your answers will be checked and returned to you for your future studies.
- ◆ **STUDY 10** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1,2. (a) Has the day of the Lord already begun to dawn? _____

(b) Is it prophesied that the Man of Sin would first rise, develop, and prosper before the Day of the Lord began? _____

(c) The Man of Sin is being destroyed by the _____ shining of our Lord's presence.

3. Was the Antichrist principle already working in the Apostle Paul's day? _____

4. (a) Are professed Christians inclined to forget and dread the promise that our Lord would come again? _____

(b) Did the early church look for our Lord's return anxiously? _____

5. (a) Paul wrote the second letter to the Thessalonians to _____ their error of thinking that our Lord had already returned in their day.

(b) His second letter stated;
 Let no man delude you, by any means; because the falling away (apostasy) must first come, and there must be _____ that Man of _____, the son of destruction..."

(c) This system (the Man of Sin) is to be annihilated by the bright shining of our Lord's parousia (_____).

(d) Was Paul given visions and revelations? _____

6. Is Christ's second presence revealed by the sounding of a literal trumpet and reeling tombstones? _____

7. Are we now living in the day of our Lord's second presence? _____

8,9. (a) Paul calls the Antichrist system, "the man of _____", "that wicked _____", the mystery of _____", and "the son of _____". 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8

(b) Daniel calls this wicked system the abomination that maketh desolate, and it was shown to him as a little _____ or power out of a terrible beast which had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things.... (Daniel 11:31; 12:11; 7:8,21)

(c) Our Lord referred to the same character as the abomination of desolation, (Matthew 24:15) and also as a beast. (Revelation 13:1-8)

(d) Did John warn the church against Antichrist? (1 John 2:18-27) _____

(e) Does a large part of the book of Revelation contain a symbolic prophecy concerning Antichrist? _____

10. Was the base, subtle, hypocritical, deceptive, tyrannical and cruel Antichrist system developed in the midst of the Christian church? _____

11. (a) Is the Man of Sin a system or an individual? _____

(b) Does the Antichrist system counterfeit the authority and reign of the true Lord and his church? _____

12. Since 1799 the Antichrist system is being _____ by the spirit of the Lord's mouth (the truth) and will be utterly _____ during this day of the Lord's wrath.

13-15. Is it absurd to claim that the predictions regarding the Antichrist system will be accomplished by one literal man? _____

16,17. The Greek word "theos" (god) signifies a _____ one, a ruler, and especially a _____ or sacerdotal ruler.

18-20. Does Paul declare that the day of our Lord's presence could not come until the Man of Sin has been revealed? _____

21. Is the Antichrist system one of the heathen systems of religion? _____

22. The falling away from the true Christian faith had its stealthy beginning in the days of the _____.

23. The apostate church united with her lord and head, the pope, is the Antichrist or Man of _____ (a religious empire, falsely styled Christendom.)

24. The Gospel age is appointed for the selection of the _____,

25. Has nominal Christianity been embraced by many who have not entered into the spirit of its institution? _____

26. (a) Gradually the spirit of the church became _____.

(b) The worldly church wanted success, without the Lord, under the headship of a line of _____.

(c) Did Satan lead from one evil and error to another, both of doctrine and practice? _____

27. (a) Is it a mistake to suppose that to be conscientious is always to be right? _____

(b) Did Papacy deceive the kings of the earth for hundreds of years? _____

(c) Who planted and watered the seeds of error and developed the greatest and most influential system the world has ever known? _____

28. (a) The name "Antichrist" has a twofold significance: 1. _____; i.e., in opposition to Christ; 2. _____ (i.e. a counterfeit) of Christ.

(b) The Scriptures apply the term Antichrist as against, in the sense of a _____, taking the place of the true Christ.

29,30. Papacy is an enemy or opponent of Christ in that it falsely bears his name, _____ his kingdom, and misrepresents his _____, plans, and doctrines before the world.

31-45. (a) Do historians trace the falling away of the church from its original simplicity and purity, step by step, down to its deep degradation which culminated in the development of the "Man of Sin"? _____

(b) The mission of the church was lost sight of in a degrading alliance with the _____.

46-53. (a) For a time Pagan _____ stood in the way of the aspirations of Papal _____.

(b) The iniquitous ambition of Papal _____ was hindered for a time because the _____ aspired to was already filled by another.

(c) The emperor of Rome was styled

"Pontifex Maximus" - i.e. chief _____ or greatest religious _____.

(d) "Pontifex Maximus" is the title given to the _____ of Rome.

(e) Not one of the Roman emperors ever exercised the _____ of some of their successors on the Papal throne.

(f) It is a reasonable supposition that Constantine adopted _____ to strengthen his empire.

(g) Under Constantine's reign the apostate Church of Christ was assisted to a place of popularity and _____.

54-57. By the time of Constantine, a great falling _____ had occurred and errors, such as the doctrine of everlasting torment, had drawn a vast _____ into the church.

58-64. (a) Under Constantine's reign all hindrance was finally removed, and the organization of _____ was speedily effected.

(b) At the time of Theodosius there were 1800 _____, several of whom, had their eye on the title "Pontifex Maximus".

(c) Within 50 years from the time Christianity was legally established, the wealth and power of the bishop of _____ was very great.

(d) In A.D. 455, Leo (the bishop of Rome) exclaimed to the Vandals, "Beware!...I hold in my hands the curses of _____ and the benedictions of _____."

(e) In the course of time the bishop of Rome claimed a _____ to all other bishops, governors, and rulers.

65-70 (a) Of the period of Antichrist from 539 A.D. to 1799 A.D., the first _____ years mark the rise of temporal power, the last _____ years mark its waning under the influence of the Reformation and civilization, and the intermediate period of _____ centuries embraces Papacy's glory time and the "_____ ages" of the world.

(b) The exaltation of the true church is not to be a blood-stained and crime-polluted throne, such as the throne of _____.

(c) The real church of Christ in those corrupt times, as wheat, was permitted to grow in the midst of a field overrun with _____ and experienced much persecution.

71. (a) The Man of Sin, born in Rome, was at first opposed, but gradually raised himself up to _____.

(b) Daniel's prophecy predicted that as "a little horn", it would come up out of the head of that old "great and terrible" Roman _____. (Daniel 7:8)

72-79. (a) The definition of Antichrist as used in the scriptures is "in the place of, _____ of..."

(b) Papacy claims to be the glorified kingdom of Christ and applies to itself and its successive heads (the _____) all those passages of the prophets which describe the Millennial glory of _____.

(c) Psalm 2:12 applies to the present when the great ones of _____ are being tested by their willingness or _____ to bow to the righteous regulations.

(d) As a counterfeit the great Antichrist has misrepresented the _____ of God with reference to the selection of a "little _____" and has entirely set aside the real hope of the church and the Lord's provision for the blessing of the _____ during the mediatorial reign of Christ.

(e) Have the nominal churches invented theories to frighten and drive the world into a profession of godliness? _____

(f) The greatness, grandeur, and necessity of Christ's Millennial _____ must be seen before the greatness of the Antichrist counterfeit can be appreciated.

(g) The Antichrist system is _____ workmanship.

(h) God has permitted the Antichrist system to do havoc to the truth because it has been a means to thoroughly _____ the truly consecrated and their faithfulness to God's _____.

80-82. Study the table on page 303 regarding the church of God in its true type, the reality, and the counterfeit.

83-94.(a) Antichrist's great swelling _____ or blasphemies, cover the whole period of his long career. (Revelation 13:5,6; Daniel 7:8,25)

(b) The word "blasphemy", in its true significance, is applicable to any _____ offered to God.

(c) God's character has been blasphemed in the thousand monstrous _____, bulls, and decretals issued in his name, by the long line of those who claimed, as vicegerents, to _____ his Son.

(d) Approximately _____ blasphemous titles have been applied to the Pope, (See page 307) and have been received by the Roman pontiffs with marked _____.

95-112. (a) Did the Antichrist "think to change times and laws"? (Daniel 7:25) _____

(b) Error of doctrine produces _____.

(c) Is it the constant claim of Papacy that its doctrines are unchangeable? _____

(d) Soon the bright shining of our Lord's _____ will utterly _____ the vain-glorious counterfeit and wholly free the world from the chains of the delusive claims and errors of Antichrist.

113-137. (a) Are the presumptuous claims of more recent times the same as those of the Dark Ages? _____

(b) Is the doctrine of the Mass an abomination in the sight of the Lord? _____

(c) The Bible and reason had to be interpreted and _____ to match the infallible decrees of fallible _____.

(d) Papacy, while professing to reverence the Bible, has proscribed God's word entirely, as unfit to be _____ and dangerous to the _____.

(e) The translations of the Bible by Wycliffe, Tyndale and Luther were not approved by Papacy, but the work went grandly and steadily _____.

(f) In the course of time the church of Rome permitted the translation of the scriptures into modern languages by Catholic _____, accompanied with Catholic _____.

(g) Ignorance and _____ are Papacy's bulwarks; schools and _____ have ever been Antichrist's unendurable enemies, and would not be tolerated, except as they became necessities.

138-154 (a) Papacy's doctrine of the inherent immortality of man led to the conclusion that if existence must continue _____, the wicked would have a life of suffering in hell.

(b) Purgatory was brought in to give Antichrist a firmer hold upon the _____.

(c) Masses for the dead became a source of great _____ to Antichrist.

(d) Indulgences are _____ of merit which offset or _____ a certain number of days or years of purgatorial anguish.

(e) The people speedily got to understand that so much money _____ for so much sin.

(f) Tetzel said, "Pay, only pay largely and you shall be _____."

155-216. (a) The papal counterfeit kingdom used every means that could be thought of to crush out the very spirit of true _____.

(b) Error, always more popular than the truth, when exalted to influence and power, made disreputable the _____.

(c) For 1260 years the true church (woman) fled into the _____ - an outcast because of her fidelity to the _____ and the true Head of the church. (Revelation 12:6)

(d) The persecutions of the Christians under Pagan _____ were not worthy of comparison with those under _____ Rome.

(e) Were the victims burned by tyrant Nero comparatively few? _____

(f) Were the persecutions of Papacy reduced to a regular system, animated by religious fanaticism and scheming ambition, and inspired with a Satanic zeal, energy, and cruelty unparalleled in the annals of history? _____

(g) Kings and princes trembled for the _____

_____ of their crowns and were not tardy in their efforts to comply with the _____ of the Papacy.

(h) Resistance to Papacy was made only by a faithful _____.

(i) Opposers of Romanism were hunted and hated and _____ with pitiless fury by papal emissaries.

(j) Were many thousands of Protestants executed under the direction of Papacy in various cruel ways? _____

(k) Did Antichrist find extreme satisfaction in these dreadful scenes of carnage? _____

(l) Was St. Dominic a monster devoid of every feeling of compassion? _____

(m) The "Holy Office" employed _____ to watch the process of torture and stop it when _____ seemed likely, and then after the victim partially recovered the torture was applied a second or even a third time.

(n) It is estimated that Papacy, during a period of 1300 years directly or indirectly caused the death of _____ millions of people.

(o) A few of the fiendish atrocities by Papacy were _____, drowning, stabbing, starving, and shooting; molten lead was poured into ears, tongues were cut out, others were hammered to pieces on _____ etc., etc.

(p) Why did kings, emperors, and the people at large permit such atrocities? The answer is found in Revelation 18:3: The nations were _____ (stupefied); they lost their senses in drinking the mixed wine (doctrine - false and true mixed) given them by the apostate church.

(q) Should all who possess the spirit of the true Christ readily recognize Papacy as a counterfeit.

217-229. (a) The Papal counterfeit kingdom began in A.D. _____ and lasted for a thousand years.

(b) Romanists regard the close of their Millennium as the time when _____ was to be loosed for a little season.

(c) Although Papacy was set up in power in A.D. _____, yet it was _____ who was the first emperor over the "Holy Roman Empire" (A.D. 800).

(d) About A.D. 50, there was a beginning of the _____ working of the iniquitous ambition of Papacy.

(e) The popes came to be recognized as the Head, representing Christ, reigning in the church and over the _____ gradually from about A.D. 300 to 494.

(f) The Reformation began about A.D. _____.

(g) The period of Napoleon's success and the casting aside of the title "Emperor of the _____" by Francis II was A.D. 1800-1806.

230-241. (a) There should remain no doubt in any unbiased mind that Papacy is the _____, the Man of _____.

(b) In 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12, the Apostle Paul declares that our Lord will annihilate Antichrist with the bright shining of his _____.

(c) Since 1874 the devil is making a most desperate _____ to the new order of things about to be established.

(d) Socialists, _____-thinkers, infidels, discontents and _____ liberty-lovers are on one side in this closing struggle and government leaders, _____, etc. are on the other side.

(e) Is Antichrist in close sympathy with the aristocrats? _____

(f) Is Antichrist seeking to win back into sympathy and practical co-operation extremists of all Protestant denominations? _____

(g) Is there now a severe hour of trial and testing of the truly consecrated church? _____

(h) Papacy is the Antichrist, not because of its moral obliquity, but because it is the _____ of the true Christ and the true kingdom.

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