



## **Antichrist, America, and the End of Days**

Let's talk for a moment about the Antichrist.

He will be sent by Satan. You see, Satan is effectively an imitator. He's not an innovator. He imitates. Whatever God does, Satan has his devilish version of, and just as surely as there is a Father in Heaven, there's a Satan from Hell. And just as surely as the Father in Heaven has given us His only begotten Son, Satan in a way will have a son too. If the devil ever had a son, the Antichrist will be him. Antichrist will be history's vilest embodiment of sin and rebellion, but he'll be dripping with charm and charisma. Here's what the Bible teaches about Antichrist.

### **Practical Principles**

1. Antichrist is coming to defy and take the place of Jesus. He'll be a powerful orator. He'll win people over. He'll bring about a temporary global peace and economic solutions. And for some, they'll believe he is their Messiah.
2. He is coming to declare war on believers. He will persecute Jewish people and Christians and he will rule by force.
3. Antichrist is coming to dominate the globe. He'll establish peace, but then he'll become the ultimate man of war. He'll also come at economically difficult times and he will succeed where others have failed.
4. Antichrist will establish global control through a cashless society. Revelation 13:17 tells us how "no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast."

## Relevant Reminders

- Remember this: God is sovereign over all of history. History is a blip on the screen of eternity. God will have the final word and it will be good.
- Antichrist's power comes from Satan. He's the devil disciple. He is Lucifer's leader. He's Satan's son.
- What is the restraining force in the world today that keeps evil from spreading wholesale? It's Christians—Christians who stand up for what is true.

## Applicable Actions

We need to study Bible prophecy because if we understand it, it will impact us in the way that we live. What does it mean to me in real life? It means we should not be looking for Antichrist; we should be looking for Jesus Christ. It means you'll see your loved ones who have died in Christ. That is a great hope that we have as followers of Jesus—to be caught up in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, to meet them and to meet the Lord.