

## **A Biblical Profile of the Antichrist: PROFILE #12 – CONCLUSION**

Every Christian is entitled to their own perspective regarding Bible prophecy and how it is to be fulfilled. However, we do not possess the license to manufacture our own facts. In this study, it has been my sincere desire to interpret the facts of Scripture on a literal level. In addition, I have found it particularly difficult to remain oblivious to the current events of our time and the manner in which they harmonize with the prophetic Word of God. Insulating oneself in a cocoon of Christian sub-culture can greatly limit our awareness of what God is doing in our world.

I have become increasingly convinced that we are living at the very end of the Church Age. The warning of the apostle John in 1 John 2:18 is more relevant now, than ever. I simply can't ignore how the stage is being set for the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. In addition, my most recent foray into this area of God's Word has thoroughly persuaded me that the Church will not be going through the Tribulation. It is the time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7), as well as the final and seventieth week, decreed exclusively for Daniel's people, the nation of Israel (Daniel 9:24-27).

The practical and prophetic point of application for all of us, as a result of this study? We should not be looking for the coming of Antichrist, but for the appearing of Jesus Christ. We can be confident that it will occur in two phases; with Phase One involving the Rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Phase Two will occur seven years later with our Lord's physical return to earth; terminating the rule and reign of Antichrist, bringing the Tribulation period to a conclusion, as our Savior establishes His Millennial Kingdom on earth (Revelation 19:11-20:6). Our days in this current world are becoming more and more like the days of Noah before the Flood, as revealed by Israel's Messiah in Matthew 24:36-39 –

**“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”**

So stop rationalizing about Matthew 24:36. Of course we don't know the day nor the hour! In no way should we be issuing predictions about next Monday at 3PM. However, my hope and prayer is that this series on the Antichrist, and the Bible's depiction of just the kind of man he will be, has aroused some of you out of your prophetic cluelessness and intensified your awareness of the monumental time in which we are living; putting our trust ever more fully in the only One who is worthy of it: Jesus Christ – our Savior, Lord and soon coming King!