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## The Rise and Character of The Man Of Sin

### Introduction

This morning in conversation I was asked a question, “Do we all have a dark side?” The answer is “Yes” for we all have a sinful nature clothed with hypocrisy and deep seated sin. Due to hereditariness we are automatically under condemnation with sin woven into our very personality. Within each human being is the possibility of the most dreadful wickedness and evil. Therefore, when we consider the man whom the scriptures call “the man of sin” (2 Thess. 2:3) and “that Wicked” (2 Thess. 2:8), he is the personification of the natural sinful man reaching its zenith in every aspect of evil. That does not mean he will be an ugly grotesque person but no doubt will have a pleasing personality filled with earthy wisdom, self magnifying and fully anti God. He will not be an agnostic or atheist for he presents himself as God. What he will be is a master in oratory, able to sway the people, and have arguments which for the vulnerable will suppress the truth of God. His associate will fully support him doing miracles. He will be an intellectual giant in blasphemy.

### What is the difference between a “false Christ” and “antichrist?”

The term “antichrist” occurs in four verses, all in the singular except in 1 John 2:18 where it appears in both singular and plural. “False christs” is only in Matthew 24:24 and Mark 13:22).

- a) There is a problem with the words “anti” as it can indicate “against” or “instead of”.
- b) In 1 John the teaching of antichrist is the rejection that God became man and that the truth (according to antichrist) is man can become God. Trench, in His book “Synonyms of the New Testament”, writes “Antichrist” denies there is a Christ. The false Christ proclaims He is the promised Christ. I go a little further for the Lord said in John 5:43, “I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.” This indicates the deep seated apostasy among the Jews and that ultimately, this will be a man who in setting himself up as God in the temple of God and is both anti God and anti Christ.

### The earthly environment and Heavenly control

No leader ever rises spontaneously, there has to be an environment which allows them to come to the fore. Therefore, for this man to come to the fore there has to be a certain environment which could be politically, morally, economically, nationally, internationally, financially or all combined. His rise to the position of supremacy and preeminence must be considered from the earthly environment of the will of man and the divine sovereignty of God.

- a) The first in chronological activity will be the removal of the Holy Spirit as the Restrainer of evil. With the church gone the Holy Spirit does not leave for He must be here to convict individuals of sin, the need of salvation, and the altogether finished work of the Lord. That is a work He will continue to do on earth. However, as we see even today, just as an airline pilot has a controlled drop when an aircraft is coming to land, so the Spirit of God is controlling to the debasing depravity of men in satanic wickedness and foolishness. However, when the Holy Spirit is “taken out of the way” (removed), or putting it another way, no longer hinders the development of evil, then the base heart of man will erupt in anti God, anti Christ, anti Holy Spirit. Their wickedness will be directed against those who are the Lord's.
- b) With the Holy Spirit no longer curtailing the degradation of wickedness, moral debasement will not only be accepted but celebrated, savagery in brutality will develop, human life will mean nothing to be valued. The scriptures inform us that there is coming a time when the characteristics of humanity will be as in the days of Noah and Lot. In those ancient times the characteristics which marked humanity were the rejecting of the warning of coming judgment. Therefore, the rejection of the message of salvation, the continuing of lives of perversity and of violence. While we in 2022 see gross wickedness abounding, we have not seen those aspects of evil fully developed. From that morally debased society all will be in confusion and more than ever there is a yearning for a man to take control of the world's situation. From what I see today, it will be a man who is possibly a homosexual, “Neither shall he regard the God of his

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fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all” (Dan. 11:37) and supportive of every unholy alliance and association.

- c) The spiritual environment of the world is being readied for this man. It will not come suddenly but in the governments of the world, the sports world, the entertainment world and are now, by satanic spirits, being prepared for that man. Why is the world in such confusion and unrest? Simply because they have rejected God and replaced Him with Satan, the hosts of Satanic energy and spiritual blindness. Apart from the present increasing depravity of humanity, the world is already looking for this man. For instance:
- i) Paul-Henri Spaak who died in 1972, saw the need for such a man. He was a former Belgian Prime minister and a major planner in the European Common Market. *“We do not want another committee, we have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people and to lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man and be he god or devil, we will receive him.”*
  - ii) Woody Allen said, *“More than any other time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness. The other, to total extinction”.*

### The Great Reset

- 1) Many today are unaware that the unification has already begun. The Covid-19 crisis and the political, economic and social disruptions it has caused, and added to it the riots in major cities against that which is good and God’s righteousness has all a common source. The mighty Russia had been humbled by the little country of Ukraine. Canada and the United States is morally and socially falling at an alarming rate. What is happening? The Spirit of God is slowly releasing His hindering of the powers of evil and thereby letting man live without God. Satan is behind the chaos in the world and from various avenues preparing the world for the man of sin.
- 2) Some of the focuses of the Reset are the unification of the world by fundamentally changing the traditional context for decision-making, eradicate the distinction between male and female, subject children to satanic teachings of wickedness in schools, eradicate the distinction between capitalism and communism by taking from the wealthy and giving to those who do not work and making all equal. Leaders find themselves at a historic crossroads managing short-term pressures against medium and long-term uncertainties.
- 3) This is not just Europe. All the world is looking for a man who is a statesman of unflinching determination, having an unsurpassable resolution to be the world leader who will not countenance any opposition, and broadly acceptable to all political parties.

### The Heavenly Perspective

On the heavenly perspective, God is on the Throne in perfect control of everything. There is brought to God our Lord Jesus, the man the earth’s leaders rejected and put on a cross. His words will come to fulfilment, “I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive” (Jn. 5:43), that one is the man of sin. When the Lord opens the first seal, then and only then, the man of sin arises coming to the fore.

### The man of sin, descriptive terms

God uses a number of descriptive terms for this individual, some of which are:

- a) The Little Horn (Dan. 7:8)
- b) The Prince that shall come (Dan. 9:26)
- c) The profane wicked prince (Ezek. 21:25-27)
- d) The man of sin (2 Thess. 2:3)
- e) The son of perdition (2 Thess. 2:3)
- f) The Wicked one (2 Thess. 2:8)
- g) The antichrist (1 Jn. 2:22)
- h) The willful king (Dan. 11:36)

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- i) The king of fierce countenance (Dan. 8:23)
- j) The beast (Rev. 13)
- k) The vile person (Dan. 11:21)

### His ending

No matter how magnificent he thinks he is, no matter how unstoppable the earth dwellers think he is, this evil man is nothing but a measurement of dust. He can boast, blaspheme, mock God but his end will come in public humiliation and frightening judgment. God reveals his end:

- a) “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders” (2 Thess. 2:7-9).
  
- b) “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 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. 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. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh” (Rev. 19:11-21).

This man and his associate will not physically die but will, in a moment of time, be taken from this earth and in a split second be for all eternity in the Lake of Fire under the unrelenting fury of God’s judgment. Those who follow him, either now in spirit or in time to come in the flesh, will suffer the same fate. Wise is the individual who now accepts the sacrifice of the Lord as the only way to escape the wrath to come.

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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