The Corporate Antichrist

Introduction

I have written papers explaining my contention that the Antichrist is not a single dictator for decades. I have explained this in detail in papers such as: 'The Antichrist: Who is it? What is it? What is his strategy? When does he arise?' (2005).

Today we are seeing a rise of interest in Christianity amongst alternative media groups with a particular fascination for the subject of the Antichrist. For 2,000 years each generation has identified a certain enemy of the church as the Antichrist: the Pope, Nero, Domitian, Muhammad, Napoleon, Hitler, Stalin, and many more. Such speculation is rife today with suggestions ranging from Trump to Putin. These postulations distract people from seeing the truth. The breadth of contenders for the title throughout history ought to be a warning to avoid such nonsense.

This will be a simple, concise paper explaining what Antichrist really is and why it is important to understand this.

The Biblical mentions of 'Antichrist'

There are few mentions of the word 'Antichrist' plus a few synonyms. 'Antichrist' appears in these texts:

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the **Antichrist** is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. 1 Jn 2:18-19

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist** who denies the Father and the Son. $1\,\mathrm{Jn}\ 2{:}22$

Every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the **Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. 1 $Jn\ 4:3$

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an **antichrist**. $2\ Jn\ 1:7$

The essence of the word 'antichrist' is someone opposing Christ, or possibly replacing Christ (in order to oppose him). This would comply with Jesus' warning of many false Christs would appear at the end: 'false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect', (Matt 24:24).

If antichrists equate to false christs then there are many of them in the history of the church. An antichrist is not something special or unique to the end; 'Many antichrists have come'. Sometimes an antichrist is a woman, such as Mother Ann Lee of the Shakers who declared that she was the Messiah.

The character is mentioned only by John who was facing persecution and severe opposition to the Gospel in his later life at the end of the first century. Yet John says:

- There were many antichrists who were wolves that came out of the early church and opposed it. Compare Paul, 'Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves'; (Acts 20:30).
- Anyone denying that Jesus is the Messiah is an antichrist.
- Heretics are empowered by the spirit of antichrist; demonic liars that were already in the world at the time of John.
- Many deceivers denying Jesus as Lord were antichrists.

None of this points to a single individual emerging at the end as a world dictator.

Paul explains the details of the end more than any other writer other than the Lord himself; and he never mentions the title.

So are there grounds for using this title to apply to the final world emperor?

Types of the Antichrist

These are uncertain and vague suggestions including: Cain, Lamech, Chedorlaomer, Pharaoh, Abimelech or Absalom. In other words people in power that led apostasy, rebellion and opposition to God's people. But there is no shortage of such enemies of God's people and not all can be a type of Antichrist.

Perhaps the key contender is the first empire builder after the Flood, Nimrod. His name means 'let us revolt' and he is described as *gibbor* ('mighty one') which derives from 'to be strong' or 'insolent', which may derive from the word for 'tyrant'. He is twice stated to be a 'mighty hunter', where the Hebrew suggests that it was men that Nimrod hunted. We also know that he originated the post-deluge occult idolatrous system in Sumeria, the birthplace of civilisation and false religion.

So Nimrod built the first key cities and formed an empire that was devoted to idolatry and occultism and he ruled as a tyrant, hunting down people. Thus Nimrod is a type of all heathen emperors that followed, especially those who rebelled against God's law and who oppressed God's people. We could make a long list of these.

Now we know that Satan sought to build a world empire many times in history but was prevented from succeeding by the restraining hand of God (Rev 20:1-3). He was not allowed to deceive the nations into forming a world empire until released at the end for the final deception and fulness of sin (2 Thess 2:3-4). The goal of Satan is a proxy empire governing the whole world but this is not necessarily done through a single dictator.

Thus Nimrod is a type of a rebellious and ruthless king. He may symbolise the characteristics of individuals in the end but there is no hard evidence that there will be a single dictator called Antichrist ruling the end-time government from typology.

The synonyms

The Man of Sin

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition. 2 Thess 2:3

'Man of sin' equals fulness of sin; promoting sin. Contrast that Jesus is the sinless one.

This is the revealing of the man of sin; but is the man a single man? Could Paul not be talking about the revelation of the world of humanity as a corporate man of sin. We certainly know that that is the end goal of Satan. When humanity is fully submitted to the Devil and his proxy rulers, then mankind's sin is complete and the end comes when God harvests sinful humanity for judgment.

The revelation of the fulness of sin in mankind is more likely in Paul's mind here.

The son of Perdition (lit. 'destruction')

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 2 Thess 2:3-4

A destroyer. [Note that the only other person called by this name is Judas Iscariot.] Compare that Jesus is the Son of God.

Now this is conclusive. The man of sin or the son of perdition not only opposes God (corporate world sin) but sits as God in the temple of God, pretending to be God. Foolish people rant on about the building of a new temple in Israel where this king will sit but even if it is ever built it is not the temple of God but a foolish human artefact. The temple of God is man (1 Cor 3:16, 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16).

Satan seeks to control mankind and fully dominate it so that it becomes the fulness of satanic objectives. Satan then sits in mankind, taking over God's creation and ruling the Earth – the fulness of his goals. Mankind becomes the completion of satanic rebellion and wickedness. This is the reality of Satan (through proxies) sitting in the temple of God.

This proves that Paul is talking about corporate humanity here. The man of sin is humanity full of sin. The son of perdition is humanity hell-bent on destruction of itself in betrayal (as in Judas) of God.

The Lawless One

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 2 Thess 2:7-10

This represents someone that is against God's law and will; wicked. Contrast that Jesus is the Righteous One.

Now Paul uses the term 'mystery of lawlessness. This is interesting. When Paul mentions the word mystery in a theological context it often has the meaning of a corporate group in a mystical union. Thus the church is a mystery because it is the union of millions of people into Christ, forming his body (Eph 5:32). The church is also a body that receives the glory of Christ (Col 1:27). The mystery of Israel is the inclusion of the Gentiles in the purposes of God (Rm 11:25; Eph 3:6). The mystery of Christ is that he is the human revelation of the Trinity (Col 2:2; 1 Tim 3:16).

So the mystery of lawlessness is a corporate entity manifesting iniquity in unison. This is the human reflection of the wickedness of Satan being manifested on Earth. It is the opposite of the mystery of godliness or the mystery of the church in Christ.

The beast from the sea

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Rev 13:1

The name signifies wild or venomous beast. It refers to political power. Contrast that Jesus is likened to a Lamb.

The following list of characteristics in Rev 13 can be summarised in this way:

- He was given power by the Devil.
- He rose to power swiftly (like a leopard) and crushed people (like a bear) and devoured people (like a lion).
- He was healed of a deadly wound. (I take this to be a reference to paganism.)
- The world followed the beast.
- The world worships Satan through worshipping the beast.
- He blasphemes.
- He wages war against the saints.
- He rules the whole world.

Now none of these items requires being placed in a single individual. They can easily be a corporate function. In fact, the sea refers to pagan, uncivilised nations; this is a rising to prominence of a blasphemous political power out of pagan peoples.

This conclusion is bolstered by the fact that there is not one beast but two.

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. Rev 13:11-12

This is the rise to power of idolatrous religious authority, which bolsters the political rebellious power.

The characteristics of this power are:

- Performance of signs.
- Massive deception.
- Encouraging worshipping the political power.
- He dominates humanity. The mark is the submission of people to the deception of the
 first beast in the mind (forehead) and actions (hand). This is the mind and actions of
 man completely submitted to Satan (the dragon who controls the first beast). Economic
 existence is controlled by compliance with the political authority.

This beast is from the land; that is civilised nations. It controls religious power. Thus the final world government is not just a political authority but it demands worship. There will be a strong religious aspect to the final authoritarian ruling power. A cabal will unify and control political power taking it away from sovereign nations and at the same time unify and control religious expression.

The little horn

I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous ['great'] words. Dan 7:8

The little horn refers to rising political power (a horn symbolises power). Contrast that Jesus is the Almighty. The three horns are previous empires. In its immediate context this refers to Antiochus IV, Epiphanes, the blaspheming Syrian king (d. 164 BC) who desecrated the OT Temple.

In terms of typology, this could be seen as a more obscure OT reference to the rising up of a human power regime at the end before the judgment (v10). It is something human yet speaking great things (trying to be as God). This is humanity seeking to be God, the root of the first temptation (Gen 3:5) and THE lie (Rm 1:25).

Interim conclusion

There is no Scriptural reason to conclude that the Antichrist, or man of sin, is a single human being who rises to dictatorial control in a final authoritarian empire. In fact all the texts could easily be interpreted as referring to corporate humanity, such as the man of sin being mankind full of sin.

This is made more certain in that the man of sin sits in the temple of God. This can only mean mankind as God's vehicle for dwelling. The man of sin is the occupation of mankind in general at the end whereby corporate mankind is full of iniquity, rebellion, lawlessness and blasphemy.

As the goal of the church is to rise to the stature of Christ,¹ to a perfect man, so the goal of Satan is to fill humanity with satanic evil and recast mankind into his own image to despite God. The man of sin, the son of perdition, is the reverse of the Son of God. The church is the fulness of Christ, the perfect man, the measure of the stature of Christ. The man of sin is the perfection and fulness of iniquity; the measure of Satan.

Current global power structures

I will not go into details about these structures having done so many times (e.g. 'The Expression of the Man of Sin').

I have also explained often that it is my view that Satan was released from bondage, and allowed to start building his global empire, sometime in the mid to late-19th century (e.g. 'Social Features Demonstrating the Release of Satan from Bondage at the turn of the 19th 20th centuries', or 'The Binding of Satan: When does it occur?' [also as an appendix in The Antichrist]).

The Global Elite cabal that really controls the world at this time is not centred in one man but in certain elite groups, such as the Committee of 300. Indeed, since members of the Elite often war against each other it is hardly likely that one man could ascend to complete control.

¹ Eph 4:13, 'till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ'.

These groups have been successful at achieving their stated goals in dominating society to a huge level. As Luciferians, Freemasons, Marxists, Talmudic Jews, Kabbalists, Theosophists, Gnostics and Jesuits they have directed Western nations to follow satanic initiatives that have ruined society. Indeed, Western social infrastructure is wrecked and insane. We now have children in school self-identifying as cats, dinosaurs and even a moon with teachers too confused and frightened to close that down as stupid so they affirm this nonsense. One young girl only responds in meows. Kids today will, sadly, grow up demented unless they have strong parenting.

The point here is that the power groups working for Satan in the world are committees and alliances. There is not one single individual directing events. This fully complies with what we have looked at in Scripture.

Could that change? I suppose it could; but I doubt it. Families in the Elite clamour for power but the numbers involved, and the fact that their plans are coming towards finalisation already, means that a single person dominating the cabal is highly unlikely.

Could I be wrong in my interpretation? I am not perfect and could be wrong. Except that the matter of the man of sin sitting in the temple of God cannot mean anything other than my interpretation. This must mean mankind in general.

To claim that a single Antichrist physically sits in a remade temple in Jerusalem would mean that God still dwells in temples made by hands; but this is incorrect (Acts 7:48, 'the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands'. Acts 17:24, 'God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands'.).

Conclusion

A proper exegesis of the Scriptures shows that the best interpretation of the concept of the Antichrist is that it refers to a corporate expression of mankind in the fulness of sin reflecting the character of Satan and being ready for final judgment.

The world inhabited by this sinful mankind dominated by demons is called Babylon – but that is another story.

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