

## ~Antichrist~

Preterism acknowledges that an application, by principal, can be made that the Pope is antichristian on a grand scale, yet, clearly, not the **Antichrist** of Biblical prophecy. Most Preterists understand the true **Antichrist** to have been either Nero or the Hebraic personification of the Jewish leadership before A.D. 70. Whoever **antichrist** was, he/it was present in the 1st century.

What follows is ALL that the Bible has to say regarding, specifically, the 'antichrist'.

### I Jn 2:18-19

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many **antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

### I Jn 2:22

22 Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist**, that denies the Father and the Son.

### I Jn 4:3

3 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of **antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

### II Jn 1:7

7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an **antichrist**.

THAT was all the times the word '**antichrist**' appears in the entire Bible--4 times!

### What I cannot see is:

1. anything to do with the 21 century
2. any mention of a Pope
3. any mention of a single person, but rather many persons

### What I can see is:

1. any person who denies Christ
2. someone who was *already* active in John's day (1st century)
3. anyone who denied that Jesus had come in the flesh
4. those who had been in the church, but had left it and were denying the Father and Son
5. they were people who were in the 'last days' (last days of the Jewish system prior to 70AD)

That's it, folks! All that the Bible has to say regarding antichrist! A whole myth has been built around this name misusing verses from all over the place. It is the same type of exegesis that built the myth about Lucifer being Satan (see my article--bob)