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Question: I hear much about the “antichrist”. Who is this?

Answer: Yes, there’s a lot of speculation about the antichrist. A popular belief is that before Christ returns, the antichrist will come in the form of a powerful political figure. Men like Hitler, Kruschev, Castro, and more recently, Saddam Hussein have been identified as the antichrist. However, the Bible reveals the true identity of the antichrist, and he’s not like what men say about him. Here’s what we know:

1st, The antichrist is not just one person. John says “...***many antichrists have come...***” (*1st Jn. 2:18*). This rules out the notion that the antichrist is some mystical, political figure who is going to rule the world.

2nd, Antichrists were living in John’s time. He says, “***And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world,***” (*1st Jn. 4:3*). Antichrists lived then, and now.

3rd, Antichrists are those who once walked in truth but turned from it. John says, “***They went out from us...***” (*1st Jn. 2:19*). They had been Christians, but for one reason or another they left the faith.

4th, Antichrists are those who deny Jesus. In *1st Jn. 2:22* & *2nd Jn. 7*, John makes it clear that anyone who denies Jesus as the Christ, or who denies the humanity of Christ is a liar and an antichrist! Thus, it should be obvious to all that there are many antichrists living today.

--Steve McCaslin