

STUDY IX
THE MAN OF SIN-ANTICHRIST

- (1) What is the statement of the Apostle Paul with respect to the "Man of Sin"? And what bearing does it have upon our position regarding the Presence of the Lord? Page 267, par. 1
- (2) What general statements respecting this Man of Sin are made in the Scriptures? And what is the important question in our day? Page 267, par. 2
- (3) What was St. Paul's anxiety for the Church, and against what errors at the beginning and end of the Gospel age, respectively, did he wish to guard the Lord's people? Page 268, par. 1
- (4) Contrast the sentiments of the Church in this end of the age with the attitude of the early Christians, as respects the Lord's return. Page 268, par. 2
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- (6) How did St. Paul's arguments differ from such as are used today to oppose the claim that the Lord is present? And what does this fact prove? Page 270, par. 1
- (7) Since St. Paul offered but this one objection to the claim of the Thessalonians, did he not thus endorse their general ideas respecting the Day of the Lord? What were these ideas? If, then, this one and only objection offered by St. Paul can be shown to be no longer in the way, what will be our position? Page 270, par. 2
- (8) What other names are Scripturally applied to the "Man of Sin"? Page 271, par. 1, 2
- (9) Briefly describe the general characteristics of the Man of Sin as indicated by these various appellations? Page 272, par. 1
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- (11) In our examination of the prophetic delineation of the Man of Sin, what points do we expect to prove? Page 272, par. 3
- (12) What are some of the commonly accepted views regarding the Antichrist? Page 273, par. 1, 2
- (13) Considering the tendency of our day and generation, what course would be more likely to be pursued by the world than the foregoing? Page 274, par. 1
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- (18) Are the titles applied to the Man of Sin literal or symbolic? And do they refer to a single individual? Page 276, par. 2
- (19) Should we expect to find the Antichrist among the heathen systems of religion? What was the cause of its rise, and during what period did Antichrist's stealthy beginning take place? Page 276, par. 3
- (20) Exactly what do we mean when we claim that the Papacy is the only system which fulfils the prophecies concerning the Man of Sin? Under what figure is the apostate Church represented? And when did this Church become the Antichrist? Page 277, par. 1

- (21) Upon what misapplied truth has this false kingdom been built up? Page 277, par. 2
- (22) What conditions in the Nominal Church were foreseen by the Lord? And by what methods of false reasoning have all these things been caused to transpire? Pages 278, 279
- (23) At what point did the Great Apostasy become the Man of Sin? Did the fact that the organizers and supporters of Antichrist were conscientious make their action right? Define conscientiousness. Page 280
- (24) What is the two-fold significance of the name Antichrist? And how are these meanings respectively applied? How does St. John distinguish between the special Antichrist and the lesser opposers of Christ? Page 281
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- (29) During the Third Century, what conditions obtained? Page 285, par. 2
- 30) What conditions prevailed during the Fourth Century under which men of rank and fashion entered the Church? Page 286, par. 1, to Page 287, par. 1
- (31) Is this description of the great failing away corroborated by other historians? What was the professed motive behind every step toward temporal power taken by the clergy? Page 287, par. 2
- (32) What statement is made by St. Paul regarding some opposing thing, which would hinder, for a time, the rapid development of Antichrist? And what was this hindrance" Page 288, par. 1
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- (34) In view of the fact that the coveted seat of power was occupied, what tactics were pursued by ambitious leaders in the Church? Page 289, par. 2
- (35) What service was rendered the apostate Church by the Emperor Constantine? And under what conditions? Page 289, par. 3, to Page 290, par. 3
- (36) What was the controversy between Arius and Athanasius, which was settled at the Council of Nice? when Constantine decided in favor of Athanasius?
- (37) What is the common but erroneous thought respecting the spiritual condition of the Church at the time she was suddenly lifted into power by Constantine? Page 291, par. 1
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- (39) What were some of the circumstances which favored the rapid development of Antichrist during the reign of Constantine? Page 293, par. 2, 3
- (40) After the death of Constantine, what was the attitude of the Roman Emperors toward the apostate Church? And what title was used by them? Page 294, par. 1
- (41) Meanwhile, what was the position of the Bishop at Rome? And what circumstances greatly increased his prestige? Page 294, par. 2

- (42) What incident in A. D. 455 afforded Leo, the Bishop of Rome, an opportunity to impress upon the Romans and invading barbarians his claim of spiritual power? Page 295, par. 1
- (43) What prevailing conditions make it impossible to fix the exact date when the Bishop of Rome began to claim civil as well as ecclesiastical dominion? What claim is made by Papacy regarding the date of its organization? Page 295, par. 2
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- (50) In brief, how has Papacy attempted to fulfill the prophecies concerning Christ's Kingdom? Page 299, par. 3
- (51) How has the exhortation of Psalm 2:12, "Kiss the Son, O ye kings of the earth," been misapplied by Papacy? Page 300, par. 1, 2
- (52) How have such claims by Papacy been generally passed over by prophetic students? And how have they erred in their search for proofs of the Antichrist in the Papal system? Page 300, par. 3
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- (63) What language was used by St. Bernard in addressing Pope Eugenius III? And how was it received by the Pope? Page 307, par. 1; Page 308, par. 1, 2
- (64) What declarations regarding the powers of the Pope were made by Boniface VIII and Gregory VII, respectively? Page 308, par. 3
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- (66) What appellations were given to the Pope by the council of Lateran, especially to Leo X, in its fifth session? Page 309, par. 2
- (67) How has the Papacy fulfilled Dan. 7:25, as shown in Ferraris' Ecclesiastical Dictionary, under the word "Papa"? Page 310, par. 1 to 3
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- 70) While these were the boastings of the Dark Ages, what are Papacy's sentiments today? Page 315, par. 2 to Page 317, par. 2
- (71) What did the declaration of the "infallibility" of the Pope signify? At what date and under what circumstances was this decree formally promulgated in St. Peter's Cathedral at Rome? Page 317, par. 3, to Page 318
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- (78) What was the real object of Papacy's establishment of Parochial Schools? Page 322, par. 1
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- (91) Was the Lord left without any true followers during the reign of Papacy? Page 334, par. 3; Page 335, par. 1
- (92) Describe the Papal persecution of the Albigenses and Waldenses. Page 335, par. 2, to Page 337, par. 1
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- (94) What massacre was ordered by Pope Pius IV? Page 338, par. 1
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