

# Antichrist – SOP

*Daniel R. Mesa III, Pr.*



The devil is our adversary and he hates the children of God. Jesus loves us with an everlasting love and He came to seek and save the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Christ will do all that He can to gain His children entrance into the Heavenly Land. The devil will do all that he can to keep us out of glory. God has given us the gifts of His Spirit, while Satan has given us deceptions with his spirit. Let us be diligent students of the Bible, that we may be led by the voice of God found in His holy Word.

Revelation 1:1-3 - John bore “record of the Word of God, and of the **testimony of Jesus Christ.**”

Revelation 1:9 - “The ‘beloved disciple,’ was brother to James the Great. [The seven churches] were founded by him. From Ephesus he was ordered to be sent to Rome, where it is affirmed he was cast into a cauldron of boiling oil. He escaped by miracle, without injury. Domitian afterwards banished him to the Isle of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Nerva, the successor of Domitian, recalled him. He was the only apostle who escaped a violent death” (Fox’s Book of Martyrs). Why was he there? “For the Word of God, and for **the testimony of Jesus Christ.**” The devil does not like the revelation of Jesus through God’s servants. He would rather try to destroy them and show his victory in their demise, but God consistently prevails. “The Word of the Lord endureth forever” (1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 40:8).

Revelation 6:9 - Why were they slain? “For the Word of God, and for **the testimony** [of Jesus] which they held.”

Revelation 20:4 - Why were they beheaded? “For the **witness** [testimony] **of Jesus**, and for the Word of God.” The story has been the same throughout His-story, the devil has always attacked those that had these special gifts, the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 12:17 - The devil is not angry with every “woman” in Revelation, just the one that has the “commandments of God, and the **testimony of Jesus.**”

Revelation 19:10 - “The **testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**” Notice John tried to worship the Angel and was corrected.

Revelation 22:8-9 - “Thy brethren **the prophets...** them which keep the sayings of this book.” Again, we are shown the same scenario. John tried again to worship the Angel, and then a clarification was made concerning the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy. The Angel is referring to the prophets! God’s end time church will have prophets.

There are a few **Biblical tests** of a prophet: True Prophets: **1)** will always be consistent with the Bible - Isaiah 8:20, **2)** will be correct 100% of the time - Deuteronomy 18:20-22, **3)** always lead you toward God - Deuteronomy 13:1-3, **4)** do not always have to be men - Acts 21:9, **5)** do not have to have written works in the Bible; John the Baptist, Elijah, Elisha, Enoch, etc.

6) do not always prophesy peace and safety - Jeremiah 14:13-14, 7) would not cease after Christ - Joel 2:28-32

Matthew 24:24 - If Christ said that there will be false prophets, that necessitates there being the true also. For why would He mention the false if there were not the true? He would have just said, "Beware of prophets."

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 - Paul exhorts us to "**Quench not** the Spirit. **Despise not** prophesyings. **Prove all** things; **hold fast** that which is good." If there was never to be another prophet after the early church Paul would not have chosen this phrase to counsel the saints in Thessalonica.

1 Corinthians 1:4-8 - "The testimony of Christ" was confirmed, or established, in Corinth so they would "come behind in no gift." It has the same purpose for us today; this is precisely why God gave it to His end time church. Verse 8 is quite insightful; it mentions to us that He will "confirm" us by Jesus and His testimony "unto the end."

"Despise not prophesyings..." It is not out of the character of God to send prophets. In His-story He has always had prophets that came before His providence to prepare those who would listen for what was to come.

Amos 3:7 - "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets."

Is this true in light of the rest of the Bible???

Genesis 6 - **Noah** was sent to preach, along with Enoch, about destruction by a flood. (See 2 Peter 2:5 for Noah, and Jude :14-15 for Enoch.)

Genesis 19:14 - **Lot** was sent into Sodom and Gomorrah to prophecy that God would destroy it.

Exodus 3-5 - God sent **Moses** into Egypt to deliver His people.

1 **Samuel** 13:13-14 - God spoke through His prophet to tell of kings that would come, especially of the coming of the Great King Jesus.

1 Kings 17:1 - God sent **Elijah** to prophecy of the drought that would occur because of the wickedness of the land. (See James 5:17-18)

**Isaiah** - This man of God was sent to Judah with solemn words of reproof before they were overtaken by Assyria.

**Jeremiah** - This prophet was also sent to Judah, telling of the coming destruction by Babylon.

**Ezekiel** - This man was sent to the children of Israel prophesying of the destruction to come. If his words were heeded, as the words of all the prophets should have been, God's children would have been blessed.

**Daniel** - This man was kept by God to declare in Babylon and Media-Persia the fulfillment of the time prophecies in Jeremiah's writings.

Matthew 11:10-11 - **John the Baptist** was declared years in advance as one that would prepare the way for the Messiah.

Acts 21:9 - God had His people in the early church that would prophecy of things to come.

**Paul** was one of them.

Revelation is an entire book of prophecy that would declare to many generations that which was to come upon this world. God has sent His people with truth all through the dark ages, with John Calvin, John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, Melancthon, John Huss, Erasmus, William Tyndale, John Knox, etc. to declare the truth for the present, and at times, that which was relevant in their future.

Romans 12:6-9, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28-31, Ephesians 4:11-12 - Each of these sections of Scripture has found in them the gifts of the Spirit of God. In all three of these lists there is only one gift that is consistently there; the gift of prophecy.

The devil is angry with the church that has the commandments of God and the spirit of prophecy. Notice, the devil is not angry with every church, but definitely this one.

At the time of the rising of the Seventh-day Adventist church, officially established in 1863, the devil caused his false prophet to come on the scene; his name was Charles Robert Darwin, 1809-1882. This man produces a book in 1859, entitled, 'On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection.' Inspired by the spirit of Satan the book uplifts the thought that we were not created by God, but we were "developed from earlier forms by hereditary transmission of slight variations in successive generations, those forms surviving which are best adapted to the environment" (Webster's Dictionary, see "Darwinian"). Most of us today would call it 'evolution,' 'natural selection,' or 'survival of the fittest.' This teaching has led adults and our children to believe that they are not the result of divine, loving creation by design, but rather we were just nothing that became something somehow over billions of years. People are taught by this false theory to believe that they are here for no reason at all other than chance; what could be further from the truth?

Notice what an encyclopedia says, "In spite of this evidence, evolution has been rejected by the members of certain religious groups who prefer what they term the theory of creationism. This attempts to explain some features of plant and animal life through a literal interpretation of the Bible. In the scientific community, however, there is little doubt that the general outline of Darwin's theory of evolution is correct" (Compton's Interactive 1998 Edition). The devil has really put a wrench in the project of Christianity in today's world. May we be used of the Lord to propel His truth into recognition. Evolution is false, and if we believe the Bible, we need to share that fact.

As a Bible believing, Christ loving, commandment keeping Christian pastor of 8 years, I can say with all of the conviction that is my heart that I believe there to be, available to us today, true, Biblical, Holy Spirit filled writings of a prophet of God. I have read thousands of pages that have been written by her hand. I have read hundreds of pages written by a man that traveled with this messenger of the Lord for 18 years, and that had studied her works for fifty-three years. What J.N. Loughborough had to say about Ellen G. White is absolutely fascinating. I implore you to look into the writings of Ellen G. White for yourself, AFTER YOU KNOW THE BIBLE... WELL!!! Read the book, "*The Great Second Advent Movement*," by J.N. Loughborough, study for yourselves what God is saying to us at the end of this world, and you will see with me that God has given us an amazing gift, **the testimony of Jesus, the Spirit of prophecy**. (To order the book "*The Great Second Advent Movement*," please write to, "Adventist Pioneer Library / P.O. Box 383 / Loma Linda, CA 92354, USA")

While Satan was bringing his person, Darwin, on the scene in the mid 1800's, God was bringing His person on the scene as well. The war between the true and false prophets has been going on for the His-story of this earth. Darwin has been pulling people away from God and the Bible, and Mrs. Ellen White has called them, without reserve, back to the light of God's Holy Word. God has given us light, the devil has tried to shelter that light behind a mirage of darkness and the questions must be asked, "Who do I wish to follow? The Lord or the devil?" If you take the time to study the writings of the Bible in connection with the Spirit of Prophecy for these days, the writings of Mrs. Ellen G. White, you will find a rich resource of blessings that are more than relevant for us today. May God bless you as you seek His face and grow closer and closer to Him.

Excerpt taken from, "*The Great Second Advent Movement.*" - "[A Personal Tribute] In regard to Mrs. White and the nature of her work, the following is given, having been penned in 1877 (The book being finished in the 1900's) by one who had known her and who had studied her work for many years; and after about fifty-three years' test, years of careful observation, I give my unqualified indorsement to every sentiment therein expressed:-

"As to the Christian character of Sister White, I beg leave to say that I think I know something about it. I have been acquainted with her for eighteen years, - more than half the history of our people (Seventh-day Adventists). I have been in their family time and again, sometimes weeks at a time. They have been in our house and family many times. I have traveled with them almost everywhere; have been with them in private and in public, in meeting and out of meeting, and have had the very best chances to know something of the life, character, and spirit of Brother and Sister White. As a minister I have had to deal with all kinds of persons, and all kinds of character, till I think I can judge something of what a person is, at least after years of intimate acquaintance.

"I know Sister White to be an unassuming, modest, kindhearted, noble woman. These traits in her character are not simply put on and cultivated, but they spring gracefully and easily from her natural disposition. She is not self-important, as fanatics always are. I have always found them to be full of pretensions, full of pride, ready to give their opinion, boastful of their holiness, etc., but I have ever found Sister White the reverse of all this.

"Any one, the poorest and the humblest, can go to her freely for advice and comfort without being repulsed. She is ever looking after the needy, the destitute, and the suffering, providing for them, and pleading their cause.

"I have never formed an acquaintance with any person who so constantly has the fear of God before him. Nothing is undertaken without earnest prayer to God. She studies God's word carefully and constantly. I have heard Sister White speak hundreds of times, have read all her testimonies through and through, most of them many times, and I have never been able to find one immoral sentence in the whole of them, or anything that is not strictly pure and Christian; nothing that leads away from the Bible and from Christ; but there I find the most earnest appeals to obey God, to love Jesus, to believe the Scripture, and to search them constantly. I have received great spiritual benefit, times without number, from the testimonies. Indeed, I have never read them without feeling reproved for my lack of faith in God, lack of devotion, and lack of earnestness in saving souls. If I have any judgment, and spiritual discernment, I pronounce the testimonies to be of the same spirit and of the same tenor as the Scriptures." (Pgs. 469-470)

As the author of this Bible study, having read well over 10,000 pages of her writings with a critical eye for contradictions and mistruths, I would very gladly say the same.