

John's Epistles and the Antichrist

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Introduction

Let me start of by observing that it find it is interesting that this word, *antichristos*^{G500}, is only found in John's Epistles. Because the scope of this word is found only in a small set of verses (1Jo 2:18, 22, 1Jo 4:3, 2Jo 1:7) I decided to inject my commentary in between them. Before I begin, let me make a couple of points.

Point 1. My claim is that I have been redeemed by the Messiah so that I cannot only do the Torah but do so with authority. As a redeemed Ephramite, I have been saved from the Bill of Divorce which was a judgment against me by God himself.^a Anyone or anything that prevents me from performing these priestly functions is in the spirit of antichrist, because they are nullifying his salvific work.

Point 2. I mentioned that the occurrences of *antichristos* is small and it's important to distinguish it from other words that have pure evil associated with them. For example words like those found in Revelation (dragon^{G1404}, serpent^{G3789}, Devil^{G1228}, Satan^{G4567}).^b I'm certainly willing to concede that these evil entities will manipulate those who adopt the spirit of the antichrist, but they are not the same. If people of our time that come from Christianity or Judaism are adopting the spirit of *antichristos*, and it can be shown to them the errors of those great religions that they have adopted, then changing their ways is within the realm of possibility. Those people are approachable and there needs to be a stark contrast between them and the dragon/serpent/Devil/Satan. Q. How might I reason with them? A. How about with the clarity of law.^c

^a See Marsings-Rules-and-Key-Definitions, article #[500](#), **definition legal status**.

^b E.g. "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years," ^{Rev 20:2}

^c See Marsings-Rules-and-Key-Definitions, article #[500](#), **Rule #2**.

Point 3. We need to be careful with the epistles in the New Testament (from John or Paul) and not make doctrine out of concepts not easily backed up by the Torah and the Prophets.^d It's my observation that Antinomian Christianity is very guilty of this, so be cautious.^e

Verses that contain the word antichrist

1Jn 2:18-22

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. ²⁰ But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. ²¹ I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist**, that denieth the Father and the Son.

In the world / were not of us. Read the next set of verses and my comments regarding this topic.

Lot to unpack. As I mentioned with [point 3](#), there is a lot unknown about the context of these verses. E.g. verse 18: last time, shall come, even now are there many. I admit I have not done a in depth and overarching study of John's epistles, but nevertheless it seems reasonable to say that there is context that is missing and therefore we need to be cautious about drawing conclusions.

My legal status statement Based on [point 1](#), it would seem hard to make the charge that I am denying the Messiah. But what about the Jews? There not from the House of Israel, they're from the House of Judah and they did not get the Bill of Divorce. Do we have to insist that the they must accept the "Jesus as the Lord and Savior", and if they don't then we can't "break bread with them". Maybe their perspective to Yeshua is different from returning Ephramites and that they need to figure out how to deal with this in their own time and space. **ToDo:** expand on this, or reference another document.^f

1Jn 4:1-6

¹ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth ^g that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: ³ And every spirit that confesseth 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. ⁴ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

^d See 2Pe-3-15-18-Peter-Comments-on-Paul, article #[561](#) and "The-Problem-with-Paul-and-his-Epistles, article #???.

^e **ToDo:** A broader overarching study of John's letters seems warranted. I started this, see "D:\Documents\Religion\Other\John's Epistles, My Notes.doc"

^f See <http://bneyyosefna.com/2016-north-american-summit/articles-of-declaration/> . ToDo combine / coordinate this with "1Jo-Spirit-of-the-Antichrist", article #[581](#).

^g See Word-Study-G3670-homologeio-confess, article #[583](#).

In the world. See We-are-in-the-World-not-of-the-World, article #587 where I try to make a distinction about the two jurisdictional realms. If you not operating from the heavenly realm and also disrupting those who are, then you are from the spirit of the antichrist.

1Jn 4:20-21

²⁰ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? ²¹ And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Hateh his brother. See Brit-Shalom-for-Judah-and-Ephraim, article #790 where I explore how I, a redeemed Ephramite, would try to make peace (*shalom*) with the one who I claim is my brother.

Why these verses? These verse do not mention the antichrist, but wanted to include them to support the document “1Jo-Spirit-of-the-Antichrist”, article #581, (see my first footnote).

2Jn 1:4-7

⁴ I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. ⁵ And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 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**.

Love as defined by scripture. Love is not lovy-duvy-warm-and-fuzzy, it’s well defined in scripture i.e. “If you love me, Keep the commandments.” (Joh 14:15). It’s not new, it goes back to the beginning (Exo 20).

What’s the connection? What’s the connection between love and deceivers who say the Messiah did not come in the flesh and are therefore antichrists? In verse 8 a warning is given to those who “transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God”. I’m not entirely sure what to make of this, but here’s my guess. The doctrine of Messiah is that he overcame the Bill of Divorce which was preventing Ephramites (me) from, if you will, “breaking bread together”. Without that change in spiritual status Judah would have no part in me and rightfully so. We would be unable to love each other. If I listen to those who dismiss this doctrine (instruction / teaching), they are antichrists and against the work that Messiah performed. And further, to listen to them is to walk away from your redemption.

See Love-and-Hate-in-the-Bible-is-all-about-Contracts, article #???; What’s even harder to understand is loving thy enemy (Mat 5:43-44). “Word-Study-H8130-Hate-sane-G3404-G2190-G5227”, article #131.

Appendix – Word Study

From Word-Study-G500-antichristos-antichrist-H4899-mashiyach-anointed-messiah, article #585.

- G500 *antichristos* ^{KJC:5} antichrist
- G473 *anti* ^{KJC:7} because⁴, cause¹, room¹, therefore¹
- G5547 *Christos* ^{KJC:569} christ^{(’s) 569}
- H4899 *mashiyach* ^{KJC:39} anointed³⁷, messiah²
- H4886 *mashach* ^{KJC:70} anoint^{(ed)(edst)69} painted¹

