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Since I was a young child before I became a Christian, I have heard a great many things about “The Antichrist.” Everyone from those who killed many people in their days, e.g Hitler to Atilla and Stalin has been accused of being “The Antichrist.” I can remember when one of the presidents of this country was in the office. I was a very young boy and some of my friends were convinced and had convinced me, that he was “The Antichrist,” because he was a Moslem. And that he may change things to be the way they are not supposed to be, we would all be doomed. I must admit, everyone was scared to death. Each time there is a tumult in the Mid-East, or another part of the world, someone is accused of being “The Antichrist.” When the Gulf War began, several books were published by religionists on the Revelation of the Bible. Saddam Hussein, of course, was portrayed as “The Antichrist,” and many people around the world were terrified. After reading some of these books, “Bible teachers” would have us believe that the Antichrist was mentioned on every page of the book of Revelation. The truth of the matter is, the word “antichrist” is not even found one time in the book of Revelation. One can read by himself and see that this is true. In fact, the word “antichrist” is found only four times in the entire New Testament. It is found three times in John’s first epistle, and once in his second epistle. And these are the facts that the Bible teaches about “The Antichrist.” *“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. 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.”* (1 John 2:18-19). The text talks about those we have in the congregation but they are not loyal and they bare no fruits. They are in for temporary reasons and after a while they quit. *“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”* (1 John 2:22-23). *“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”* (1 John 4:2-3). *“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.”* (2 John 1:7). Notice that an antichrist is defined as one who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Even in the brotherhood, there some who

may go away following fake doctrines when they are deceived and fooled with fake promises that they will not get. Secondly, there were many antichrists living on the earth when John wrote those words almost two thousand years ago. This contradicts the teaching that there is only one “Antichrist,” and that someone who will appear in future events. An antichrist is anyone who opposes Christ in any way. The word’s definition is: “Anti” meaning “against,” and “Christ,” meaning “Christ.” Against Christ! Even Moslems are antichrist because they clearly deny that Jesus is Christ and so many others in the religious world. Ever since Christ lived, there have been many antichrists, and sadly, there shall be many more. Don’t you be one!

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