

“Who is the Antichrist?”

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*“Some persons think us too severe and censorious when we call the **Roman pontiff** Antichrist.*

*...I shall briefly show that ([Ed.: the Apostle] Paul’s words in II Thessalonians [Ed.: Chapter] 2) are not capable of any other interpretation than that which applies them to the **Papacy**.” – John Calvin (1509-1564; French Protestant reformer)*

*“Wherefore it followeth **Rome** to be the seat of antichrist, and the **pope** to be very antichrist himself. I could prove the same by many other Scriptures, old writers, and strong reasons.” – Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556; English churchman; archbishop of Canterbury; burned at the stake during the reign of Queen Mary I)*

*“[Ed.: German theologian and Reformation leader Martin] Luther...proved, by the revelations of [Ed.: the prophet] Daniel and St. John, by the epistles of St. Paul, St. Peter, and St. Jude, that the reign of Antichrist, predicted and described in the Bible, was the **Papacy**.” – J.H. Merle D’Aubigné (“History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century”)*

*“[Ed.: John] Wycliffe, [Ed.: William] Tyndale, [Ed.: Martin] Luther, [Ed.: John] Calvin, [Ed.: Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas] Cranmer; [Ed.: and] in the seventeenth century, [Ed.: John] Bunyan, the translators of the King James Bible and the men who published the Westminster and Baptist confessions of Faith; [Ed.: and] Sir Isaac Newton, [Ed.: John] Wesley, [Ed.: George] Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards; and more recently [Ed.: Charles Haddon] Spurgeon, Bishop J.C. Ryle and Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones; these men, among countless others, all saw the office of the **Papacy** as the antichrist.” – Michael de Semlyen (“All Roads Lead to Rome?: The Ecumenical Movement”; Publisher: Dorchester House Publications; 1993; Pages 197, 198)*

*“[Ed.: The **Pope of Rome** is] the very antichrist, and ‘son of perdition’, of whom [Ed.: the Apostle] Paul speaks.” – John Knox (1505-1572; Scottish Protestant clergyman and religious reformer)*

*“We here are of the conviction that the **papacy** is the seat of the true and real Antichrist.” – Martin Luther (1483-1546; Former Augustinian monk and Roman Catholic priest; German theologian and Reformation leader)*

*“There are two great truths that stand out in the preaching that brought about the Protestant Reformation – the ‘just shall live by faith’ (not by the works of Romanism or any other religion) and ‘the **Papacy** is the Antichrist revealed in Scripture.’ It was a message for Christ and against Antichrist. The entire [Ed.: Protestant] Reformation rested on this twofold testimony...”*

*Iain Murray, in his book ‘The Puritan Hope’, described the Reformers as ‘unanimous in their belief that the **Papal system** is both the ‘man of sin’ and the Babylonian whore of which Scripture forewarns. [Ed.: **Papal**] **Rome** was the great Antichrist, and so firmly did this belief become established that it was not until the nineteenth century that evangelicals seriously questioned it.” – Michael de Semlyen (“The Foundations Under Attack: The Roots of Apostasy”; Publisher: Dorchester House Publications; 2006; Page 3)*

*“If you do not contend with your whole heart against the impious government of the **Pope**, you cannot be saved. Whoever takes delight in the religion and worship of **popery** will be eternally lost in the world to come.*

*If you reject it [Ed.: i.e., **popery, Romanism**], you must expect to incur every kind of danger, even to lose your lives – but it is far better to be exposed to such perils in the world than to keep silence! So long as I live, I will denounce to my [Ed.: Christian] brethren the sore and the plague of Babylon [Ed.: i.e., **Papal Rome** – the **Romish** “Babylon”] for fear that many who are with us should fall back like the rest into the bottomless pit.” – Martin Luther (1483-1546; Former Augustinian monk and Roman Catholic priest; German theologian and Reformation leader; this quote is taken from the “History of the Reformation of the 16th Century” by J.H. Merle D’Aubigné; Volume 15, Page 208)*

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