

PORTRAIT OF THE *King*



ATONEMENT

“The Arrival of an Evil King”

MATTHEW 24:15-28





“The meaning of the term antichrist is simply ‘against Christ.’ As the apostle John records in First and Second John, an antichrist denies the Father and the Son (1 John 2:22), does not acknowledge Jesus (1 John 4:3), and denies that Jesus came in the flesh (2 John 1:7). There have been many ‘antichrists,’ as 1 John 2:18 states...

Quote from Questions.org



“...But there is also coming the Antichrist. Most Bible prophecy/eschatology experts believe the Antichrist will be the ultimate embodiment of what it means to be against Christ. In the end times/last hour, a man will arise to oppose Christ and His followers more than anyone else in history. Likely claiming to be the ...

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“...true Messiah, the Antichrist will seek world domination and will attempt to destroy all followers of Jesus Christ and the nation of Israel.”

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- Name means “against Christ”
- Daniel references – 7:1-8, 20-26; 8:23-25; 9:26-27; 11:36-45; 12:11.
- Other aliases – another horn (7:8, 20-21, 24), a king of bold face (8:23), wicked prince (9:26), the abomination of desolation (9:27; 12:11), and a god (11:36)
- Called the Prince of Tyre in Ezekiel 28:1-2
- Called the man of lawlessness in II Thessalonians 2:3-11
- Referred to as the beast in Revelation 6, 11

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- G. His Doom – judged at Armageddon; cast into the lake of fire (Isa 11; Zech 4)

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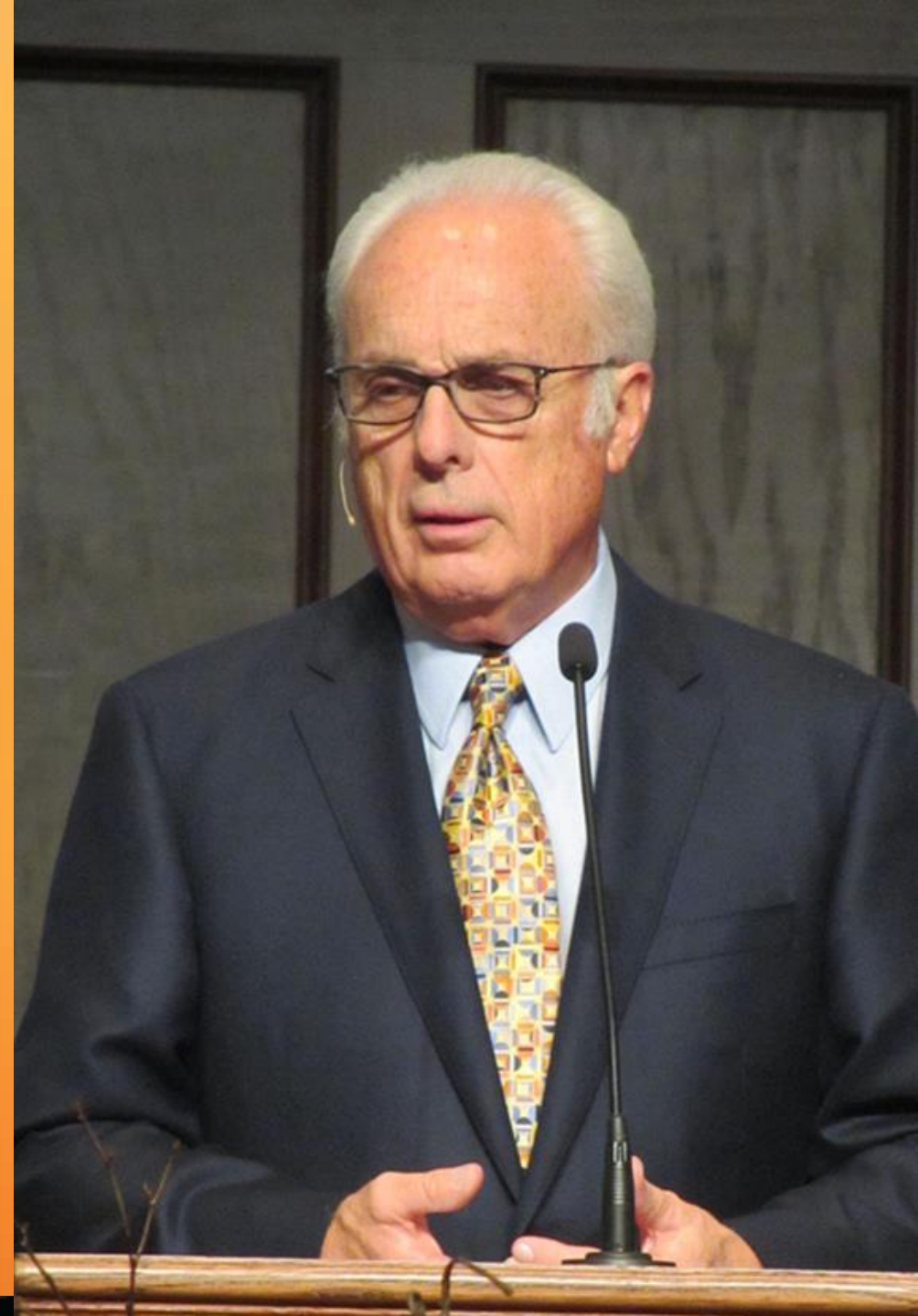
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**Petra, in
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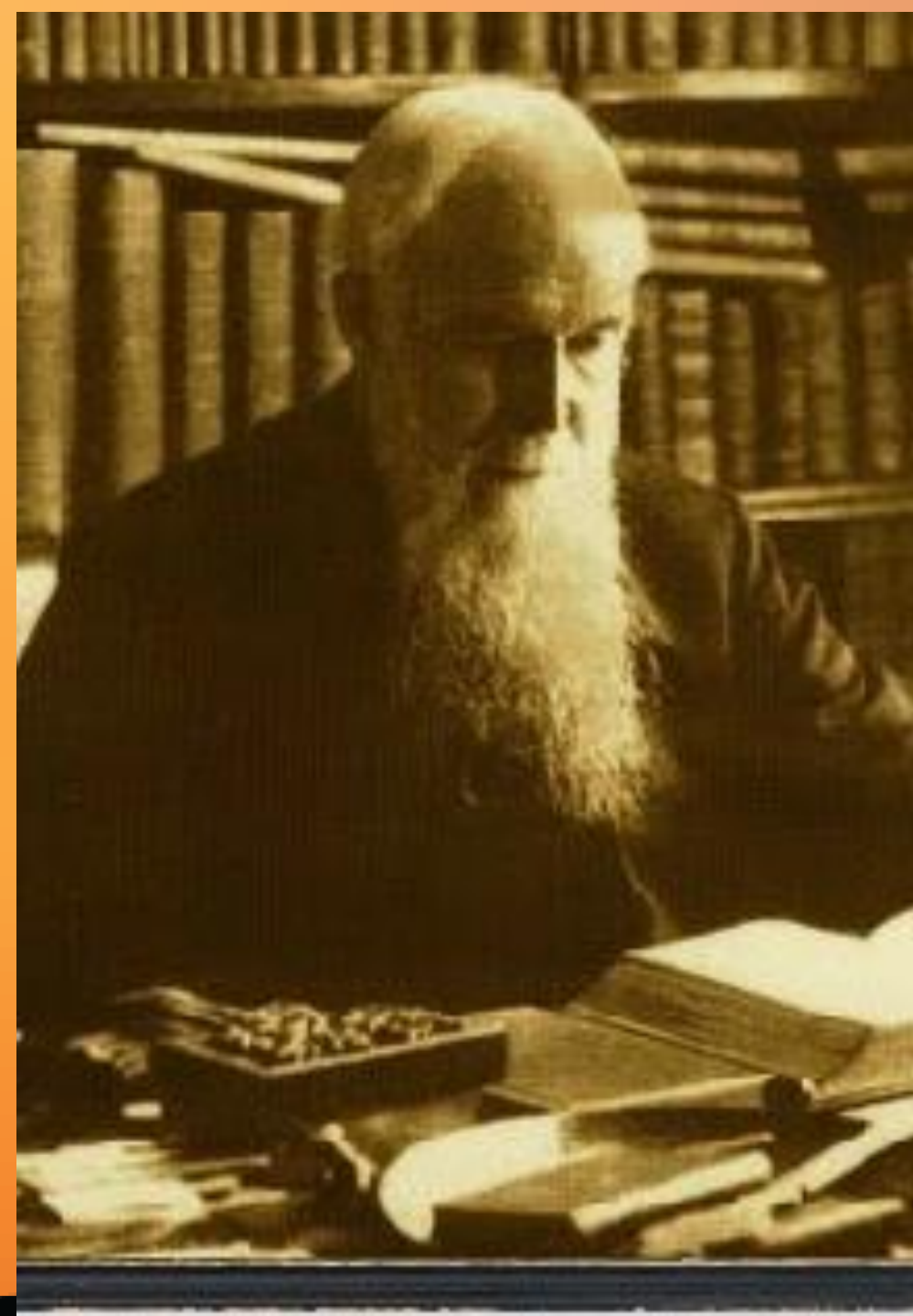
“Jesus’ point was that no possession would be worth the risk of retrieving and no hindrance could be considered small. Because of the imminent unmatched terror, single-minded, undeterred flight will be the only order of the day.”

John MacArthur,
Commentary on Matthew



“The servant of Christ
undoubtedly is not to be a
coward. He is to confess his
Master before men;
he is to be willing to die,
if needful, for the truth:
but the servant of Christ is not
required to run into danger,...

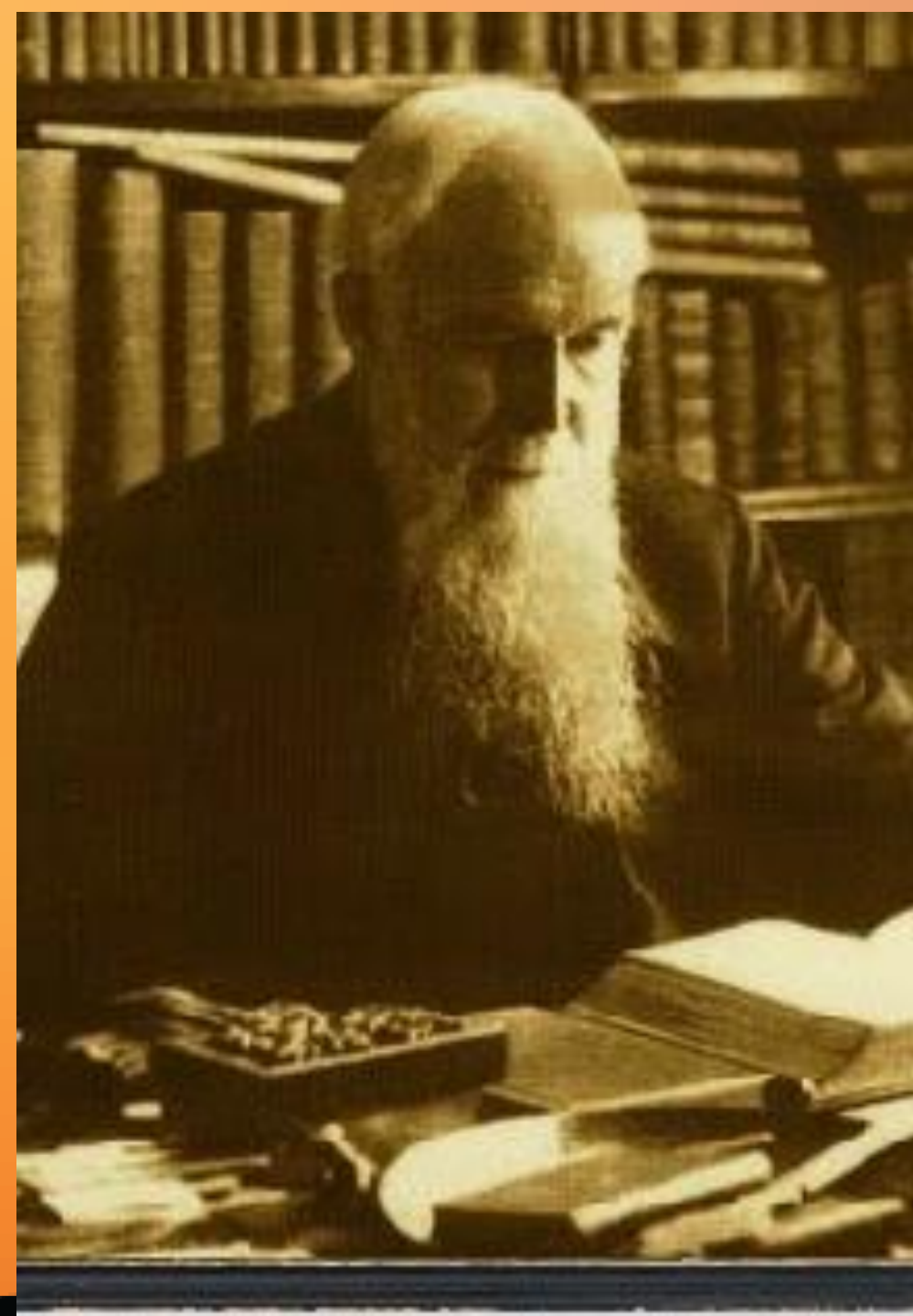
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“...unless it comes in the line of duty. He is not to be ashamed to use reasonable means to provide for his personal safety, when no good is to be done by dying at his post.

There is deep wisdom in this lesson.”

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*¹³ “I saw in the night visions, and behold,
with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented
before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and
a kingdom, that all peoples, nations,
and languages should serve him; his dominion is an
everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

Daniel 7:13-14



*¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers,
about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve
as others do who have no hope.*

*¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by
a word from the Lord, that we who are alive,...*

I Thessalonians 4:13-17



*...who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a
cry of command, with the voice of an archangel,
and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first...*

I Thessalonians 4:13-17



*17 Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds to
meet the Lord in the air,
and so we will always be with the Lord.*

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*Behold, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth
will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.*

Revelation 1:7



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 - D. All will be affected (vs. 28).



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Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4



The Antichrist	Jesus Christ
The image of Satan	Equal to the Father
Serves the Devil	Serves the Father
Deceiver	Savior
Empowered by the Devil	Given authority by the Father
Demands worship from the world	Earns worship from the world
Influence for 3 ½ years	Eternal influence

*They cried out with a loud voice,
“O Sovereign Lord, holy and true,
how long before you will judge and avenge our blood
on those who dwell on the earth?”*

Revelation 6:10



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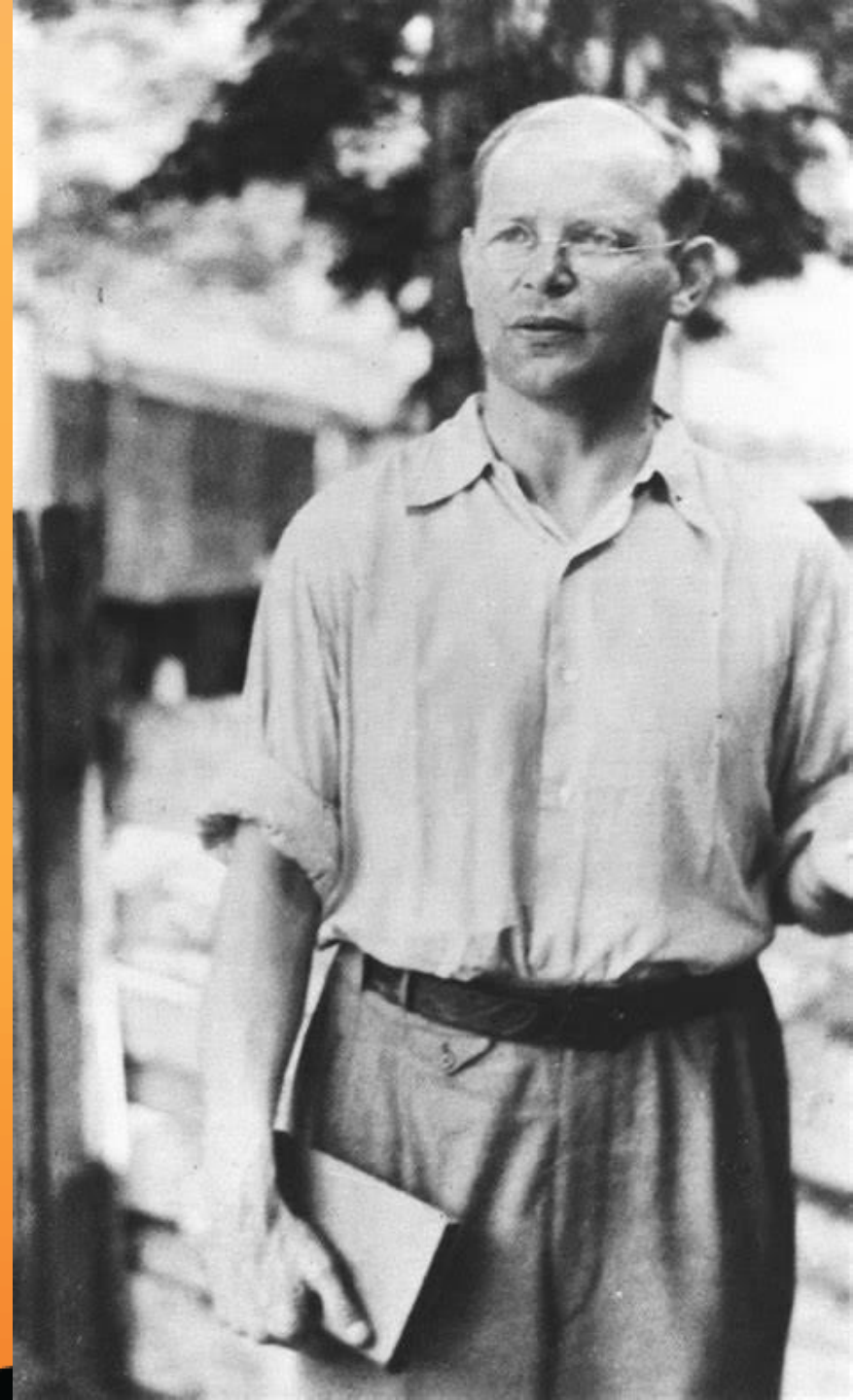
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“The Christian cannot simply take for granted the privilege of living among other Christians. Jesus Christ lived in the midst of His enemies.

In the end all His disciples abandoned Him. On the cross He was all alone, surrounded by criminals and the jeering crowds. He had come for ...”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
Life Together



“...the express purpose of bringing
peace to the enemies of God.

So, Christians, too, belong not in the
seclusion of a cloistered life but in the
midst of enemies.

There they find their mission,
their work.”

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