

The Antichrist of Yesterday and of Today

The name "Antichrist" was given by Saint John to the current opposing the Christ : "The Antichrist is the one who claims that Jesus is not the Christ" (1 Jn 2,22).

This enemy of Christ has already existed in the past, said Paul and John, and he will return with great power before the Return of Christ and disappear forever. He has already appeared in this world, is still here and will disappear, once and for all. Therefore, we cannot speak of the antichrist of "tomorrow".

The Antichrist of Yesterday :

"You have heard that the Antichrist was coming (in the future). and we know that many antichrists have already come. They have left us, because they never really belonged to us ;

if they were a part of us, they would have stayed with us." (1 Jn 2,18-19).

According to John, these antichrists were the Jews who, after believing in Jesus and joining the judeo-christian community, refused to acknowledge him as the expected Messiah because He did not correspond to the political aspirations of the Jews (See text "The Drama of Jesus").

John explains who this Antichrist is and why he will reappear in the future : "The one who claims that Jesus is not the Christ, is the Antichrist" (1 Jn 2,22). He has appeared in Palestine, eager to establish the Zionist "messianic" empire, which is opposed to the spiritual and universal Kingdom of Christ.

John confirms this in his second letter : "Many deceivers are spread in the world, they do not confess Jesus Christ, they are the Deceivers, the Antichrist" (2 Jn 7).

These verses clearly prove that the Antichrist is a human group opposed to Jesus.

As for Saint Paul, he calls this anti-Christ current differently, stating that this "Enemy" of Christ is due to appear on the eve of Christ's Return : "That (the Return of Jesus) cannot happen until the Wicked One, the Lost One, the Enemy (Antichrist) has appeared.

The mystery of iniquity is already at work." (2 Thess 2,3-7).

We must also notice that the "Enemy" (the Antichrist) has to appear before Jesus returns, and that the "mystery of iniquity" is already in progress. These are the "Deceivers" and the "Antichrists" denounced by John in his second letter.

The Antichrist of Today :

The announced Antichrist is amongst us today. He is recognizable by his rejection of Jesus and by his presence in Palestine. He shall disappear forever ! The Christ unmasked him : He is the "Beast" of chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation. (See our text "The Key of the Apocalypse").

His return will sound the loud apocalyptic trumpet of the great universal trial and of the glorious Return of the Christ : Jesus of Nazareth.