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GROUP STUDY GUIDE

The Antichrist Agenda and the Great Delusion

TEACHING SUMMARY

Scripture warns that the Antichrist will not only persecute believers but will also attempt to change the times and the law. The greatest danger is not always open persecution but spiritual deception that leads people away from the truth of YHWH's Word.

Daniel prophesied that this figure would attempt to change YHWH's appointed times and laws. This strategy is not new. Historical figures such as Antiochus Epiphanes attempted to eliminate Torah obedience by outlawing the Sabbath, destroying copies of the Torah, banning circumcision, and defiling the Temple.

The New Testament teaches that the spirit of the Antichrist was already present in the world during the time of the apostles. This spirit works by separating the Messiah from the commandments he upheld.

Scripture teaches that knowing the Messiah means walking as he walked and keeping his commandments. Rejecting his teachings is equivalent to denying him.

Paul also warned about a coming "man of lawlessness." Those who reject the truth will fall into a great delusion. Scripture defines truth as the commandments and law of YHWH.

Salvation, however, is not earned through obedience. We are saved by grace through faith. Yet genuine faith produces obedience as its natural fruit.

Yeshua taught that some will misunderstand parts of the Torah but still be in the kingdom, though considered least. Others knowingly practice lawlessness while claiming to follow him. These are warned that they will be rejected.

The Spirit of YHWH leads believers toward obedience and truth. The spirit of the Antichrist leads people away from the commandments while calling it grace.

Believers must therefore test every teaching carefully and choose which spirit they will follow.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Antichrist seeks to change YHWH's times and law.
 - Antiochus Epiphanes foreshadowed this agenda.
 - The spirit of Antichrist was already active in the early church.
 - Knowing the Messiah involves obedience to his commandments.
 - The man of lawlessness is associated with rebellion against God's law.
 - Truth is defined in Scripture as YHWH's commandments.
 - Salvation comes through grace by faith.
 - True faith produces obedience.
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Basic

1. Daniel 7:25 says the Antichrist will attempt to change the _____ and the _____.
_____.
 2. Antiochus Epiphanes attempted to stop observance of the _____ and feast days.
 3. The apostle John warned about the _____ of the Antichrist already being present.
 4. According to Scripture, we know the Messiah if we keep his _____.
 5. Paul described the Antichrist as the man of _____.
 6. Scripture teaches that salvation is by _____ through _____.
 7. True faith produces _____.
 8. The Spirit of YHWH leads believers toward _____ to the commandments.
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Challenging

1. Daniel describes the Antichrist ruling for a time, times, and _____ of a time.
 2. Antiochus attempted to make people forget the _____.
 3. Psalm 119 teaches that YHWH's _____ is truth.
 4. Paul warned that those who refuse to love the truth will experience a strong _____.
 5. The rebellion mentioned in 2 Thessalonians involves widespread _____.
 6. Yeshua warned that some miracle-working believers would be rejected because of _____.
 7. The Spirit placed within believers causes them to walk in YHWH's _____.
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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think deception is such a powerful tool of the enemy?
2. What similarities exist between Antiochus Epiphanes and the prophesied Antichrist?
3. Why is obedience to God's commandments connected with knowing the Messiah?
4. How can believers guard themselves against spiritual deception?
5. Why is it important to understand the difference between salvation and obedience?
6. What does it mean to walk as Yeshua walked?

ANSWER KEY – GROUP GUIDE

Basic

1. Times / Law
2. Sabbath
3. Spirit
4. Commandments
5. Lawlessness
6. Grace / Faith
7. Obedience
8. Obedience

Challenging

1. Half
2. Law
3. Law
4. Delusion
5. Apostasy
6. Lawlessness
7. Statutes