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The doctrine of the Antichrist is one of the most interesting doctrines found in Scripture, says author Kim Riddlebarger. Unfortunately, it's also one which has been subject to far more speculation than sound biblical exegesis. Until now.

Unlike other resources available on the Antichrist, The Man of Sin focuses on Scripture, not contemporary events, to uncover the truth about this mysterious entity. With skilled exegesis Riddlebarger asserts that, contrary to popular speculation, the Antichrist is not a singular individual but a series of beings that will arise to challenge Christ throughout the inter-advental age before culminating in an end-times Antichrist. Backing this claim first in Scripture, Riddlebarger also draws from historical teachings including those of the church fathers, the Reformation, and historic Protestantism, before contrasting this evidence to the sensational interpretations of many contemporary writers.

Pastors, teachers, and study groups wanting to understand the doctrine of the Antichrist will find The Man of Sin to be a unique and comprehensive study.

## Man of Sin Details

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### Trevor Binkley says

Great companion for A Case for Amillennialism (his first book). Clears up the Christian pop-culture of Eschatology mistranslations.

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### Adolphus Writer says

This was an even handed review of all major, current understandings of the millennium. The author also covers views throughout Church history. It's interesting to see that even the Puritans were susceptible to end times fever. All along, the author does not hide that he is in favor of amillennialism. The take away for me is that religious and secular leaders will persecute the visible Church over the centuries (as we can all witness) until that time (which no one knows but the Father) when the final shattering of the power of the holy ones occurs (Daniel 12:7). Makes me want to be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing [me]; for as long as [I] practice these things, [I]will never stumble (2 Peter 1:10).

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### Eric Chappell says

Riddlebarger offers exegetical and responsible guidance on the doctrine of the Antichrist. The benefit of this book is that it is clear and organized--clearly a product of extensive research and reflection. In the first chapter, he chastens contemporary evangelicalism's obsession with eschatology in general and the Antichrist in particular. Second, a survey of OT forerunners of the Antichrist is presented: Cain, Nimrod, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar. Third, preliminary considerations concerning the eschatological nature of the new covenant is established. In chapters 4-6, Riddlebarger looks at John's epistles, the Book of the Revelation, and 2 Thessalonians on the NT's primary teaching on the Antichrist. The book continues with a brief survey of the teaching throughout church history. In his conclusion, Riddlebarger summarizes his main conclusions. The appendix argues for a late date for John's Apocalypse.

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### Elmarie says

Excellent read !!

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### Dennis Beery says

An excellent exposition of the scriptures relating to Antichrist as seen through an amillennial lens. Riddlebarger doesn't fall into the trap of setting dates and other unbiblical speculation, but goes as far as the scriptures allow and no farther.

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## **Cbarrett says**

Very helpful on this subject without all the nuttiness that typically comes with this subject.

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## **Andrew Roycroft says**

### **A fair minded summary of a biblical theme**

Kim Riddlebarger does an excellent job of summarising the Bible's teaching on the theme of Antichrist. Written from an amillennial perspective but with a judicious approach to other views, the strength of this text is its insistence on not over-emphasising contemporary applications of this biblical feature, while not so abstracting it that watchfulness and expectancy are quenched. A really helpful book on a controversial but crucial theme.

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## **Christopher Waugh says**

Good. Gave a good description of Nero, and early Christian persecution, but failed in dating relevant canon texts.

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## **Jeromy Peacock says**

5 stars = Yearly re-read

4 stars = Re-read eventually

3 stars = Very Good

2 stars = OK

1 stars = Pass on this one.

0 stars = Couldn't finish it.

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## **Peter Clegg says**

This book gave more knowledge of eschatology for sure but the heavy amillennialism leaning prevent me from giving it five stars. I'm not positive all the information given is correct.

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## **Andrew says**

This book was an excellent scholarly and yet very readable book on a complex topic. Riddlebarger writes with great clarity and succinctness. Riddlebarger holds an amillennial view of Scripture. I found his summative conclusions on pp167ff to be extremely helpful in tying together his case. I would recommend this book highly to anyone with interest in this subject.

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### **Chris Curry says**

“The Man of Sin: Uncovering the Truth About the Antichrist” tackles the confusion surrounding the topic of biblical titles such as “antichrist,” “the man of sin (or lawlessness),” “the beast,” and “the false prophet.”

The book is laid out in a way that’s easy to approach and read (which I appreciated since I wasn’t looking for systematic theology!). Riddlebarger goes through the Old Testament to show the Antichrist’s forerunners, the New Testament where all these titles are mentioned, and then goes through each book of the Bible (1 & 2 John, 2 Thessalonians, and Revelation) and exposit the Scriptures to give a true biblical definition of the various names of this mysterious figure. He also wrote a chapter with a brief church history of the antichrist and what many of the church fathers from each century believed concerning him. And lastly, another helpful addition, was the appendix on the dating of Revelation — a later date being what he advocates (mid A.D. 90s).

As a historic premillennialist, I obviously disagreed with his amillennial conclusions on some things, but it wasn’t enough to make me give the book a poor rating. The only reason why I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 stars actually had to do with his treatment of Daniel 9 and the Olivet Discourse (which I found to be rather shockingly poor). But other than that I found it to be a very good and educated read in which I would recommend to all who want to learn more about the Antichrist and what the Scriptures say concerning him.

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