

## DAY 41: HOW TO FACE THE ANTICHRIST

"If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

10 If anyone is to be taken captive,  
to captivity he goes;  
if anyone is to be slain with the sword,  
with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints." (Revelation 13:9-10)

### I. GOD RAISES UP KINGS AND TEARS THEM DOWN

- A. "If he is to be taken, he will be taken" (v. 10)
- B. Certain things are to come (captivity, sword, etc.), if it is by design, it will happen
- C. There is some mystery to what will take place
- D. God ordains and sets history according to His will
- E. The Lord will not return until we face two things: (2 Thessalonians 2)
  - 1. The Antichrist
  - 2. The Great Rebellion
- F. The facing of the Antichrist will cause a great falling away
- G. We must understand that certain things must be in the End of the Age

### II. HOW TO FACE THE ANTICHRIST WITHOUT FACING THE ANTICHRIST

- A. Most of us will not likely ever encounter the Antichrist in a face-to-face dynamic
- B. It's not just the man, it's the hour as well
  - 1. Ex: Poland in the 1930s-1940s
- C. We will face the shadow of his reign (similar to the impact of WWII)
- D. In light of all this, we must endure and have patience
- E. The priority of our lives is the first commandment: to love God
- F. "Be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers" (1 Peter 4:7)
  - 1. The purity of relationship with God, become prayer
- G. "Keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sin" (v. 9)
  - 1. Endure, forgive, keep a tender heart
- H. Peacetime hospitality should be practiced now, but will be even more challenging in the days to come
- I. Love Jesus, love Him well, and let Him love you