

## REVELATION: Lesson 125

### Chapter 13, Similarities Between Judas Iscariot and the Antichrist/False Prophet

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The Bible proclaims that certain individuals are going to return to this Earth when Jesus Christ returns to rule and reign:

**ELIJAH** (Mal 4:5, Mt 17:10)

**DAVID** (Hos 3:5, Ezek 34:24)

**THE APOSTLES** (Mt 19:28)

**CHRISTIANS** (1 Thes 3:13, Jude 14, 1 Cor 6:2)

Today we will search the scriptures to determine the likelihood of Judas Iscariot being among those who will return.

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- Most Christians who hold the belief that **Judas Iscariot** will return believe he will return as the **Antichrist**.
  - If we would carefully look at Judas' activities, heart condition, and relationship to the work of God, as revealed in the Bible, we would find him to be more like the **False Prophet**.
    - Judas was not Christ. He was one who pointed others to Christ.
  - The similarities we will look at in the Bible show Judas to be a TYPE of the False Prophet, but don't necessarily prove that he is returning.
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#### Matthew 26:14-16

1. The False Prophet will pretend to follow Christ but will plan and scheme to get rid of Him.
  - a. Judas pretended to be a disciple of the Lord but was in league with the enemies of the Lord.
  - b. Practical: are you pretending, playing church, carrying a Bible, but have no heart for the Lord?

#### Matthew 26:47-49

2. The False Prophet will pretend to be like a lamb while using his dragon traits (Rev 13:11).
  - a. Judas spoke like a lamb when greeting the Lord. He showed affection to the Lord. But his words and actions were nothing but a part of his plan to betray the Lord.

#### John 12:1-8

3. The False Prophet will profess to love the poor, but in truth, he will love money (Ezek 24:4-5).
  - a. Judas voiced concern for the poor (vs 5) but didn't really care for them. He was a greedy thief (6).

#### Luke 22:3

4. The False Prophet is not Satan. He is possessed by the spirit of Satan.
  - a. Satan entered into Judas surnamed Iscariot.
5. The False Prophet will serve the Beast 3 ½ years.
  - a. Judas was in the Lord's service for 3 ½ years.
6. The False Prophet will work many signs and miracles (Rev 13:14-15, Mark 13:22).
  - a. Judas performed signs and miracles with the other apostles (Mark 6:7, 13, Luke 10:17).

7. The False Prophet will be an instigator and patron of idolatry (Rev 13:14).
  - a. Judas coveted money. Covetousness is idolatry (Col 3:5).

#### **Matthew 27:3-5**

8. The False Prophet is typified in the Bible by Ahithophel, a false prophet who served a bad king. When he was exposed by God and realized he was condemned, he hanged himself (2 Sam 17:23).
  - a. Judas realized he was condemned. Rather than repent with godly repentance (2 Cor 7:10), he repented himself and tried to undo his actions. That didn't work, so he hanged himself.
    - i. There is nothing that you, in and of yourself, can do to fix your sin.
    - ii. There is no other man who can forgive you for your sins (priest, pastor, etc).
    - iii. There is no religion that cares about you.
    - iv. Jesus paid it all. He cares. He's the only One who can make things right when we sin.
9. The False Prophet institutes a sign (the mark of the Beast) for his followers.
  - a. John the Baptist had a sign for those who followed him to Gethsemane: a kiss of betrayal.

#### **Psalms 109:1-16** (a Psalm about the Lord Jesus and his adversary, Judas Iscariot)

10. The False Prophet is the middleman between the Beast and Satan.
  - a. Judas is the middleman between wicked MAN and Satan (vs 6).

#### **Acts 1:15-25**

11. The False Apostle goes to Hell (Rev 20:10).
  - a. Judas went to his own place (vs 25). Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels (Mt 25:41). Judas was a devil (John 6:70).

#### **John 17:12    2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**

12. The Antichrist is called the "**son of perdition.**" This term would apply to the whole satanic trinity (dragon, beast, and False Prophet). See **John 10:25, 30, 14:8-9** for an explanation of how this title or designation could be used for either the Antichrist or the False Prophet.
  - a. Jesus called Judas the "**son of perdition.**"

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Are you a true disciple of Jesus Christ, or are you a pretender who likes to hang around with the Lord's crowd?