

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## *"The Marcon of the Beast"*

We focus on Bible prophecy each week for about five-minutes, calling it a "Prophecy Update."

We are considered futurists. We interpret the unfulfilled prophetic portions of the Book of the Revelation and the Book of Daniel, and all other unfulfilled prophecies, as yet future events in a literal, physical, apocalyptic, and global context.

There are many reasons for being futurists, but I like to point out the most important one: Jesus was a futurist. When He gave His great discourse on prophecy in Matthew 24 & 25, He quoted from Daniel as if the events prophesied were yet future and literal. In fact, whenever someone in the Bible read unfulfilled prophecies, they understood them to be literal.

We expect, for example, that the Great Tribulation is a real, future period of seven-years that follows the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the rapture of living believers; and that it ends with the Second

Coming of Jesus to establish a one-thousand year kingdom on the earth.

A prominent feature of the Great Tribulation is the rise of a world leader who we most commonly call the antichrist. He has many names in the Bible: the man of sin, the son of perdition, that wicked one, the lawless one, and the little horn.

Dr. J. Vernon McGee, in his characteristic style, said, “Just as most crooks have aliases, antichrist has more aliases than any person I know of. He has thirty names which are given on the pages of Scripture.”

One of his names in the Book of the Revelation is “the Beast.”

In every generation, going back centuries, there has been guessing and speculation as to who the antichrist might be. It stems from a simple fact, and that is this: At some point in history, the antichrist will be among us, but unrevealed until he enters a seven-year peace treaty with Israel, guaranteeing their national safety.

I don't know who the Beast is. I don't want to be lumped-in with those who make wild speculations about his identity.

But every now and then someone comes along, on the world stage, who blows your mind.

Emmanuel Jean-Michel Frédéric Macron. He is the president of France. Interesting guy. Here are a few quotes from an article at [christianevidence.net](http://christianevidence.net):

1. The antichrist will claim to be God, and demand worship. Macron has publicly claimed he will "rule like the Roman god Jupiter," in homage to the highest pagan god in the Roman and Greek pantheons, the king of all the gods in ancient Roman religions. In open reference to this, Macron's own nickname in France now is "Jupiter." Other names given to him include: "Jesus Macron," "Europe's Savior," and the "Sun King."
2. The Antichrist will be a prince. Unlike most European and western leaders, Macron is technically a prince. Macron became co-prince of Andorra, a small principality located

between France and Spain, at the same time he assumed office.

3. The Antichrist will be an extremely charismatic leader, who is seemingly friendly and charming when he deceives people. Macron is young, good looking and charming, according to many articles. Haaretz News had this to say about Macron: "When he takes the stage at rallies, you can feel Emmanuel Macron's messianic dimensions - the audience's near-sexual ecstasy, his followers' blind faith, his speech writers' evangelical messages. People yearn to get a picture with him, speak with him, touch him."

<http://www.christianevidence.net/2018/11/could-emmanuel-macron-be-anti-christ.html>

His full name is interesting:

- Emmanuel - God with us
- Jean - gift from God
- Michel - who is like God?
- Frédéric - peaceful ruler
- But here is the kicker: Macron means, "A **mark** - placed over a vowel to indicate that the vowel is long." Revelation 13 tells us "the mark... is the name of the beast."

In the words of Artie Johnson, “Verrry interesting.”

As believers, we expect that Jesus could return at any moment.

Jesus promised He'd return to rapture His church - which entails the resurrection of the dead in Christ of the Church Age, then the translation from earth to Heaven of all living believers.

It is presented in the Bible as an imminent (any-moment) event.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. Ready or not, Jesus is coming!