

## THE COMING OF THE ANTICHRIST

(2 Thessalonians 2:3-12)

### I. PAUL'S WARNING ABOUT THE DECEPTION CONCERNING THE DAY OF THE LORD

#### A. The coming of the MAN OF LAWLESSNESS (2:3-5)

1. Paul exhorted the Thessalonian believers to not be \_\_\_\_\_; they were not in "*the Day of the Lord*" nor would they ever be. (v. 3a)
  
2. There were two tell tale signs that needed to occur before "*the Day of the Lord*" took place...
  - a. First there would be a wide spread \_\_\_\_\_ (Greek--*apostasia*) from true faith in God. (v. 3b)
  
  - b. Second the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ would be revealed to the world. (v. 3c)
  
3. This "*son of perdition*" would be characterized by blasphemous, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ against the Lord. (v. 4a)
  
4. He would eventually \_\_\_\_\_ the newly erected Jewish temple, and he would \_\_\_\_\_ that he is God. (v. 4b)
  
5. Even though the Thessalonian church was relatively \_\_\_\_\_, Paul taught these new converts a great deal concerning \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 5)

#### B. The RESTRAINER of evil (2:6-8)

1. The Holy Spirit is currently restraining evil through \_\_\_\_\_ one on one, and the \_\_\_\_\_ as a whole. (v. 6)

2. At the Rapture there is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Pentecost (where the Spirit came suddenly and unexpectedly), and when the Church is removed from the world so will a major part of His divine \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 7)

\* Does this mean that the Holy Spirit will not be present in the Tribulation?

3. We can be thankful that at the Battle of Armageddon the Lord Jesus will make short work of the Antichrist, he will be swiftly \_\_\_\_\_ by a \_\_\_\_\_ word. (v. 8)

### C. The CHARACTER of the lawless one (2:9-12)

1. Antichrist will be empowered by \_\_\_\_\_, and he will perform many “*signs and wonders.*” (2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:2-8)

2. The coming of Antichrist will be such a complete and clever \_\_\_\_\_ of the coming of Christ that many people will be drawn in by the \_\_\_\_\_ deception. (2 Thess. 2:10; Rev. 13:4)

\* According to v. 10 why will people perish?

3. When people continue to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ and the Gospel message, and they are drawn to wickedness, sometimes God gives them over to a \_\_\_\_\_ mind, and they believe the lie. (2 Thess. 2:11; Rom. 1:18-32; Isa 66:4)

\* According to v. 12 why will people be condemned?

\* If the Rapture were to take place today how many of your unsaved relatives, friends and coworkers would go into the Tribulational period?