



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: II Thessalonians 2:3-10 (NAS)

“The Man Of Lawlessness”

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- 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
- 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?
- 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.
- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

I. ESCHATOLOGY

A. Concentrated Focus In Scripture

1. Jesus in Olivet Discourse, Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13
2. Revelations
3. I and II Thessalonians

B. Period Between Jesus' Ascension And Second Coming

C. Jesus' Return Will Be At The End Of The Age

1. He will judge those who reject the gospel
2. He will be glorified by and glorify those who trust in Him

II. THINGS WHICH PRECEDE JESUS' SECOND COMING

A. Apostasy

B. Man Of Lawlessness

III. DO NOT BE DECEIVED

A. Concerning Jesus' Second Coming

B. There Is Much Deception vs. 2

IV. THE BEASTS PRECEDED JESUS' FIRST COMING

A. Lion With Wings Like An Eagle - Babylon

B. Bear - Medo-Persian Empire

C. Leopard With 4 Wings And 4 Heads - Greek Empire

D. Ten-Horned Beast – Roman Empire *Daniel 7:14*

V. IMAGES OF BEASTS IN REVELATION WHICH PRECEDE JESUS' SECOND COMING

A. Paul's Writing Is Didactic; Daniel And Revelation Are Pictorial

B. Some Events In Revelation Became Reality For The Early Church

VI. PAUL'S TEACHING POINTS TO A PERSON

A. Apostasy Will Be His Goal

B. Persecution Used To Attain His Goal

C. Deception Is One Of His Primary Tools

APPLICATION:

1. Faithful Worship

2. Diligent Study Of The Word *Acts 17:11*

3. Faithful Practice Of The Truth