

## The Man of Lawlessness The King is Coming Part 28

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### 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 ESV

#### Two Things That Must Occur in the Last Days (*Escaton*)

1. Rebellion and falling away within the Church
2. Revealing of the Man of Lawlessness (antichrist)

#### 3 Approaches to identifying the Man of Lawlessness

1. Fulfilled in the first century **66-70 AD** with the fall of Jerusalem and the defilement by a Jewish rebel or Roman General (**vs. 4**)
2. Fulfilled in the early church with the appearance of false teachers after the fall of the Roman Empire. One who preached
3. Jesuit Priest Francisco Ribera (**500-year-old teaching**) The rise of a future powerful, political-religious figure.
  - Persecute and blaspheme the saints of God
  - Rebuild the temple in Jerusalem
  - Abolish the Christian religion
  - Deny Jesus Christ
  - Destroy Rome
  - Be received by the Jews
  - Pretend to be God
  - Kill the two witnesses of God
  - Conquer the world

### 1 John 2:18 ESV

#### Identifying characteristics of the Antichrist

- a. Man (**vs. 3, 9**)
- b. Lawless
- c. He claims to be God (**vs. 4**)
- d. He is born for destruction (**vs. 3**)
- e. Empowered by Satan (**vs. 9**)
- f. Supernatural power (**vs. 9**)
- g. Unparallel deception of many (**vs. 10**)

#### Key to standing strong

- Stand in Truth (reject the counterfeit)
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit