

The Kingdom...and Other Mysteries

“Mystery of Lawlessness”

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

The issue of the Antichrist and how he emerges as a world leader is of vital interest to Christians in every generation. What historical realities conspire to allow such a man to gain global power? While certainly included in the book of Revelation, this mystery must be seen unfolding in both testaments in order to gain a more complete understanding.

1. Old Testament Vision: the godless “king”

- **Daniel 9:27—global ruler**
- **Daniel 11:36-39—self-proclaimed god**
- **Daniel 12:8-13—termination point for evil**

2. New Testament Revelation: “man of lawlessness”

- **Pressing Issue for Every Generation (vv.1-2)**
- **Mystery of History Unveiled Finally (vv.3-12)**
- **Future Events Described Confidently (vv.13-15)**
- **Present Believers Empowered Supernaturally (vv.16, 17)**