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# 2 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 13 PREPARING FOR THE END TIMES – Pt 4 "The Revealing Of The Antichrist" 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 INTRODUCTION

#### SOME FACTS ABOUT THE COMING OF THIS WORLD DECEIVER:

- 1. HE IS REVEALED AT THE DAY OF THE LORD- 1-2
- 2. THE DEPARTURE OF CHURCH-AGE BELIEVERS WILL COME FIRST 3
- 3. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ANTICHRIST THAT REVEALS HIS REAL IDENTITY 3-4

## 4. THE <u>DAY</u> OF HIS REVELATION IS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL THE RESTRAINT IS REMOVED - 5-8A

<sup>6</sup> And you know what is restraining him now so that <u>he may be revealed in his time</u>. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed.

#### Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

### 5. HIS <u>DESTRUCTION</u> WILL COME WHEN OUR LORD RETURNS IN ALL HIS GLORY – 8 - Rev. 19:19-20

...<u>whom the Lord Jesus will kill</u> with the breath of his mouth and <u>bring to nothing</u> by the appearance of his coming.

#### 6. HIS DEEDS WILL BE INSPIRED BY SATAN HIMSELF – 9

<sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders Rev. 13:4, 12-14

### 7. HIS DECEPTION WILL AFFECT THOSE THAT PERISH - 10

<sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13

### 8. THE <u>DELUSION</u> WILL COME FROM GOD HIMSELF – 11

<sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false

# 9. THE <u>DAMNATION</u> OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE DECEIVED WILL COME - 12

<sup>12</sup> in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- Because they did not believe the truth!
- · Because they delighted in unrighteousness!