



2 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 10
PREPARING FOR THE END TIMES – Pt 1
“The Revealing Of The Antichrist” 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

INTRODUCTION

The Antichrist – *Antichristos* (“Antichrist”) compound word preposition *anti* and the noun *Christos*

Anti can mean both “against” and “in the place of.”

He is known by many names...

- the “Gog of the land of Magog the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal” (Ezek. 38:2)
- the little horn of Daniel 7:8, 24; 8:9
- the “prince who is to come” (Dan. 9:26)
- the king who does as he pleases (Dan. 11:36)
- the foolish, worthless shepherd (Zech. 11:15–17)
- the beast (Rev. 11:7; 13:1; 14:9; 19:20)
- “the man of lawlessness” (2 Thess 2:3)
- the “son of destruction” (2 Thess 2:3)
- “the lawless one” (2 Thess 2:8)
- “the one in accord with the activity of Satan” (2 Thess 2:9)
- the *Antichrist* (1 John 2:18)

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?

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE COMING OF THIS WORLD DECEIVER:

1. HE IS REVEALED AT THE DAY OF THE LORD- 1-2

- The **RAPTURE** is the basis for this exhortation from Paul - 1
*"the coming (Greek: *parousia*) of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him."*
- The immediate **REASON** was the reaction of these believers to reports that the day of the Lord was already here – 2
"we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us"

2. THE DEPARTURE OF CHURCH-AGE BELIEVERS WILL COME FIRST - 3

*"unless the rebellion comes first" (Greek: *apostasia*)*

3. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ANTICHRIST THAT REVEALS HIS REAL IDENTITY - 3-4

"the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction"

- His **DEPRAVITY** will go unchecked - *man of lawlessness*
Daniel 11:37-38
- His **DESTINY** is already settled – *son of destruction*
Rev. 19:20; 20:10; John 17:12
- His **DETERMINATION** to be honored above everyone and everything - 4a
"who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship" - Daniel 7:8, 11, 20, 25; 11:36-37
- His **DECISION** to sit in the temple of God will be the final evidence of his real identity - 4b
"so that he takes his seat in the temple of God" - Matt 24:15.