THE DAY OF DREAD & DOOM 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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- The faith of believers in Thessalonica had been shaken by false teaching about end-time events.
- The apostle Paul reassured them that what he had taught earlier was the truth.

I. THE PROBLEM OF THE SAINTS CONCERNING THE DAY OF THE LORD. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

- A. The request for calmness. 2:1-2a
- B. The reason for confusion. 2:2b

II. THE PREREQUISITES TO THE START OF THE DAY OF THE LORD. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10a

- A. Preceded by the revolt from the faith. 2:3
- B. Preceded by the revelation of the man of lawlessness. 2:3-5, 8-10a
 - 1. His doomed ______. 3
 - 2. His defiant ______. 4-5
 - 3. His deceptive ______. 9-10
 - 4. His destructive ______. 8
- C. Preceded by the removal of the Restrainer. 2:6-7
 - 1. Indication of the _____ of the restrainer.
 - 2. Identification of the _____ of the restrainer.

III. THE PUNISHMENT OF SINNERS IN THE DAY OF THE LORD. 2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12

- A. The delusion of sinners. 2:10b-11
- B. The damnation of sinners. 2:12

THE ANTICHRIST

Other than Jesus Christ, the most important figure in Bible prophecy and all of human history is the coming world ruler – the Antichrist.

The person we refer to as the Antichrist is known by many different names and titles in Scripture:

- 1. The little horn. Daniel 7:8
- 2. A king, insolent and skilled in intrigue. Daniel 8:23
- 3. The prince who is to come. Daniel 9:26
- 4. The one who makes desolate. Daniel 9:27
- 5. The king who does as he pleases. Daniel 11:36
- 6. A foolish shepherd. Zechariah 11:15
- 7. The man of lawlessness. 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- 8. The son of destruction. 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- 9. The rider on the white horse. Revelation 6:2
- 10. The Beast out of the sea. Revelation 13:1-9; 17:3, 8

WHAT WILL THE ANTICHRIST BE LIKE?

- 1. An intellectual genius. Daniel 8:23
- 2. An oratorical genius. Daniel 11:36; Revelation 13:2, 6
- 3. A political genius. Daniel 9:27; Revelation 17:11-12
- 4. A commercial genius. Daniel 11:43; Revelation 13:16-17
- 5. A military genius. Revelation 6:2; 13:2
- 6. A religious genius. 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 13:8