



2 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
The Man of Sin—Part 4  
From Sermon 6.19.22

Read *2 Thessalonians 2:3-8*

Review from Sunday's sermon: So far, we've covered the reality of the coming Man of Sin (Antichrist). We've reviewed his tactics and intrigue. And, we looked at his targets: the church and the remaining institutions and restraints on sin. There is one more group he must infiltrate. Understanding this doctrine and the people group involved is pivotal to understanding prophecy in the Scripture.

1. Clearly, right now, the enemy is targeting the remaining true church. Who falls into his crosshairs, once again, after the Church is gone? Israel

2. According to verses like *Romans 11:29*, why are they forever his enemy? They are still God's elect. He wants the prominent place of worship in the chosen place for God's plan. He wants to discredit the Scriptures and thwart Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. See also *Zechariah 14:1-4*

3. Many have allegorized and symbolized these end-time passages or forced them into a 1<sup>st</sup> century fulfillment. From Sunday: What four pretty major sources show us these are real events in the future of the world and Israel? Paul, Daniel, John, & Jesus. A good teaching team to listen to?

4. List some things you've learned, in this series, about this coming Man of Sin. Various answers. But, include: while the physical, human Antichrist will be revealed in God's timing, the spirit of antichrist has always been and always been at work. [1 John 2:18]. The Antichrist will be a conglomeration of all historic evil world leaders, all false religion, and all the values and systems of man. Like his father, the devil, he masks his true self and character until it's too late. He appears as the hero and the truth bearer. He's a master at manipulation and intrigue. He wants all things that are Christ's.

5. See also *Daniel 11:36-39*. What additional facts do we get there? At his appearing, any restraints are gone and he can do just as he wills. He's a blasphemer who speaks against God, Christ, the Spirit, and the Word. He won't show an allegiance to any religion, despite his human heritage and background. He'll have no desire for women/relationships. He will rule globally.

6. Why would the Antichrist allow the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple and protect them while its built? What is his ulterior motive? It's a trick and a trap. Sadly, the Israelis fall for it. He gets them to do all the labor and funding, while looking like the international peace broker. He makes a covenant (pact) with them for 7 years. Half-way thru, he breaks the covenant, commandeers their grand temple, and puts up his own image to be worshipped in the sanctuary. See *Revelation 13:14-15*

7. As we leave this subject, now, to cover other doctrines and conclude this beautiful epistle, what will you be looking for and praying for concerning the end times? Various Personal Answers