

## II Thessalonians 03 - (2:5-10)

### The Man of Sin Revealed

#### 1. 2:5-6 – “Revealed in his time”

- a. Follow who is revealed – 2:3, 2:6, 2:8
- b. What is revealed – as the “man of sin”, “son of perdition”, “Wicked”
- c. How is he revealed – 2:4; Dan 9:27,11:31,12:11, Mat 24:15
- d. “Now ye know what withholds” = the revealing
- e. The man of sin identified – 2:9 – “after the working of Satan”

#### 2. 2:7 – Mystery of Iniquity

- a. “mystery of godliness” – 1 Tim 3:16
  - i. This is God’s working in the world – Eph 1:13, 4:30, 5:18
- b. Mystery of iniquity – “doth already work” – this is now
- c. The working of Satan in the world – Eph 2:2; 2 Cor 4:4
  - i. He works as an angel of light – 2 Cor 11:1-4; 13-15
  - ii. He ministers doubt, confusion, and pride
  - iii. Doubting the word – Phil 3:2; 2 Cor 2:11,17
  - iv. Doctrines of devils - 1 Tim 4:1-3
  - v. Pride – 2 Cor 10:12; Gal 6:13; 1 Cor 1:29
- d. This is a continuation of chapter 1 – the righteous judgment – 1:5

#### 3. He Who Lets

- a. What is “let”? – *def.* A hindrance, an obstacle, holding back, “in the way”
  - i. Many make this the Holy Ghost, the Church, or Jesus
  - ii. BUT! ... These three are not mentioned in the context
- b. Who is “letting”, hindering, who is in the way? - (see 2:3) A: Man of sin
- c. “until he be taken out of the way” – How this happens → 2:8
- d. The man of sin revealed is between us and the Coming of the Lord
- e. The Lord will remove this Wicked from his power – remember 1:6-8
- f. The Lord slaying with his mouth – Isa 11:14, Rev 1:16, 2:16, 19:15
- g. Conclusion: The Lord will return after the Man of Sin is revealed

#### 4. 2:9-10 – The working of Satan

- a. “Powers, signs, and lying wonders” – Mat 24:24, 2 Cor 11:13
- b. The law warned them of the antichrist – Deut 13:1-3
- c. The deception by the Wicked – Rev 13:1-5, 19:20, 20:10
- d. The powers of the foundation will “vanish away” – 1 Cor 13:8
- e. “Now abides” – 1 Cor 13:13
- f. “deceiving them that perish” – Rom 16:18; Eph 4:14
  - i. The sure deception is to come ministering “righteousness”
  - ii. The persecutors of the Thessalonians were religious