

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon

EASTER 2018

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

1. Before Jesus returns, there will be a rebellion and an evil man will appear.
 - A. He will be characterized by lawlessness.
 - B. He will claim to be God.
 - C. He will be controlled by Satan.

2. I'm warning you: it matters what you do in life because it will all come to an end very quickly. It matters that you surrender to Jesus now, because one day it will be too late.

3. Fear not; take courage, have hope, and rejoice- no matter what is happening... Your future is assured!

Digging Deeper into the Message

"Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers,¹ ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness⁴ is revealed, the son of destruction,⁵ ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹²in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

-2 Thess. 2:1-12

1. Make 5 observations about the text.

2. How can you apply this to your life today?

3. What can you do to avoid being deceived by the man of lawlessness?

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: What comes to mind when you think of the end times?

QUESTIONS:

- ❖ Do you have any questions about the sermon?
- ❖ Is there anything specific about the sermon that you found interesting or that stuck out to you?
- ❖ What do people mean when they say the "Second Coming"? What is the Second Coming?
- ❖ Is it possible to miss the Second Coming of Jesus? In other words, can the Second Coming happen and some people miss it?
- ❖ Read the 1st point on the MAP about the Man of Lawlessness.
 - How is this man portrayed in books or movies? What will he really be like?
 - In what ways does the current state of thought in the western world embrace lawlessness?
- ❖ Read the 2nd point on the MAP. Can you think of any stories from your own life, history, or the Bible when someone thought they had more time and didn't realize their mistake until it was too late?
- ❖ Read the 3rd point on the MAP. Why shouldn't we fear? Can you think about any stories from history or the Bible when bad things were happening, but God protected His people?
- ❖ Is there any incorrect "doctrine" about the end times that you've been taught in the past?

APPLICATION: Who can you warn this week about Jesus' Second Coming?