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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

11-026-53 CHRIST AND THE ANTI-CHRIST
(RSV)

3:40 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 Paul does not want the Thessalonians to be misled about the Day of the Lord. Two things must happen first: 1. The rebellion 2. The man of lawlessness.

Teaching – Rebellion, beginning with Adam and Eve. In the last days there will be a significant increase in the deliberate turning away (not just a drifting away), from God. Reference Luke 18:8 When the Lord returns will he find faith on the earth?

Teaching – Man of lawlessness – the Anti-Christ. A perversity, like an incarnation of Satan. Reference 1 John 4:3 the spirit of antichrist is already on the world.

14:30 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 “son of perdition” A person doomed to utter destruction. He is in opposition to every god and object of worship. He proclaims himself to be God. The term “Anti” can mean – stand against or as a substitute for.

Teaching – on a personal level, when we substitute our will for God’s will we are manifesting the spirit of lawlessness. The human nature wants to be without restraint.

20:05 2 Thessalonians 2:5 Paul, had in just the three weeks he was in Thessalonica, instructed them on the spirit of antichrist – even within themselves.

21:00 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 Teaching on “restraining him now” Reference Romans 13:1-4. Anarchy is under some

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control by the institutions of the state but respect for the law, authority and property is clearly breaking down.

23:35 2 Thessalonians 2:9 The Lawless one is an agent of Satan with special power, signs and wonders.

24:40 2 Thessalonians 2:8 The lawless one will be revealed for who he is and Jesus will destroy him completely, at his second coming.

25:00 A few references to other scripture which speaks to the same themes. Reference Daniel 7 & 8; 7:25; 8:23-25.

27:10 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 God will allow the full course of man's rebellion to be played out. Rejection of God's will has consequences – just as the wages of sin is death. There are spiritual laws. Continued violation of God's will can quiet and sear the conscience (hardening of the heart). Man's ability to repent runs out.

32:40 Revelation 13:1-13 The symbolic description of what Paul has related in Thessalonians.

36:45 Teaching synopsis. The great rebellion (great tribulation). Terrible times of persecution. One like the incarnation of Satan appears. What is to be done in light of this? Reference 2 Peter 3:11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, Teaching on our holy response. Proclaim truth and desire a spirit of discernment.

2Th. 2:1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling to meet him, we beg you, brethren, 2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or excited, either by spirit or by word, or by letter purporting to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,

Luke 18:8 I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

1John 4:3 and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already.

2Th. 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who 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. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you this? 6 And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

Rom. 13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore he who resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of him who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain; he is the servant of God to execute his wrath on the wrongdoer.

2Th. 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by his appearing and his coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan will be with all power and with pretended signs and wonders,

Dan. 7:25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, two times, and half a time.

Dan. 8:23 And at the latter end of their rule, when the transgressors have reached their full measure, a king of bold countenance, one who understands riddles, shall arise. 24 His power shall be great, and he shall cause fearful destruction, and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people of the saints. 25 By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall magnify himself. Without warning he shall destroy many; and he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes; but, by no human hand, he shall be broken.

2Th. 2:10 and with all wicked deception for those who are to perish, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 Therefore God sends upon them a strong delusion, to make them believe what is false, 12 so that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Rev. 13:1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems upon its horns and a blasphemous name upon its heads. 2 And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bears, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. 3 One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth followed the beast with wonder. 4 Men worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

Rev. 13:5 And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months; 6 it opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, every one whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain. 9 If any one has an ear, let him hear: 10 If any one is to be taken captive, to captivity

he goes; if any one slays with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Rev. 13:11 Then I saw another beast which rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. 12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. 13 It works great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of men;

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