

Olivet Discourse

(6) The Coming Apostasy

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More details of 'the apostasy'...

What is the *specific event* Paul cites re 'the day of the Lord...'? IIThess.2:3-4; Rev.13:11-17

What does 'in his time...' indicate about the antichrist? see Is.14:12-15; Lu.21:24

After the Restrainer is taken out of the way, what happens? 2:8a

Who is the Restrainer?

What is the end for the antichrist? 2:8b; Dan.7:23-27; Rev.19:20, 20:10

What are (4) characteristics of the antichrist seen here? 2:9-10a

The grave peril of deception...

What is the crucial truth about *why* 'those who perish' are deceived? 2:10; Jn.3:19-21; Prov.1:7

What about those who know the Gospel but refused Him, before the rapture? 2:11-12; Jn.3:36

So what is the very grave peril of procrastination in salvation? IICor.6:2; Is.29:9-10; Mt.24:5, 11

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The antichrist uses an image (idol) in temple / deceive. Demands to be worshiped as God.

What does 'in his time...' indicate about the antichrist? see *Is*.14:12-15; *Lu*.21:24

He has a specific appointed time to exercise authority. Until that time he is restrained.

After the Restrainer is taken out of the way, what happens? 2:8a

That lawless one (antichrist) will be revealed (uncovered). The full uncovering = mid trib.

Who is the Restrainer?

The Restrainer (He who restrains) must be the Holy Spirit. Only God can hold Satan back.

What is the end for the antichrist? 2:8b; *Dan*.7:23-27; Rev.19:20, 20:10

The Lord will slay him with the breath of His mouth at His (2nd) Coming. Rev.19:11-16

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Power, signs, false wonders, and all of this working to deception of wickedness. Uncovered

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They are deceived by antichrist because they did not receive the love of the truth/saved.

What about those who know the Gospel but refused Him, before the rapture? 2:11-12; *Jn*.3:36

God will send them a deluding influence so they will believe a lie (antichrist). Doomed...

So what is the very grave peril of procrastination in salvation? *I*Cor.6:2; *Is*.29:9-10; *Mt*.24:5, 11

Salvation is free and open to all, today. But death, or the Rapture, seals rejecting, forever.

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