

II Thess. 2: 1-9

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SUBJECT: The Revelation and Destruction  
of the Man of Sin

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2:3 ἡ ἀποστασία "the apostasy"  
 some few, "the taking away of the church out of the world"  
 but mostly, the apostasy of the followers of Christ  
 the term ἀποστασία. Revolt, rebelling against God. Gen. 23:16  
 It is within the church (cannot apostasy) Eph. 2:3  
 spoken of by Paul elsewhere 1 Cor. 36:18  
 Rom. 3:13; 4:3, 4 16

ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῆς ἁμαρτίας  
 ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας (destruction, waste, perdition)

[2:6 τὸ κατέχον that which restrains - a thing  
 ὁ κατεχὼν he who restrains - a person

- whom, what is Paul talking about?
- almost every period of history or identification:
1. Some "man, his" = Nero. Restrains by sword until sword  
 put out of the way, then Nero is his real enemy.
  2. Some "man, his" is Satan himself, restrained now by  
 expediency to keep us from death. But this, unorthodox, must be  
 seen in his true light.
  3. Some "man, his" = a reference to the chaos, anarchy possible if the  
 Roman authority in law, order, hindering it, were taken out of the way.
  4. Middle Ages, Eastern Church, struggling against forces of Islam,  
 identical with Muhammad.
  5. Western Reformation by, the "man, his" the papacy.
  6. French Revolution, "man, his" Napoleon.
  7. modern days, one of the Perils of Antichrist as mentioned.

The man of sin & the final anti-christ.

The corruption of the church, is ἀποστασία moves on to meet the corruption of the world. The first issue of the apostasy, the second is the withdrawal of Antichrist. End in church, end in state, the revision, with religion.

His description: 2: 36-9.

People in Paul's day thoroughly familiar with subject of Antichrist:

Daniel chs. 2, 7, 8, 9, 11; Josephus Antiq. 10; 11; 7; X's 'John 8:44'; I Jo. 2:18  
Earth's last and most terrible tyrant. Satan gives to him the power which he offered to X - Mt. 4: 8, 9; Rev. 13: 1-10. The ruler of the first (world) during the apocalyptic followed by the other three Rev. 6: 1-8.

1. A person.

2: 3 "man" = "man" "great full himself" "sin" - shows himself

: 9 has a "coming" : 9 "a lawless one"  
Παρουσία like the 2nd 2: 8

2. Satan's man.

World's man - Jesus X. "man" / "son of man"

Satan as imitator, Satan's man, man, sin & his very life characterized by opposition to, the way of, Paul. The heart out of the man of Rev. 13. He will be promoted in the world.

2: 9 ἐνεργεῖται in the energy, power of Satan: "who" like with the heart? Rev. 17: 4

### The Restraints.

2:6-8a "mystery of iniquity"  $\mu\upsilon\sigma\tau\eta\rho\iota\sigma\mu\ \tau\eta\varsigma\ \delta\iota\upsilon\omicron\upsilon\sigma\iota\alpha\varsigma$   
 there is a mystery of iniquity,  $\mu\upsilon\sigma\tau\eta\rho\iota\sigma\mu$  holds it back. when this  
 already working, but grows restreints, holds it back. when this  
 withholding agency is taken out of the way, then Antichrist revealed,  
 $\tau\omicron\ \kappa\alpha\tau\epsilon\chi\omicron\upsilon\upsilon$  - a thing } The person, the H.S., the thing, the instrument  
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Who is it that restrains sin? God.  
 So Gen. 6:3 my spirit will not always strive with man "I restrained  
 of driving, the judgment of the flood."  
 So Job 1:16 "an hedge about him." Satan restrained; but let that  
 take down the restraint.... Satan no further than that permitted  
 so with us. won't not for God's protection....

Today: age of the Spirit since Pentecost. The Spirit of God  
 indwells the church, people, God. Taken out of the world,  
 removal of Pentecost, he will be at least only unconverted  
 people. then 2:8....

### Destruction of Anti-Christ: 2:8

Success of Antichrist but temporary. For a time progress,  
 has subjects, various powers; doubtless some think his rule  
 permanent, his power irresistible. Nevertheless he will succumb.  
 All the men of his is wrong, & also is wrong. man, his fully  
 revealed in all his power to be followed by the revelation  
 of the true God.

- We - need courage not to be drawn into wrong movements  
 that lead away from God, distinguish us truly, not, determine  
 the Son, God.
- new patience not to give way in waiting
  - watchfulness in prayer, direction of life...

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