

THE ULTIMATE SIGN OF THE DAY OF THE LORD
THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION REVEALED
2 Thessalonians 2:3-5

I. DON'T LET ANYONE DECEIVE YOU but REMEMBER THE WORD (3-5)

A. *Review:* Paul exhorts them to not let anyone wholly seduce them according to any manner (1-3a)

B. **Paul reminds them that the Day of the Lord will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and then the antichrist is revealed (3b-4)**

1. **When do these events happen?** (Daniel, Revelation)

2. **The worldwide apostasy that prepares the way must come first (3b)**

3. **Then the man of lawlessness is revealed (3b-4)**

(a) **Who is this man of lawlessness? He is the “son of destruction”** [Satan’s man] (3b, 9, Revelation 13, 17, Daniel 7, 9, 11, Matt. 24, 1Jn.)

(b) **What does he do when revealed? He displays himself to be God:** He opposes and exalts himself above everything the world worships, so that he seats himself in the temple displaying himself as being God (Daniel, Revelation, Matthew, 2Thes. 2:4)

B. Remember there is nothing new, it is the same message it always was (5)

Next week

IV. The antichrist is currently restrained by the Spirit through the Church **but He who restrains will be taken out of the way and the antichrist will be revealed and then defeated by Christ (6-8)**

V. How will the antichrist come, who will follow and what is their end? (9-12)