

## END TIME EVENTS # 2

### That Which Hinders Lawlessness

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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Introduction: Chapter 1:4-12 Paul says that they, the Thessalonians, had been persecuted and had tribulations v.4 and they had endured. This, Paul says, makes them worthy of the Kingdom of God v.5. God will persecute the persecutors vs 6-10. Jesus will come "in flaming fire," see also Isaiah 66:15; 2 Peter 3:7.

### THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST vs. 1-3

- a. The gathering together. Gathering ( Strong's # 1997) Gr. Episunagoge, ep-ee-soon-ag-o-gay, a complete collection; specifically, a church meeting [for worship]- assembling (gathering) together.
- b. Romans 9:27 "Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: 'Though the number of the children Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved. V28. For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth.'" 2 Thess. 1:8
- c. Last times: see 1 John 2:18-20; 1 Peter 4:7-10
- d. "That Day" has not come as some were teaching. "That Day" is Christ Coming in fulness of His kingdom.

### THE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CHRIST RETURN vs 3-5

- a. "the falling away comes first" v.3 the Greek apostasia, defection, revolt, apostasy. Used only here and in Acts 21:21, but the same as apostasion, divorce , in Matthew 5:31; 19:7; Mark 10:4. The Greek here has the definite article, the apostasy, referring to the great one before the second coming of Christ. Some say the time between the Rapture and the second coming. This is already happening.
- b. The Man of Sin or Lawless One must come.
  1. Opposes righteousness v. 4
  2. Exalts himself above God v.4
  3. Sits in the temple of God in Jerusalem v.4
  4. Claiming to be God v.4
- c. "And now you know what is restraining , that he may be revealed in his own time." V.6
  1. It is something already known v.6
  2. It now hinders lawlessness vs. 6, 7
  3. It is strong enough to prevent the revelation of the Antichrist, vs. 6-8
  4. It is called "he"v.7
  5. It will be removed

### THE HINDERER IS ONE OF THREE THINGS: vs. 9-12

- a. The Holy spirit. He cannot go He is. Some quote John 16:7-12
- b. Governments. Some quote Romans 13:1-7 & 1 Peter 2:13
- c. The Church. Some quote 2 Thess. 2:7 "He" is not the Bride of Christ.

**Last Words** Jesus is coming soon be ready.