

Sermon Discussion Guide

Precursors to Christ's Coming

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

The timing of the Lord's coming (1-3a, 5)

1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Tim 2:17-18; 1 Thess 5:20-21

- What was the main issue causing the Thessalonians to be concerned?
- How might they have heard this wrong information?
- How was this affecting them? (2)
- To what does Paul point them to comfort and correct them? (3a, 5)
- Can you relate to the Thessalonians' unsettled state? If so, how does Paul's approach instruct us?

The coming rebellion (3)

1 Tim 4:1; Matt 24:10-13

- What does Paul say must happen before the day of the Lord?
- What is the significance of the term *apostasia*, which is translated "rebellion" in the ESV?
- How should the knowledge of a coming turning from God affect us now?

The man of lawlessness (4)

Dan 7:8; 11:31-36; Matt 24:15, 24; 1 John 2:18-24

- What is the significance of the title "the man of lawlessness"?
- What is the significance of the title "the son of destruction"?
- What does Paul tell us the man of lawlessness will do?
- How are we to think about past figures who have done similar things, and should we expect a future Antichrist figure in history? (see also 1 John 2:18-22)
- How should studying passages about the Antichrist affect us as believers?