# The Man of Lawlessness - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Topics: Confusion, Evil, Future, Hell, Hopelessness, Judgment, Last Days, Lost, Miracles, Second Coming

### **Open It**

- 1. What would make you think that the end of the world was near?
- 2. If you were convinced the world would end in six months, what would you do until then?
- \* 3. What evidence do you see of evil forces active in the world today?

# **Explore It**

- 4. What subject was Paul addressing? (2:1)
- 5. What reaction had Paul's previous letter caused among his readers? (2:2)
- 6. What must happen before the day of the Lord comes? (2:3)
- \* 7. What kind of person will the man of lawlessness be? (2:4)
  - 8. What is delaying the coming of the man of lawlessness? (2:6)
- \* 9. What will happen to allow the man of lawlessness to be revealed? (2:7)
  - 10. What will happen when the man of lawlessness encounters the Lord Jesus? (2:8)
- \* 11. How will Satan's power be evident during the time of the man of lawlessness? (2:9-10)
  - 12. Why will people perish? (2:10-12)
  - 13. What will God do to allow those who delight in wickedness to persist in their ways? (2:11-12)

#### Get It

- 14. How should a Christian react to any predictions about Christ's return?
- 15. How close do you think we are to the end times and the return of Christ? Why?
- 16. What can a person do to get ready for Christ's return?
- \* 17. What gives Christians confidence as they face the end times and the forces of the antichrist?
- \* 18. What powers of lawlessness and rebellion are already present in our world?
  - 19. How can you decide if a miracle or a miracle worker is from God or from Satan?
  - 20. What will cause people to turn away from God during the end times?

#### **Apply It**

- \* 21. How can you strengthen your faith today so that you are ready to face any evil days that will come?
  - 22. What can you say to a loved one or friend this week that will lovingly draw them away from wickedness and unbelief?