

Sermon Notes – June 21, 2020

Lawlessness: The Abomination of Desolation (*II Thessalonians 2:3-4*)

- I. The answer to Daniel's prayer. (*Daniel 9*)
 - A. The prophecy given to Daniel: The big picture.
 1. 70 weeks to accomplish God's will. (*Vs. 24*)
 - a. The decree given. (*Ezra 7:11-26*) (*Nehemiah 2:5-8*)
 - b. The Messiah coming and cut off (69 weeks). (*Vs. 26*)
 2. The forerunner to the Antichrist: Antiochus IV (Epiphanes). (*Daniel 11*)
 - a. Syrian king ruled Palestine 175-165 BC.
 1. Seized throne by intrigue. (*Vs. 21*)
 2. Broke covenant with Israel. (*Vs. 28*)
 3. Desecrated the Temple. (*Vs. 31*)
 - a. Sacrificed a pig on the altar; forced priests to eat the flesh.
 - b. Set up an idol of Zeus, believing he was the manifestation of Zeus. (Theos Epiphanes: manifest god).
- II. The answer to the Disciple's questions. (*Matthew 24*)
 - A. The prediction of Jesus. (*24:1-3*)
 1. 70 A.D. Emperor Titus and Romans raze the Temple and destroy Jerusalem.
 - B. The warning of Jesus. (*24:4-51*)
 1. Don't be misled. (*Vss. 4-14*)
 2. Let the reader understand. (*Vss. 15-51*)
- III. The answer to the Church's worry. (*2 Thessalonians 2*)
 - A. The confidence of Paul.
 1. The order of the end is set. (*Daniel 9:27*)
 2. Our rescue is assured.
 - a. We will be rescued from wrath. (*I Thessalonians 1:10*)
 - b. We are not destined to wrath. (*I Thessalonians 5:9*) (*John 3:36*)