

Sermon Notes – June 28, 2020

Lawlessness: The Appearance of His Coming (*II Thessalonians 2:8-12*)

- I. The Theories.
 - A. Views on the (Great) Tribulation.
 - 1. Pre-tribulational view: the church is raptured before the tribulation of Revelation 6-19.
 - 2. Mid-tribulational view: the church is raptured at the time of the abomination of desolation of Daniel 9:27 and Matthew 24.
 - 3. Post-tribulational view: the rapture and second coming are the same event and the church is raptured at the end of the tribulation.
 - B. Views on the Millennium. (*Revelation 20*)
 - 1. Amillennialism: Revelation 20 is symbolic of the literal reign of Christ in the present time.
 - 2. Postmillennialism: the kingdom of God is being extended through the preaching of the gospel now and all will be Christianized.
 - 3. Premillennialism:
 - A. Historic Premilliannalism: the church will go through the tribulation; Jesus sets up His literal reign on earth.
 - B. Dispensational Premilliannalism: the church is raptured before the tribulation; Israel and the Church are distinct from one another. History is divided into seven dispensations or periods: Innocence, Conscience, Human Government, Promise, Law, the Church, the Kingdom.
- II. The Triumph. (*Vss. 8-9*)
 - A. Divinely ordained destruction of the Antichrist.
 - 1. Daniel 7:26; 11:45
 - 2. Revelation 17:11; 19:20
 - B. Divinely ordained appearance of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. His bodily return. (*Revelation 19:11-21*)
 - 2. His set time for the activity of Satan. (*Daniel 9:27; 12:6; Revelation 13:5*)



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III. The Terror. (*Vss. 10-12*)

- A. Those who reject the truth will die in their sins. (*John 8:24; 45-47*)
- B. The God they reject is the God who rejects them. (*Exodus 7:3; 8:15*)
- C. Those who take pleasure in wickedness condemn themselves to judgment.
(*Romans 1:28-32*) (*I Corinthians 1:18*)