**Understanding the Person and Work of the Antichrist in the End Times** A Guide to *The Apocalypse Is Coming: The Rise of the Antichrist, The Restrainer Removed, and Jesus Christ Victorious at Armageddon*  **Bk Chap 11: Paul Identifies Antichrist As the Man of Lawlessness Presently Restrained** Answers: **Part 2 (pp 273-289)**

24. The identity of what is one of the most important issues of this book? the restrainer

25. What are several views of the restrainer? Which seems best in light of Rom 13? 273-4 Rom Empire; Jewish state; preaching gospel; Chr ch and H.S (Scofield Bible); angel; human govt &law; binding Satan; Gentile power. Best is governt (majority Chr view)

26. For what purpose is the restrainer restraining? 275 to prevent the lawless one from being revealed

27. The restrainer is necessary because the “mystery” of lawlessness” is already powerfully at work. 275

28. Verse 6 identifies the restrainer as a thing, v 7 identifies the restrainer as a person. 275

29. Lawlessness today (as in Daniel) is “the end times evil revealed before its time.” 276

30. As there is a “great tribulation so there is a great transgress.” when Antichrist deifies himself. 276

31. Antichrist will conquer all nations, so that ­­­nationalism gives way to globalism/totalitarianism. 277

32. Jesus’s destroying the Antichrist with the “breath of his mouth and his appearing” means that the end of the Antichrist coincides with Jesus’s coming in “power and great glory” (so Matt 24:31) 278-9

33. Paul explains that Antichrist has such great power because he is inspired by Satan. 280

34. Satan will empower Antichrist to perform false powers, signs, and wonders, just like Jesus, the prophets, Moses, Stephen, and Paul and the apostles. 281-2

35. The purpose of Antichrist’s using miracles, etc, is to deceive those who “are perishing.” 283

37. The purposes for God’s sending a deluding influence (or, “powerful delusion,” or “a work of deceit”) are (1) so that people believe the lie and (2) so that all might be condemned/judged. 284-5

38. This state of condemnation illustrates the hardening of people to the truth: they can’t repent. 285

39. Those who are condemned both did not believe the truth and delighted in wickedness. 285-6

40. “It is not going too far to describe the Antichrist as the incarnation of evil.” 286

41. Verse 13-17 provide three means whereby Paul assures that the truth shall continue. Paul recounts the privileges of believers (13-14), he exhorts them to fidelity to the truth (15), and he prays for the Lord’s enabling (16-17). 286-8

42. Paul had personally experienced the reality of Satan in his ministry. 288

43. The application for Christians today is that Satanic deception is working more and more. 289