**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** Part 1 (257-273)

1. What is Paul’s unique contribution to understanding the Antichrist? 257 That his power is presently restrained by government; today the USA 2. What was the momentous event for Paul that would mean that Europe and the USA would become Christian? 259 The vision of the Macedonian man signaling Paul to come West to Europe and preach the gospel there, turning nations from paganism/idolatry to become unrivalled societies. 3. It is virtually certain that Paul preached Daniel—that Rome fulfilled Daniel’s fourth empire. 261

4. Why did Paul strongly desire to visit Rome, recorded in Rom 1? 261. To claim it for Jesus Christ.

5. In what other city did Paul preach the essentials of Daniel? 261, 263 In Athens, Ac 17:22-34

6. Paul wrote 1-2 Thess from Corinth about AD 51, where he was 1 ½ years (Ac 18:9-11) 262

7. What social factor contributed to the Thessalonians’ reception of the gospel? 262 their history shows their greater independence from Rome 8. Paul says more in the Thess Eps about the Second Coming than in all his other 11 Eps. 263

9. 1 Thess 4 concerns the ­­­­­­Rapture while 1 Thess 5 concerns the Day of the Lord (2 events). 263

10. In 2 Thess 2 Paul seeks to correct the false claim that Day of the Lord had already come.263

11. How much time elapsed from Paul’s visit to the Thessalonians to his writing the Eps? 265 3yrs 9mons 12. 2 Thess 2:1-2 the “coming of our Lord and our being gathered to him” refers to Rapture 265

13. Paul’s reference to their “alarm” (v 2) reflects Jesus’s words in Matt 24:6. 266

14. Between the Rapture and the end of the Day of the Lord, the 2nd Coming, is the GT. 267

15. Before the end times begin, two events must come: the apostasy and the Antichrist (268)

16. The “apostasy” may be the apostasy of the church, the Rapture, or the nations’ rebellion. 268

17. Comparing 2 Thess 2 with the bk of Dan we know Antichrist is the man of lawlessness. 269

18. The “son of destruction” means that Antichrist is doomed to perdition, like Judas. 270

19. A prophecy of the Antichrist occurs in Ps 89:23 with the words, “son of iniquity” 270

20. The Antichrist both opposes God and exalts himself as the supreme object of worship 270

21. The Antichrist sets himself up in the “temple” of God (hence a temple must exist) 271

22. Daniel and Paul have a reciprocal relationship in their teaching about the Antichrist 272

23. Verse 5 reminds us that the Thessalonians had greater knowledge/information than we 272