### The Man of Lawlessness

**2**Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, **2**not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. **3**Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, **4**who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. **5**Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6**And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. **7**For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. **8**And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. **9**The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, **10**and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.**11**Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, **12**in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**I John 2: 18-25**

### Warning Concerning Antichrists

**18**Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. **19**They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. **20**But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. **21**I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. **22**Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. **23**No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. **24**Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.**25**And this is the promise that he made to us[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John+2&version=ESV#fen-ESV-30559e)]—eternal life.

**Characteristics of the Anti-Christ**

* He will destroy many by peace. (Daniel 8:25)
* He will confirm a covenant with many for "one week" (a period of seven years) and in the middle of the "week" will make sacrifice and offering to cease. (Daniel 9:27)
* He will set up the "abomination of desolation" in the Temple. (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15)
* He will speak blasphemies against God. (Daniel 11:36; Revelation 13:5-6)
* He will oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God or is worshiped, giving no regard to the "God of his fathers" or any god. (Daniel 11:37; 2nd Thessalonians 2:4)
* He will attempt to destroy Israel. (Daniel 11:40-41)
* He will sit himself in the temple of God and proclaim that he is God. (2nd Thessalonians 2:4)
* His arrival on the world scene will be accompanied by miracles, signs, and wonders.   
  (2 Thessalonians 2:9)
* He will deny that Jesus Christ is the Messiah or that He came in the flesh. (1st John 2:22; 4:3)
* He will go forth "conquering and to conquer". (Revelation 6:2)
* He will take peace from the earth and make men kill each other. (Revelation 6:4)
* He will raise the price of food and other valuable commodities. (Revelation 6:5-6)
* He will overpower and kill the Two Witnesses at the end of their period of testimony. (Revelation 11:7)
* He will be empowered by Satan. (Revelation 13:2)
* He will suffer a fatal head wound and yet live. (Revelation 13:3)
* He will rule with full authority. (Revelation 13:7)
* He will make war with the saints and overcome them. (Revelation 13:7)
* He will be worshiped by many people. (Revelation 13:8)
* He will control the world's economy through the Mark of the Beast. (Revelation 13:16-17)
* His name will be revealed to be 666, the Number of the Beast. (Revelation 13:18)
* He, Satan, and the False Prophet will vomit up three froglike spirits that will gather people together in the place called Armageddon. (Revelation 16:13-14, 16)
* He will support the "great harlot" until the "ten kings" destroy her. (Revelation 17:1-17)
* He causes the earth's armies to fight against Jesus Christ. (Revelation 19:19)
* He and the False Prophet will be captured and cast alive into the Lake of Fire.   
  (Revelation 19:20)
* He and the False Prophet will still be in the Lake of Fire when Satan is cast down there at the end of the Millennium. (Revelation 20:10)