

SON OF PERDITION  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2: 3

For as long as mankind has had God's Word to study, there have been opinions on top of opinions. The majority of these have never proved to have much longevity because history has most often proved Bible prophecy is like viewing something while still a great distance away, but grows much more clear as the time of it's fulfillment is at the very door.

More often than not, we end up with more questions than answers. It is not at all uncommon that once our future becomes history we do understand somewhat, but prophecy not understood until it has been fulfilled seems to serve little purpose, or, be of any real benefit.

This short article can promise nothing more than one more possibility.

Every person has the God given right to choose what they will believe and what they will not. The subject of this article can promise nothing more than one more question to add to our list of unknowns. If nothing more is gained than just adding one more question to our growing list

of things we do not understand,  
at least we  
might achieve the goal of  
thinking on things eternal  
rather than on the sorry state of  
our world in this, the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The subject of this article  
is the person described by God  
as, "THE MAN OF SIN,  
The Son of Perdition."

Hopefully, most Christians have  
at least an understanding of  
the meaning of this word sin.  
Just in case there may be some  
who read this who don't, allow  
me to offer a very simple  
definition.

Sin, is the transgression of God's Law.  
This word 'Perdition' has slightly  
more word choices and meanings  
but they all point to the same end.  
Included here is a complete list  
of words explaining all the  
possible meanings according  
to the Strong's Concordance:  
"Ruin or loss, (physical, spiritual,  
or eternal: DAMNABLE, DAMNATION,  
Destruction, Die, Perdition,  
Perish, pernicious ways,  
or waste."

The King James translators chose  
to use the word 'Perdition', but  
one thing is certain.  
Whichever one they had chosen,  
I find no good end in any of them.  
For the sake of our present day  
readers let's choose to use

the word DESTRUCTION.  
This seems to be a better choice  
for our modern day English  
speaking people, and everyone  
capable of reading should  
clearly understand this to be  
something NOT to be desired.  
Having said all that, we can  
think of the person written of  
in this article as 'The Son of Perdition'  
or 'The Son of Destruction'

Of course he is called by many different  
names in God's Word but the name  
most often used is 'The Antichrist.'  
The Scriptures we will center up on  
are found in the Book of Daniel chapter 11:

Verse 36

"And the king  
shall do according to his will;  
and magnify himself above every god,  
and shall speak marvelous things  
against the God of gods,  
and shall prosper till  
the indignation be accomplished:  
for that, that is determined,  
shall be done."

Verse 37

"Neither shall he regard the God  
of his fathers, nor the desire of women,  
nor regard any god:  
for he shall magnify himself above all."

Verse 40

"And at the 'time of the end'  
shall the king of the South push at him:

and the king of the North shall come  
against him like a whirlwind,  
with chariots,  
and with horsemen,  
and with many ships;  
and he shall enter into the countries,  
and shall overflow and pass over."

Verse 41

"He shall enter also into the 'glorious'  
land, and many countries shall  
be overthrown:  
but these shall escape out of his hand,  
even Edom, and Moab, and the chief  
of the children of Ammon."

Verse 42

"He shall stretch forth his hand  
also upon the countries:  
and the land of Egypt shall not escape."

Verse 43

"He shall have power over the  
treasures of gold and of silver,  
and over all the precious  
things of Egypt; and the Libyans  
and the Ethiopians shall be  
at his steps."

Verse 44

"But tidings out of the EAST  
and out of the North  
shall trouble him:  
Therefore he shall go forth  
with great fury to destroy,  
and utterly to make away many."

Verse 45

"And he shall plant the tabernacles

of his palace between the seas  
in the glorious holy mountain;  
yet he shall come to his end,  
and none shall help him."

Now, as the old saying goes,  
I said all that to say this:  
Did you by any chance notice  
that every direction from Israel  
was mentioned  
by the names of those directions,  
(North, South, and East)?  
There are only 4 directions from  
anywhere and of course those  
are North, south, East and 'West'.

Egypt and Ethiopia are very  
obviously South of Israel  
but likely not mentioned  
because they have no military  
might or power, hence no  
threat or trouble to this 'Son of Perdition'.

The two other directions  
which are mentioned by name,  
are the North and the East.

Did you by any chance notice that  
'not one' mention is made of any  
problems, troubling news,  
or conquests  
as coming from the West?  
The two which are mentioned,  
the North and the East  
are commonly taught  
to indicate Russia and her confederates,  
from the North,  
and of course, the East as meaning  
the hordes of China and Asia.

The question we still have remaining  
is simply this,  
why no problem or threat  
coming against this 'Son of Perdition'  
from the direction of the West?

As I stated in the beginning, everyone  
has the right to their own opinions.  
Feel free to do so now, as will I.

I see only two possibilities.  
The United States of America  
is constantly mentioned as  
'the greatest and mightiest'  
military power on earth.  
I feel certain that God is  
weary of hearing that, but, be  
that as it may, either the U.S.A  
has to cease being the greatest military  
power on earth, OR,  
for some 'unfathomable' reason,  
refuses to come to the aid  
of Israel.

Most Bible scholars  
(at least so called by men)  
teach that this 'Son of Perdition',  
The Antichrist, will come from  
the 'revived' Roman Empire,  
and this term explained  
as describing Europe.  
A wonderful theory as far  
as it goes  
, BUT,  
answer for yourself this question,  
if Germany, or France, or England,  
or any other country for that matter,  
tried to invade and possess Israel,  
would the America of today stand by,

and do nothing?  
Have these self proclaimed experts  
forgotten that America came  
'out of' Europe?  
If a new World Order were to  
begin tomorrow, would the United  
states of America be left out?  
OR,  
would it not be much more likely  
That America would not only  
be a part of this new world order,  
but, the Head  
of same?  
If this New World Order, One World  
Government, began tomorrow,  
who would likely be the HEAD?  
If anyone could get a peace treaty  
signed between Muslims and Israel  
and guarantee  
Israel's safety,  
what country could  
accomplish this and have the power  
to back it up?  
As I said in the beginning of  
this article, my purpose is not  
to get anyone to agree with me  
about the identity of this 'Man of Sin',  
this Son of Perdition, this Antichrist.  
This will become self evident  
in it's own time.  
My only purpose here is to cause  
you to think, so that you 'will' watch,  
and, so that you will know what  
you are watching for.

Daniel 9: 27 tells us very plainly  
that a 7 year peace treaty between  
Israel and her enemies will be  
signed and guaranteed by this 'Son

of Perdition', The Antichrist.  
I am only asking that you watch  
and pray that you be not deceived.  
When you see this come to pass  
you will remember.  
You 'will have been warned.'  
My prayer is simply that  
when these things 'do' come to pass,  
you 'will' remember, and you will  
recognize this 'Son of Perdition'  
for exactly 'who he is'  
and of his future plans for mankind.

God bless all who hear  
what the Spirit says  
to the Churches.

Amen