

The Ferocity of the Beast

Revelation 13:5-10

Intro: the Scriptural priority of knowing about the coming Antichrist

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

- 1 John 2:18

- I. **The divine permission - “he was given...” v. 5**
 - verse 5b, verse 7a, verse 7b

- II. **The demonic pronouncements - “blasphemy” v. 6**
 - A. Daniel 7:8, 11, 19-20, 24-25

 - B. Daniel 11:36-39

- III. **The destructive practices - “to make war” v. 7**
 - A. Daniel 7:23

 - B. Daniel 7:25

 - C. Matthew 25:31-46

- IV. **The deluded participants - “earth-dwellers” v. 8**

- V. **The decreed proclamation - “let him hear” vv. 9-10**
 - A. This may be a promise of divine retribution

 - B. This may be a declaration of God-ordained destiny

Concluding application: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8