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What events described in verses 3-8 does Paul see ahead? Are those in the distant future or immediate historic events?

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What parallels or examples do you see in our own society of people or institutions living out the characteristics of the ‘man of lawlessness’?

What is the relationship between God's activity and mankind's choice that is alluded to in verses 9-12?

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