

Series "Encouraging the Authentic Christian"
"The Man of Sin"
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Part-2

The suffering in the church of Thessalonica came from two sources:

1. There were persecutors on the outside!
2. False teachers on the inside!

1. Verses 1-3 – Error Of False Teaching
2. Verses 3-12 – Truth Of Future Events

1. Verses 1-3 – Error Of False Teaching:

v.2 – that you may not be quickly shaken – "To stir up, to agitate"
"Ships being forced from their moorings by the pressure of a storm"
(Initial upset)

from your composure or be disturbed – "To frighten, to be
disturbed in the heart and mind" (Continued state) Anxiety

either by a spirit

or a message

or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has
come.

"It is one thing to be alarmed and unsettled it is another to be
deceived!"

2. Verses 3-12 – Truth Of Future Events:

"...for it will not come"; What will not come? – "The day of the
Lord."

There are 3 Things That Must Happen:

1. Verse 3 – Apostasy
2. Verse 3 – Anti-Christ
3. Verses 6-8 – Restrainer

1. Verse 3 – Apostasy: “unless the apostasy comes first”. The term apostasy – “Falling away, a departure from the faith”

1 Tim. 4:1-5

2 Tim. 3:13

2 Tim 4:3-5

Rev. 17

2. Verse 3 – Anti-Christ: “and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction”.

“Anti-Christ” – 1 John 2:18

"The Assyrian" - Isa. 10:5-6; 30:27-33

"King of Babylon" - Isa. 14:4

"The Little Horn" - Daniel 7:8; 8:9-12

"A King Of Fierce Countenance" - Dan. 8:23

"The prince that shall come" Dan. 9:26

"The Willful King" - Dan. 11:36

Man of lawlessness (sin); Against moral laws; Against civil laws!

1 John 2:18

The son of destruction – “waste, damnable”; Speaks of total loss.

Anti-Christ will be worshipped:

Matt 4:8-10

Rev. 13:3-4 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

Zech. 11:17

Anti-Christ's assistant the False Prophet: Rev 13:11-18
Mentions "The False Prophet" Rev 19:20

Unholy Trinity: Satan – Father of Lies; Anti-Christ – Son of Destruction; False Prophet – wicked unholy helper

Anti-Christ peace maker and peace breaker: Daniel 9:27

Rev. 6:1-2

Matt 24:15

Anti-Christ leads the One World Church:

Anti-Christ institutes The Mark of The Beast: (Matt. 24:21-21) Rev. 13:15-18

3. Verses – 6-8 Restrainer: And you know what restrains him now; Gen 6:3 Days of Noah:

Rev. 19:20-21

Anti-Christ's deception through miraculous signs and wonders: with all power and signs and false (lying) wonders,

Rev. 13:13-14

2 Chron. 15:2

Conclusion:

Our Response:

1. Brace yourself
2. Be alert
3. Be bold
4. Be encouraged
5. Come to Christ