

## 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2

### I. GATHERING to the Lord (v. 1-12)

#### 1. COMING of the Lord (v. 1-5)

- “Concerning”, Paul focusing on this important issue
- Doctrinal issue needs clarification, gathering together, assembly
- (v.2) “Shaken in mind”, Gr. root = a wave
  - An emotional reaction
  - Tossed to and fro, pushed around
  - In mind, Lit. “from mind”, the intellect or understanding, “keep your heads”
  - Not soon shaken, to be hasty, stop and think
- Don’t be troubled, lit. to cry out, thrown into confusion
  - A physical reaction
  - By spirit, i.e. a bad feeling
  - By word, i.e. rumors
  - By letter, i.e. false documents
- (v.3) “Deceive”, Gr. = to seduce, lead away
  - By any means
  - Gr. tense indicates the deception has not yet happened
  - Paul intends to stop it before it happens
- Apostasy comes first, def. art. THE apostasy
  - Departure from faith, deceived population, Paul warns
  - 1 Tim 4:1-3, False teaching in latter days
  - 2 Tim 3:1-5, Coming apostasy
- Man of sin, Son of perdition
  - Def. art. used 5x, specific targeted event
  - “Revealed”, same word of second coming, no longer hidden
  - “Perdition”, Gr. = absolute ruin, destruction, Judas (John 17:12)
  - Exclusion from salvation is a realized fact
- Exalts himself
  - All that is called God, or worshipped

- Sits in the temple as god
- Showing himself as god
- Paul brings them to remembrance (v.5)

## 2. CONTROL of the Restrainer (v. 6-7)

- Some discussion among commentators, but it's the Holy Spirit
- "Restraining", Gr. = to suppress, hold down
- Antichrist, lit. "in place of Christ"
- Revealed at the foreordained, appointed time
- "Mystery of lawlessness"
  - The divinely instituted law
  - Violation of the law is sin
  - 1 John 3:1-6, Hope of righteousness
  - Continually committing the sin is the continual committing of lawlessness, the sin is the lawlessness
- (v.7) It's already at work, the fall/sin of mankind
- Holy Spirit taken out of the way, lit. out of the midst of something
  - Rapture of the church
  - Indwells every believer

## 3. CONSUMING of the Lawless One (v. 8-12)

- Then the lawless one is revealed
- Consumed, lit. taken away, by the breath of his mouth
- Destroy, lit. bring to void, make ineffective, do away with
- "Brightness", lit. epiphany
  - Appearance, manifestation
  - His coming in glory
- (v.9) Satan is behind the:
  - Power
  - Signs
  - Lying wonders
- A wicked and perverse generation seeks after a sign

- People wanted a sign from Jesus and were testing him
- Jesus gave them a sign in pointing to Jonah
- (v.10) “Unrighteous deception”, lit. deceptive injustice
  - All miracles are just a web of lies leading to destruction
  - Those who do not receive the love of the truth, earth dwellers
  - Lovers of self, pleasure, seasonal sin/lawlessness
- “For this reason”, because of the blind lusting after sin
  - God sends, Gr. = to dispatch, push out
  - Deliberate delivery of something
  - Strong, Gr. = energy, working action
  - Delusion, Gr. = wandering out of the right way
  - Lit. a powerful and active working of error
- (v.12) People are condemned, KJV = “damned”
  - No turning back, made their commitment
  - Didn’t believe the truth
  - Pleasure in the (def art) unrighteousness
  - Idea of knowing right and good about something, but stresses the idea of willingness and freedom to choose it

## II. GLORY of the Lord (v. 13-17)

### 1. CHOSEN by God (v. 13-14)

- Again, Paul obligated to prayer and thanks
- Stark difference to those caught up in the world
- Belief in the simple truth of the gospel, God’s glory

### 2. CALLED by God (v.15)

- Because of being chosen for His good purpose
  - Stand fast and hold fast
  - Being firm in faith and tradition
  - Things from our youth, things from Paul

3. CONSOLED by God (v.16-17)

- Paul emphasizes the Love of God
- “Everlasting consolation”, perpetual comfort
- Hope through Grace
- Comforts our hearts
- Strengthens us in word and work