

The Great Apostasy

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

Events and timing of these events during the Day of the Lord (Tribulation Period)

A. A Crisis Concerning The Day of The Lord (2:1-2)

1. Confusion concerning the rapture (1-2a)

2. The Spirit of Anti-Christ at work now (2b)

1 John 2:18

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B. Correction Concerning The Day of Lord

1. Conditions preceding The Day of the Lord (3-4)

a. A falling away - Religious rebellion (3a)

b. The Anti-Christ revealed (3b-4)

Abomination of Desolation

Matthew 24:15-22

2. Believe the Word of God (5)

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B. Correction Concerning The Day of Lord – cont'd

3. The Day of Lord is Currently Restrained by God (6-7)

4. The Anti-Christ will be revealed in God's Timing (8-12)

a. The end shown with the beginning (8)

b. The imitation miracles from Satan (9)

c. For condemnation of unbelievers (10-12)

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C. Comfort Concerning The Day of The Lord (2:13-17)

- 1. Salvation spares believers from God's judgment (13-14)**
- 2. Stand fast in the faith because of hope in God (15-16)**
- 3. Show God's righteousness in your life (17)**
 - a. From your heart**
 - b. By your good words**
 - c. By your good works**

The Practicality of Christ's Coming

2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

Believers should be established in their words, walk, and work because Christ in light of the second coming of Christ.

I. A Plea for Prayer (3:1-2)

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

A. For the spreading of the gospel (1)

B. For the glory of the gospel (1)

C. For deliverance from the enemies of the gospel (2)

Fact: Not all will be saved because some do not want to be saved

II. A Promise of Faith (3:3-5)

2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

II. A Promise of Faith (3:3-5)

A. The condition of the promise (3)

Because God is faithful (3)

B. The content of the promise (3)

Stablish you and keep you from evil (3)

C. The confidence in the promise (4)

That they will do the right thing if.....

D. The character of the promise (5)

God directs your life

III. A Warning Against A Bad Testimony (3:6-15)

A. Don't let bad testimony corrupt you (6)

2 Thessalonians 3:6

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

III. A Warning Against A Bad Testimony (3:6-15)

B. Follow a good testimony (7-9)

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9

7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

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C. The problem - Idleness (10-12)

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

Able-body believers were not working and going around asking for help

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D. The solution (13-15)

2 Thessalonians 3:13-15

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

1. Help where help is needed (13)

2. Don't bail the "busybodies" out (14)

3. Show the "busybodies" the right way (15)

IV. A Godly Goodbye (3:16-18)

2 Thessalonians 3:16-18

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

**18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Amen.**

A. A prayer for God's blessing (16)

B. A personal note (17)

C. Based on God's grace (18)