

# **2 Thessalonians 2**

**Revelation of the man of sin**

**Apostasy and the Antichrist**

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- Persecution was so severe that Paul felt the need to explain why God allows His people to suffer for the kingdom and how He will put things right.
- Thessalonians were being deceived through a false teaching that claimed to be coming from Paul, but in fact was a forgery, 2 Thess. 2:1-3. Paul needed to remind them of God's calendar, and especially that the return of Christ would be preceded by the Antichrist, 2 Thes. 2:3-12.

- because by this suffering the Christians are being made worthy for the kingdom of God
- because those afflicting us will be judged at His second coming - Through our suffering, God is revealing the condemnation of the world
- because the Christians who are being afflicted will be given rest and joy at the coming of the Lord

## 2 Thessalonians 2 English Standard Version (ESV)

- **2** Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

- <sup>6</sup> And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. <sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- <sup>13</sup> But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.
- <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Mark 13:7,

- Jesus says, "And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is not yet."

Matthew 24:36 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

## 1 Corinthians 3:16 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 16 Do you not know that you[a] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

## 2 Corinthians 6:16 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,
- “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,
- and I will be their God,
- and they shall be my people.

## Ephesians 2:21 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

## Acts 1:7 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

## Matthew 24:10-13 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 10 And then many will fall away] and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Romans 1:18-32, they did not recognize or honor Him as God so he gave them up to the desires of their heart. They know the truth but refuse to accept it.

## Ephesians 6:10-20 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

## 1 Peter 2:9 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

## Romans 8:31-39 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be[a]gainst us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,
  - “For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
  - we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”
- 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.