

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: 2 Thessalonians – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 – Let no man deceive you by any means!

Today’s Message:

“Falling Away”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we continued Paul’s 2nd letter to the Thessalonians and read one of the most comforting and frightening passages in the Bible related to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ – a glorious day! Today, we come to a passage in the Bible that has been grievously wrestled. It will be important for us to read and **BELIEVE** every word of God as it is written. As such, you may need to change what you have believed or been taught. Amazingly, the Holy Ghost has given us a play-by-play of the end times revealing and workings of the son of **PERDITION** – or *Antichrist* as we call him. But, before he is revealed to fulfill the prophecies of the Bible, the Holy Ghost teaches us of a falling **AWAY** of God’s church first.

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

#1. That Day – the believers were shaken in MIND about future events. (1-2)

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE SCRIPTURES

HTSB Factor #1
“Context”
 There is no understanding of the Bible without a proper understanding of context.

- ✓ By THE COMING of our Lord Jesus Christ, and... The... **SECOND COMING**
- ✓ By OUR GATHERING together unto him. The... **RAPTURE**
- ✓ **2Tim 2:15** – Study to shew thyself approved unto God... **rightly dividing the word...**
- ✓ **1Thess 4:13-17** – The **Rapture** of the Church (God teaches us 1st in 1st letter)
- ✓ **2Thess 1:7-9** – The **Second Coming** of Jesus Christ (God teaches us 2nd in 2nd letter)

NOTE Because the Holy Ghost already taught us these truths, we see 2 separate events.

THE WAR FOR THE MIND

In **2Cor 2:17**, Paul said there were “many which corrupt the word of God.”

- ✓ It was a **SPIRITUAL** warfare. Neither by SPIRIT, **2Cor 10:4-6; Eph 6:12**
- ✓ It was a **MIND** warfare. Nor by WORD, **Prov 30:5; Acts 14:2**
- ✓ It was a **BIBLE** warfare. Nor by LETTER as from us... **Gen3; 2Cor 2:17; Gal 1:7**
- ✓ As that **the day of Christ is at hand**. Compare to: **Isa 34:8; Lam 2:22; Zeph 1:18; 2:2,3**

NOTE “The day of the LORD” appears 21 times in KJB; this phrase only 1! Things that are different are not the same – so this is similar but not exactly same. By comparing Scriptures, it must overlap to include the Rapture (the reason for their troubling).

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#2. That Apostasy – the Rapture will be preceded by a FALLING away. (3a)**THE PROPHETIC WARNING**

- ✓ Beware of MEN. *Let no man ... Mt 10:17; Col 2:8; Acts 20:28-30*
- ✓ Satan is the father of LIES. *Deceive you... Gen 3; Jn 8:44; Rev 20:3*
- ✓ Prove ALL things. *By any means... 2Cor 11:3; 1Ths 5:21; 1Jn 4:1*
- ✓ Perilous TIMES have come. *For that day shall not come, 2Tim 3:1-9; 4:1-5, 16*
- ✓ The APOSTASY is here. *Except there come a falling away first... 2Cor 13:5*
- ✓ **2Cor 11:3** – *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve...*
- ✓ **Eph 6:13-14** – *... and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore...*
- ✓ **Rev 2:4** – *Nevertheless... somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.*

NOTE Today, we find ourselves in the midst of that falling away! How is it affecting you?

#3. That Man – the word of God has already REVEALED that man. (3b-4)**THAT MAN OF SIN**

- ✓ **Dan 7:25** – *And he shall speak great words against the most High...*
- ✓ **1Jo 2:18** – *... it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come...*
- ✓ **Rev 13:11** – *And I beheld another beast coming up... and he spake as a dragon.*

NOTE This church and early Christians KNEW him! or... ABOUT him... just not his name!

THE SON OF PERDITION (DAMNATION)

- ✓ **Jn 6:70** – *Jesus answered... Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?*
- ✓ **Jn 17:12** – *none... is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.*
- ✓ **Acts 1:25** – *... which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.*
- ✓ **Rev 9:11** – *And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit...*
- ✓ **Rev 17:8** – *The beast... shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition...*

NOTE Every Christian should already know ALL about this man! God has revealed him!

THE BIBLE REVEALS HIM Job 41:12 – I will not conceal his parts, nor his power...

- ✓ Satan desires to be LIKE God. *Who opposeth and exalteth himself... Isa 14:13; Ezk 28 Above all that is called God... Gen 3; Ex 32:4, 8*
- ✓ Satan desires WORSHIP. *Or that is worshipped... Mt 4:9; Lk 4:7,8*
- ✓ **Abomination of desolation**. *So that he AS GOD sitteth in the temple of God... 1Sam 1:9*
- ✓ Satan is a FRAUD. *Shewing HIMSELF that he is God. Dan 8:9-11; 11:36; Rev 13:6*

NOTE If needed, a temple can be built in 48 hours! (**1Sam 1:9; Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:16**)

B. The Application (How will you apply this truth to your life?)**1. God is clear that a falling away will precede the Rapture; we must be CLOSE!!**

QUESTION Are you falling away? slipping? Examine and prove your own selves. **2Cor 13:5**

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Both Daniel
(Dan 11:31; 12:11)
and Jesus Christ
(Mt 24:15; Mk 13:14)
spoke of this event.