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Foreign Shalom and welcome to another installment in our series End Times truth. And in this study, we're going to look at terms and events that are all connected to the End Times, and the purpose is to arrive at the truth. And that means we're not going to answer simply based upon what is popular or what is frequently taught, but rather, we're going to do what the Word of God commands us, and that is to study to show ourselves approved. So we're always going to use Scripture as the basis for answering these questions. And in this edition, we have two questions. The first question is, this, is the man of sin, also the Antichrist. And the second question that we're going to be dealing with is simply, what is the abomination of desolation? Now we've all heard of that. We know that Yeshua spoke about it in Matthew chapter 24 and verse 15, but what is the abomination of desolation? And to answer these two questions, we really only need to look at one place in the Word of God. And I'm speaking about Second Thessalonians and chapter two. Second Thessalonians, chapter two, verses three and four. But before we turn there, I want to talk about how verse two concludes. When we look at verse two, there's a very important term, and that term, if we translate it into English, it's simply the day of Christ or the day of Messiah. Now that term appears approximately six times in the New Testament, but sometimes it's not exactly the same. It's not always the day of Christ. Sometimes it's the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, but whenever we have that term, whether it's the day of the Lord Jesus Christ or the day of Christ, we're speaking about a specific event, and that event is the rapture. Now what we're going to learn is this, that the rapture is not imminent. Meaning, can it happen at any time. The Bible says no to that, and I'm going to give you, as a bonus to this study, the biblical basis for why we have to say no to the doctrine of immanency. And that doctrine simply states nothing has to happen. The Rapture could take place at any time. That is false. And here again, let's not argue about it. Let's read the Word of God and know the truth. Now I made mention at the end of verse two, there is that term, the day of Christ, and I've shared with you. This is an idiom for the rapture. Why? Now, most Bibles, they will do something different. They will not have the day of Christ there at the end of verse two, but they'll have the day of the Lord, and this is an impossible rendering of that. Now, what you need to know is that

there are two primary Greek New Testaments that are used today for translation. One is what I would recommend, and that is what's called the Texas Receptus. The other one is known as Nestle Allen. Two men, two men who put this discrete New Testament together, and what was their purpose? Well, if you listen to these two men, Nestle Allen, they would tell you that this is not a Greek New Testament to translate from that was not its objective. What was its objective? Its objective was simply to show textual differences. So in the case of what we're talking about, from the end of verse two, we have in the Texas Receptus, the day of Christ, but other manuscripts have the day of the Lord. But when we look at context, it cannot be the day of the Lord. Why? Well, what is the day of the Lord? The day of the Lord has to do with an extended time period where God pours out His wrath, and that wrath consumes those who are with the Antichrist in loyalty to him, in allegiance to him. So the wrath of God comes. And the wrath of God has three primary purposes. One is to deliver the Jewish people, 1/3 of them, that remnant that will come into the kingdom of God by faith, faith in the gospel, we see that two thirds of the Jewish people in the last days will lose their life. Why the Antichrist will persecute and kill them? Why? The answer is very simple, because Israel will reject the Antichrist when he commits that event, known as the abomination of desolation. So in the Texas Receptus, we're talking about the day of Christ. In Nestle Allen, it's the day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord ends with the second coming of Messiah. When he does those three things, he delivers the Jewish people, that remnant, that 1/3 he destroys the enemies of Israel. And the third thing he does is to establish His kingdom, and in this case, his millennial kingdom. So that happens at the conclusion of the day of the Lord, which concludes with the second coming. We're talking about something very different when we speak of the day of Christ. The day of Christ, if we look at it, it has to do with his appearing, his appearing for the church to remove the church before the wrath of God. So many people want to say that the rapture takes place in order to remove us from the persecution of the Antichrist. This is not true. When we look, for example, to Revelations chapter two and three, we see that Messiah calls the church in those seven letters, those seven epistles to those seven churches, to persevere, to endure and overcome. We are called to persevere. We are called to endure, endure sufferings and persecution and even death, and we are called to overcome, which tells us there's something that we have to overcome. And the next thing we see is that he also tells the church in the last days to repent. That is to agree with God. So all of these things were said to the church in the last days, endure, persevere, overcome, and repent. Well, what I like to do right now is to look at verse three. So the context of Second Thessalonians, chapter two is the rapture, and notice what it says in verse three, it begins with a warning word. Says, Let no one deceive you by any means or according to anything whatsoever. Now, don't be deceived and notice what it says, because unless the apostasy should come first, and what is the purpose of this apostasy? Well, that word speaks of a falling away. Specifically, if we do a good study of it, it's falling away from the truth, falling away from a good thing, which is the truth of God. So it warns us, don't be deceived. Because unless the apostasy should come first, and what is the outcome of this apostasy, it is going to bring about a revelation of the man of sin. And notice what it says about the man of sin. He's also the son of perdition, which is an old English word for destruction. What is being taught here is that sin leads to destruction. We don't want to be sinful. We want to be obedient to the truth of God. The truth of God and obedience to it brings blessing. It brings God's presence, it brings God's provision, his power, into our life. So we see here in verse three, let's look at it all.

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Do not let anyone that they should deceive you by by any means, because except the apostasy should come first and the man of sin be revealed, who is the son of destruction. Now we're talking about the same subject in verse four, that man of sin who is indeed the Antichrist, who will indeed commit the abomination of desolation. Look at verse four. I. Is the One who opposes and exalts himself over all that is called God or worship, so that he and what's interesting is this word, he is in the accusative. Why? Because the key verb here is in the infinitive. And when we have an infinitive, Greek word or verb, we have to see the subject in the accusative. It's just a peculiarity with New Testament, Greek so it says so that he in the sanctuary of God. Now, most Bibles will say in the temple of God, but it's not that word heron. Heron is temple. It speaks to the structure in a general sense, and all of it whereby this word speaks about the sanctuary, which is a reference in this context, to the Holy of Holies. Now, I'll prove that in a moment. But look, if you would, to the last part of this verse, so that in the sanctuary of God as God, that's what he wants to convey. He sits manifesting Himself, that He is God. Well, he's not God. He is a liar. We're speaking about the Antichrist, that that that man of sin, that son of destruction, he's going to be destroyed. How, by the breath of the Lord, that God will speak through his son, and his son, who is also God, will speak, and a sword will come out. That's the language by the sword of his mouth, it only means that he's going to speak. And just like God says, Let there be light. And there was the Son of God, Messiah, Jesus is going to say that he's going to be put to death, he's going to speak that, and is going to bring it about through His Word. Now there is one last scripture I want to look at. Look, if you would, to the book of Daniel. Daniel in chapter 11. We're going to look at one verse, and I want you to see how close this verse is to Second Thessalonians, chapter two and verse four, that speaks of the abomination of desolation. Look at Verse 36 word says, and the subject is the king. That King is the Antichrist. The Cree king will do as he desires, and He will exalt himself and magnify himself over every god and over the God of gods. He will speak wonders, and he will succeed unto the conclusion of zaam, unto the conclusion of the wrath, meaning the wrath of God. And it says it has been determined and it will be done, meaning that God's in control. He's going to have this thing occur. Why it's necessary so that the Word of God is fulfilled and that there is a kingdom outcome, God's going to use this to separate the sheep from the goat. So all of this answers these two questions, is the man of sin, the Antichrist? The answer is yes. What is the abomination of desolation? It is when the Antichrist, this man of sin, goes into the Holy of Holies. He takes his sit seat between the two cherubim on the kaport, on that mercy seat, and he presents himself as God. Understand something that the majority of the Jewish people are going to reject the Antichrist. They're not going to receive him. They're going to realize there's only one God, and that this one is not God. So they will reject Him. This is going to bring about the worst time of persecution on the Jewish people ever, unto the extent that two thirds of them that begin these last seven years, two thirds of them are going to be put to death, but 1/3 will be brought through, 1/3 will receive the gospel, and that 1/3 will join the church in the kingdom of God. God is faithful, and this is an example of why it's important to study thoroughly and not just rely upon what you hear, but to rely upon what you read in the Scripture. Well, I'll close with that until next time Shalom from Israel. You