2 THESSALONIANS 2:1–12
Back to the Future

Slide 1: Do Not Be Shaken

- Believers do not need to live in fear of the future.
- Paul writes to calm the Thessalonians because they were afraid they had missed the Rapture and were already in the Day of the Lord.

“Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him…” 2 Thessalonians 2:1

Slide 2: Do Not Be Deceived

“Let no one deceive you in any way.” 2 Thessalonians 2:3

- The Thessalonians were hearing things that made them confused and afraid.
- Not every spiritual-sounding message is true.
- God’s Word helps us know what is true.

Slide 3: What Has to Happen First

“That day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed…” 2 Thessalonians 2:3

- Paul reminds them that certain things must happen before the Day of the Lord comes.
- The Day of the Lord had not already come.
- They had not been left behind.

Slide 4: The Rebellion Will Come

“Unless the rebellion comes first…” 2 Thessalonians 2:3

- The rebellion is a future turning away from God.
- People will reject God’s truth and resist His rule.
- The world will not simply drift from God; it will openly rebel against Him.

Slide 5: Lawlessness Is Already at Work

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.” 2 Thessalonians 2:7

- Lawlessness means rejecting God’s authority.

- The final rebellion is still future, but the spirit of rebellion is already active in the world.

- Sin, deception, and resistance to God are not new.

Slide 6: The Lawless One Will Be Revealed

“The man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.” 2 Thessalonians 2:3

Paul describes this coming ruler as:

- The man of lawlessness
- The son of destruction
- The lawless one

He is often called the Antichrist.

Slide 7: The Antichrist

“He opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship…” 2 Thessalonians 2:4

1. will oppose God and try to take God’s place.

2. will want worship that belongs only to God.

3. means against Christ or in the place of Christ.

Slide 8: The Antichrist

“The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders.” 2 Thessalonians 2:9

4. Will use false signs and wonders to deceive people.

- Not everything that looks powerful or spiritual is from God.

- We test everything by God’s Word.

Slide 9: Jesus Will Defeat Evil

“The Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.” 2 Thessalonians 2:8

- The Antichrist may look powerful for a season, but Jesus will have the final word.

- Evil will not win.

- Jesus will return in power and glory.

Slide 10: Love the Truth

“They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.” 2 Thessalonians 2:10

The greatest danger is not confusion about the end times.

The greatest danger is rejecting the truth of Jesus.

Slide 11: The Only Response…

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” John 14:6

Come to Christ.
Hold to the truth.
Live with hope.