

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

The coming of the Lord instills Hope
and not Fear for believers

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

- The Day of the Lord = When believers are gathered to Christ
 - Proceeded by 2 events
 - The Rebellion
 - Intentional and hostile rejection of Christ
 - The Man of Lawlessness
 - The Anti-Christ

2 Thessalonians 2:4

- Anti-god Figure
 - OT (Psa 89:22/Isa 57:3-4/Dan 12:9-10), Paul's time (Emperors)
 - These evil man are foreshadowing of the Anti-Christ (1 Jn 1:18)
- The Man of Lawlessness (Anti-Christ)
 - Son of Destruction
 - Person in hostile opposition to God and his law (standards of righteousness)
 - Will exalt himself - later to be humbled by God
 - Opposite of Christ - humbled himself/exalted by God
 - Against all 'gods' and objects of worship
 - Claimed divine authority - worthy of worship

2 Thessalonians 2:5-10

- He will come with Power, Signs, and Wonders.
 - Tools for his deception - validate his divinity
 - features of the ministry of Jesus, Peter and Paul
 - Follows Jesus' predictions (Mk 13:22/Matt 24:24)
 - He will deceive unbelievers
 - They refused the gospel and its salvation

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

- Strong delusion
 - Sign of God's judgement
 - He gives his enemies over to their sin (Ex 7:3-4/Rom 1:24)
 - They already regarded Jesus' gospel as delusion.
 - Now they will be even more convince of their Falsehood
- That all may be condemned
 - Judgement of God on sin
 - 2 Evidences of condemnation
 - Did not believe in the truth = The Gospel
 - Took pleasure in unrighteousness (sin)
- There is no condemnation for those in Christ (Rom 8:1)
 - People are not condemned because of their unbelief
 - They are condemned because of their sin

This is NOT for us to start a WITCH HUNT

- What do we do about it?
 - Preach the Gospel
 - In this world evil will continue to increase
 - We want to see lost souls saved through the blood of Jesus
 - Remain Faithful in times that feel hopeless
 - Our hope is not found in this world
 - Our hope is found in Christ and his imminent return