



**Title** | First-Century Fake News  
**Series** | Standing Firm When Shaken  
**Text** | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4  
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# Sermon Notes

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, 2 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. 3 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, 4 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. *ESV*

## Big Idea:

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way. *ESV*

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4. What is the fake news the Thessalonians heard? Why would they be shaken and alarmed by it? What was at stake?

### Tuesday:

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:4 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2. What about the circumstances of the Thessalonians and the alleged source of information gave credibility to the fake news? What can we learn from this?

### Wednesday:

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. In exposing the fake news as a fraud, Paul did not provide new information. Instead, Paul revisited something else. What did Paul revisit? What can we learn from this?

### Thursday:

Read 2 John 1:7 and Revelation 12:9. To what extent should we expect deception? What is the purpose of deception?

### Friday:

What are some common forms of deception believers face today? How do we distinguish the truth from a lie?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to avoid being deceived in any way and to stand firm in your Word. Amen.

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