

2 THESSALONIANS: RETURN OF THE KING

"Facing the Future Without Fear Part 2"2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
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The problem presented Vs 1-2

- 1) Don't be shaken Ephesians 4:14; Psalm 16:7-8
- 2) Don't be disturbed Mark 13:7

The proof provided Vs 3-10a

1) Don't be <u>fooled</u> Vs 3-4 2 Peter 3:13; 3:11,14

- ✓ A rebellion (apostasy) will occur 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- ✓ The anti-Christ will arise & be <u>revealed</u>
- ✓ He will <u>resist</u> God
- ✓ He will raise himself up as God

2) Don't <u>forget</u> Vs 5-10a

- \checkmark He (evil) is already at work
- \checkmark He is restrained for now, but he will be revealed
- ✓ He will be <u>powerful</u>
- ✓ He will <u>deceive</u>
- \checkmark He will be overthrown & slain

The pathway picked - Many will choose not to follow Jesus Vs 10b-12

- **1)** They reject God's <u>truth</u> John 3:19-20; 5:38-40; 8:24, 45-47
- 2) They believe what is false Proverbs 5:22; Isaiah 6:9-10
- 3) They <u>enjoy</u> unrighteousness
- 4) They face <u>condemnation</u>

RESPONSE QUESTIONS:

- 1. Paul warned Christians not to believe lies and rumors about the last days. How can we recognize these rumors and yet still prepare for the last days?
- 2. Identify the different ways in which the spirit of lawlessness is evident today.
- 3. How does Paul's description of the end times give you courage for living today?
- 4. How does Satan seek to counterfeit Jesus through the coming and reign of the "man of lawlessness"?
- 5. What is the ultimate reason people perish?
- 6. How does a passage like this equip you to live expectantly in the present? How does it give confidence to your faith?