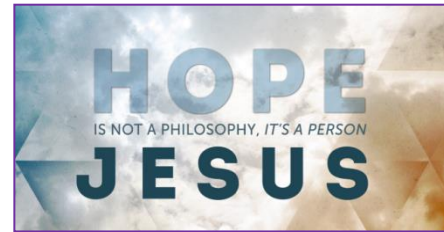




Thessalonians



There Is Hope!

Lesson 11

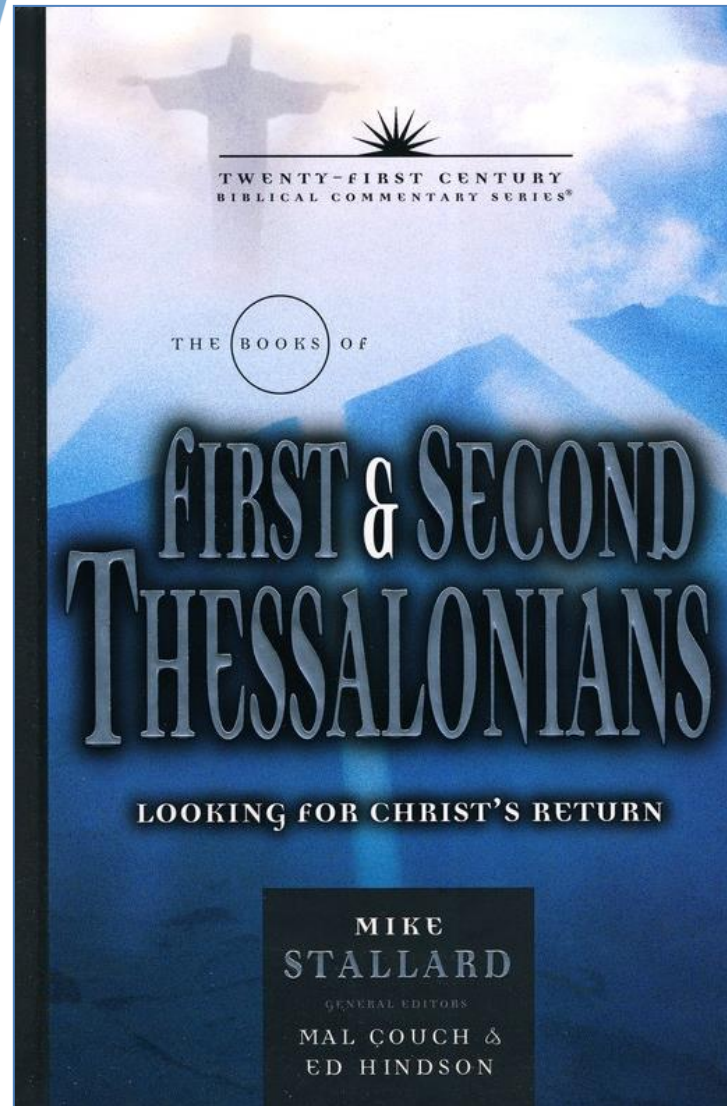
Blessed Hope: *Part II*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

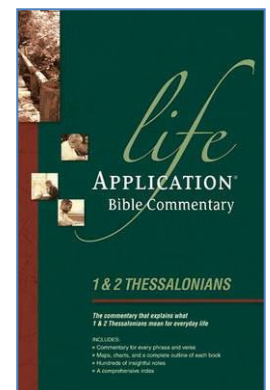
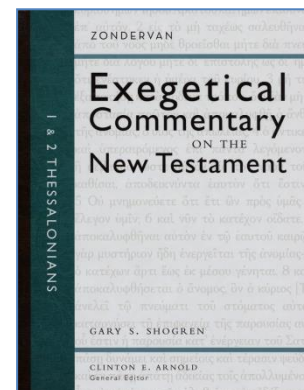
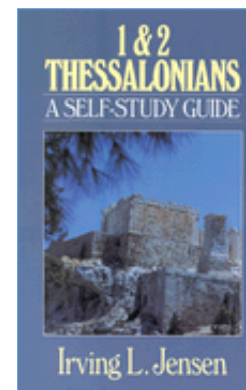
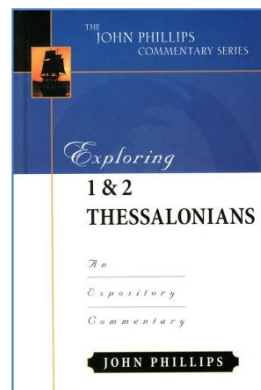
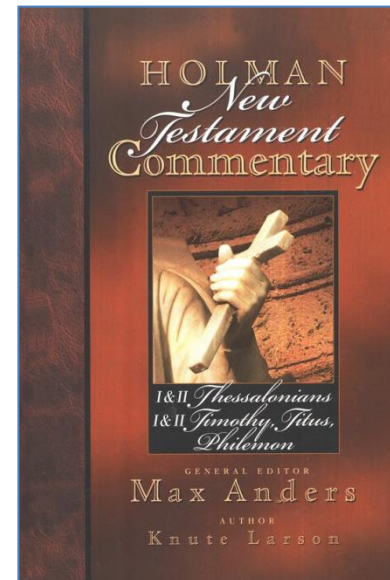
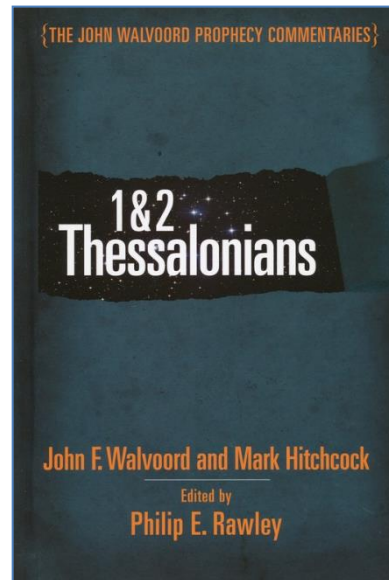
Philip Giorgio



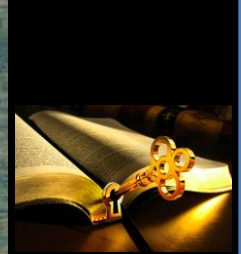
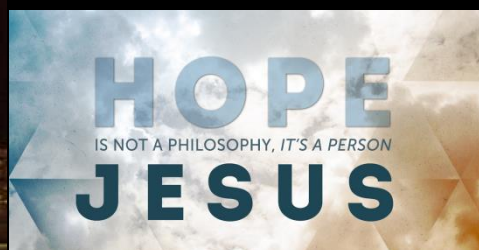
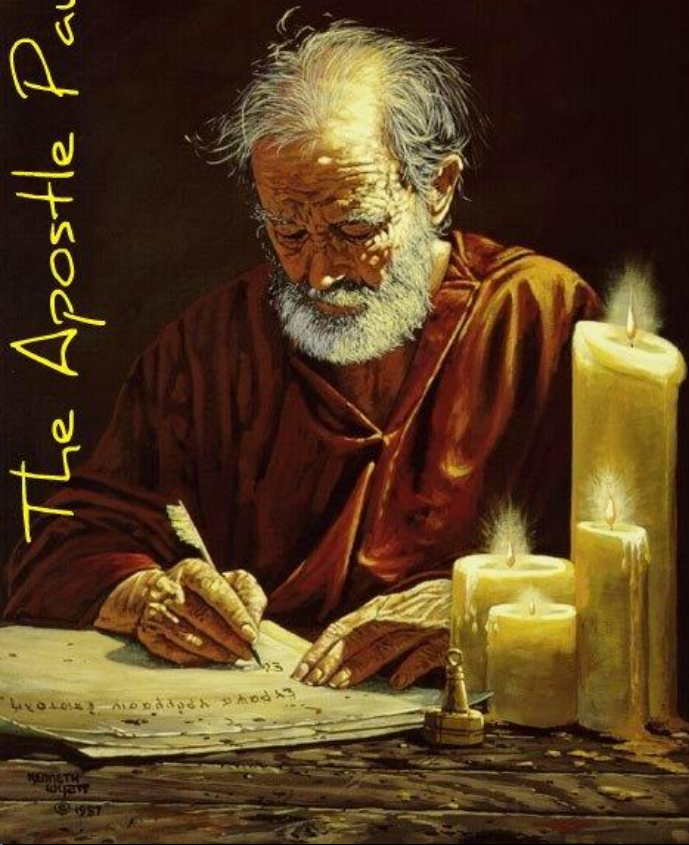
Textbook



References



The Apostle Paul





Course Outline

Course Outline - Lessons

■ Thessalonians: There Is Hope!

- Lesson 01: Introduction [THESSALONIANS]
- Lesson 02: Inspiring Hope [1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10]
- Lesson 03: Working Hope: *Part I* [1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12]
- Lesson 04: Working Hope: *Part II* [1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-20]
- Lesson 05: Purifying Hope: *Part I* [1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-13]
- Lesson 06: Purifying Hope: *Part II* [1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-12]
- Lesson 07: Comforting Hope [1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18]
- Lesson 08: Future Hope: *Part I* [1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11]
- Lesson 09: Future Hope: *Part II* [1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28]
- Lesson 10: Blessed Hope: *Part I* [2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-12]
- Lesson 11: Blessed Hope: *Part II* [2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12]
- Lesson 12: Blessed Hope: *Part III* [2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17]
- Lesson 13: Living Hope [2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-18]

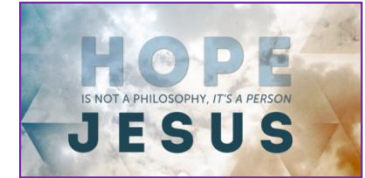


Lesson Outline

Lesson 11 - Outline

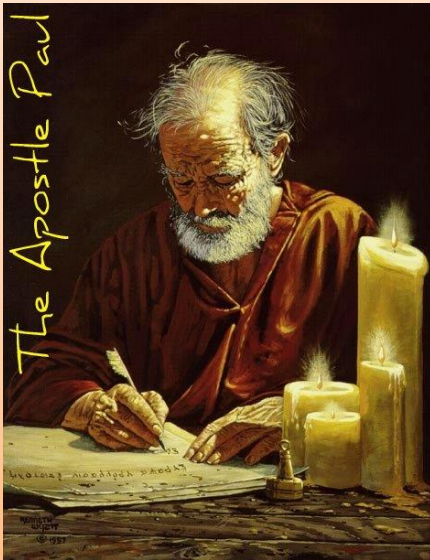
■ Thessalonians: There Is Hope!

• Lesson 11: Blessed Hope: *Part II*



✓ STRUCTURE

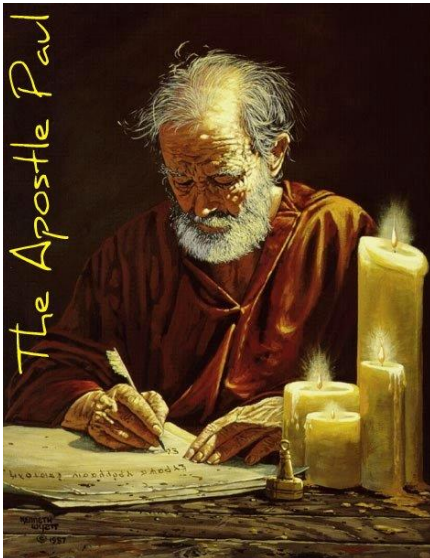
- ➡ » Lesson Preview *Introduction*
- » The Local Deception *2 Thessalonians 2:1-2*
- » The Man of Sin *2 Thessalonians 2:3-5*
- » The Mystery of Sin *2 Thessalonians 2:6-12*



Lesson Preview - INTRODUCTION

• Preview ... BLESSED HOPE: *PART II*

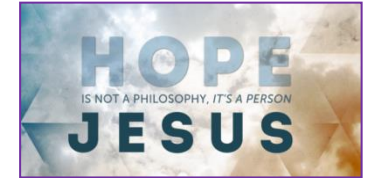
The **apostle Paul** responds to a **false message** given to the **Thessalonian believers**, namely that the **Day of the Lord's wrath** of **God** - that is, the **Great Tribulation** period - has already started. **Paul** asserts that the **Great Tribulation** cannot begin until a **special apostasy** occurs and the **man of lawlessness** (the **Antichrist**) is **revealed**. The **Antichrist** will not **arrive** on the scene **until** the **Restrainer** no longer **holds back his appearance**.



Lesson 11 - Outline

■ Thessalonians: There Is Hope!

- Lesson 11: Blessed Hope: *Part II*



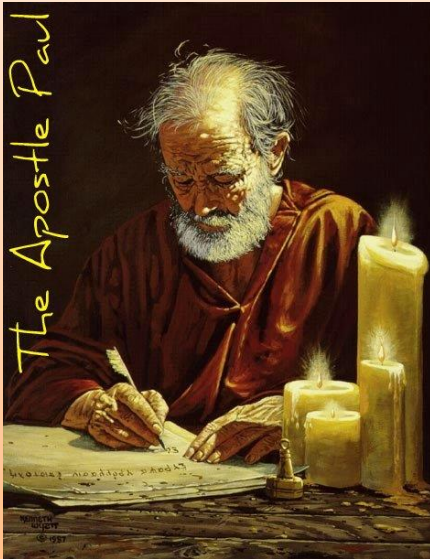
✓ STRUCTURE

» Lesson Preview *Introduction*

➔ » The Local Deception *2 Thessalonians 2:1-2*

» The Man of Sin *2 Thessalonians 2:3-5*

» The Mystery of Sin *2 Thessalonians 2:6-12*



The Local Deception - 2 Thessalonians 2:1 - OBSERVATIONS

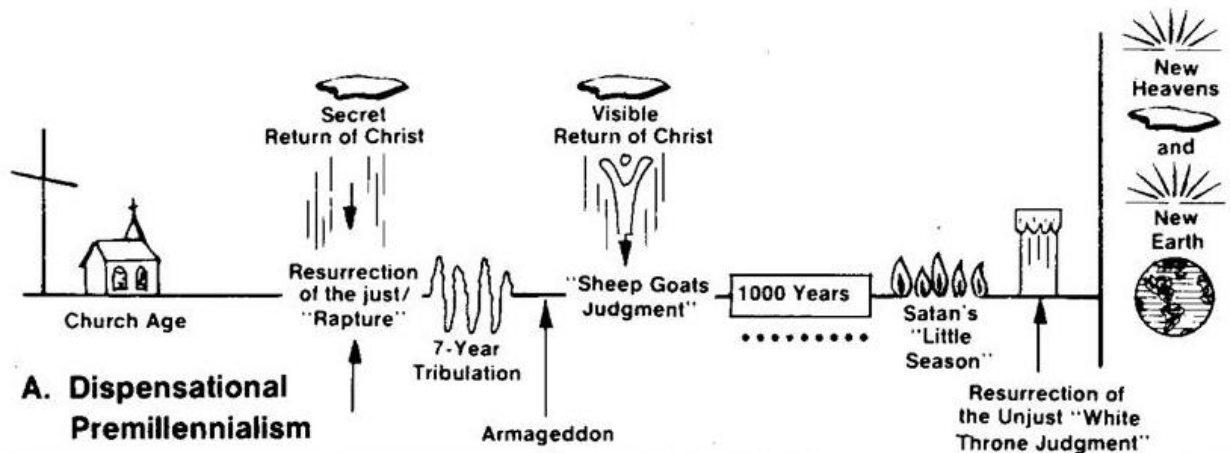
2 Now, **brethren**, concerning **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** and **our gathering together to Him**, we ask **you**, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2... NKJV

The challenge in understanding this chapter comes from the fact that it is a supplement to what Paul has already taught them in words, and we don't know exactly what Paul said to the Thessalonians. Yet the ideas are clear enough if carefully pieced together.

• The Local Deception - Rapture Reference

- **BRETHREN**: **Paul** is addressing **believers**
- In this chapter **Paul** addresses questions raised by **his first letter**, where **he** taught the **Thessalonian believers** about the **catching away of the church** to be with **Jesus** (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)
- **CONTEXT**: PREMILLENNIAL : PRE-TRIBULATION PERSPECTIVE



- **COMING AND GATHERING**: **Rapture** references

The Local Deception - 2 Thessalonians 2:2 - OBSERVATIONS

2 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon **shaken in mind** or **troubled**, either by **spirit** or by **word** or by **letter**, as if from **us**, as **though** the **day of Christ had come**.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2... NKJV



• The Local Deception - Letter Forgery

- Apparently, a **misunderstanding** of **Paul's teaching** had **caused** the **Thessalonians** to be **shaken** in **mind** and **troubled**.
 - **Source** of **misunderstanding** - **FORGED LETTER**
- Here **Paul** uses a **strong wording**,
 - A **sudden jolt** (SHAKEN IN MIND) and
 - A **continuing state of upset** (TROUBLED).
- **Their fears** centered on the **idea** that the **day** of **Christ** had **already come**.
- **They** were **already** in the **Great Tribulation**

SOMETHING TO PONDER

What is the most likely eschatological position Paul taught the Thessalonians?

[Pre-Trib | Mid-Trib | Post-Trib]

The Local Deception - 2 Thessalonians 2:2 - OBSERVATIONS

2 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon **shaken in mind** or **troubled**, either by **spirit** or by **word** or by **letter**, as if from **us**, as **though** the **day of Christ had come**.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2... NKJV



• The Local Deception - Letter Forgery

SOMETHING TO PONDER

What is the most likely eschatological position Paul taught the Thessalonians?

[Pre-Trib | Mid-Trib | Post-Trib]

It is important to notice that the Thessalonians would be shaken or troubled by the thought of being in the Great Tribulation only if they had been taught by Paul that they would escape that period through the rapture. Otherwise they would, in a sense, welcome the Great Tribulation as a necessary prelude to the Second Coming. But Paul had clearly taught them that they would escape God's judgment on this earth during the period known as the day of the Lord or the day of Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:14-18).

The Local Deception - 2 Thessalonians 2:2 - OBSERVATIONS

2 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon **shaken in mind** or **troubled**, either by **spirit** or by **word** or by **letter**, as if from **us**, as though the **day of Christ had come**.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2... NKJV

FOR YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT
THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME
LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:2

• The Local Deception - Letter Forgery

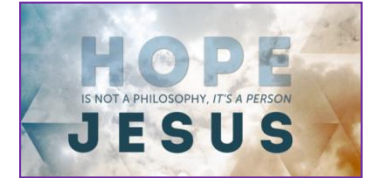
• DAY OF **CHRIST**: Incorrect translation

- *Kyrios* (**Lord**) versus *Christos* (**Christ**)
- Should be DAY OF THE **LORD**
 - The **traditional Jewish expression** for the **day** when **God** would **intervene** in **history** to **destroy His enemies** and **establish His Kingdom** (1000 years).
 - Joel, Zechariah, Isaiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Malachi, Zephaniah, etc.
- In that **Day** ... Time period - not a literal day
 - **Christ** will **rule** with a **rod** of **iron** over the **entire earth** ... Psalm 2:9; Revelation 2:27
 - **He** will **administer absolute justice** ... Isaiah 11:1-9
 - Also, Isaiah 11:10-12; Zephaniah 3:14-20.
 - A **significant aspect** of the **day of the Lord** is the **Great Tribulation** described in Matthew 24:1-31.

Lesson 11 - Outline

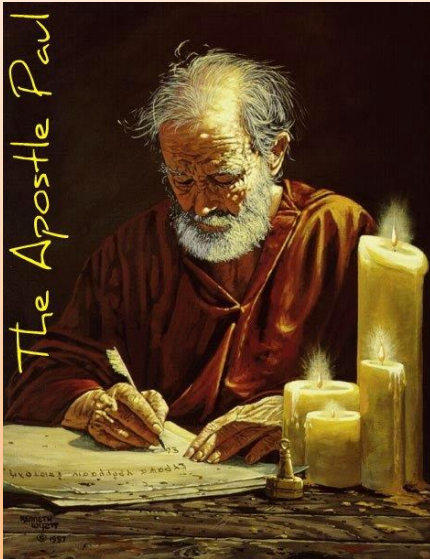
■ Thessalonians: There Is Hope!

- Lesson 11: Blessed Hope: *Part II*



✓ STRUCTURE

- » Lesson Preview *Introduction*
- » The Local Deception *2 Thessalonians 2:1-2*
- ➔ » The Man of Sin *2 Thessalonians 2:3-5*
- » The Mystery of Sin *2 Thessalonians 2:6-12*



The Man of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ Let **no one** deceive you by **any means**; for *that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first*, and the **man of sin** is revealed, the **son of perdition**, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5... NKJV

• The Man of Sin - Deception

- **Paul** gives a **warning** against DECEPTION
 - HOW DO WE GUARD AGAINST DECEPTION?
 - By knowing the **truth**!

³² And you shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you free."
 --- John 8:32 .. NKJV

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. --- John 14:6 ... NKJV

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of **truth**, has come, He will guide you into all **truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. --- John 16:13 ... NKJV

Truth is Truth
 even if no one believes it
a LIE is a LIE
 even if everyone believes it

**TRUTH IS
 NOT
 RELATIVE**

The Man of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ Let **no one** deceive you by **any means**; for *that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first*, and the **man of sin** is revealed, the **son of perdition**, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5... NKJV

• The Man of Sin - Deception

- **THAT DAY**: Refers to the **time** of the **Great Tribulation**
- Before **THAT DAY** arrives what **must happen**

1. THE FALLING AWAY ... THE APOSTASY
2. THE MAN OF SIN IS REVEALED ... SON OF PERDITION (ANTICHRIST)

DAY OF THE LORD - PRECEDENT EVENTS

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. The APOSTASY Must TAKE PLACE | 2:3 |
| 2. The MAN OF SIN Is REVEALED | 2:3 |
| 3. The TEMPLE Must Be REBUILT | 2:4 |
| 4. The RESTRAINER Must Be REMOVED | 2:7 |



The Man of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ Let **no one** deceive you by **any means**; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the **man of sin** is revealed, the **son of perdition**, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

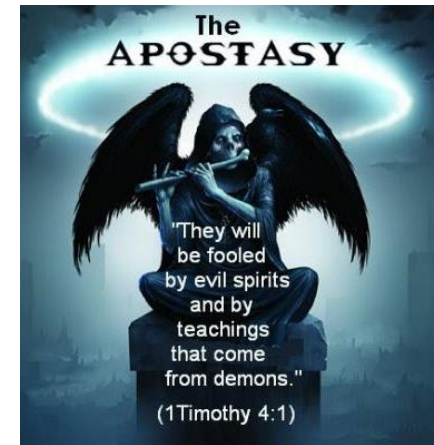
--- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5... NKJV

• The Man of Sin - Deception

• **THE FALLING AWAY**: *apostasia* [ä-po-stä-sē'-ä] - apostasy

- **DELIBERATE** abandonment of a **formerly professed position** or **view**; a **DEFECTION**; a **REJECTION** of a former allegiance.
- Used to denote a **political** or military **rebellion**.
- In the **LXX**: a rebellion against **God** ... Joshua 22:22.
- In **New Testament**:
Acts 21:21; 1 Timothy 4:1;
2 Timothy 3:1-9; 4:3-4; Hebrews 3:12.

DO WE SEE THIS IN
THE CHURCH TODAY?



The Man of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ Let **no one** deceive you by **any means**; for *that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first*, and the **man of sin** is revealed, the **son of perdition**, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5... NKJV

• The Man of Sin - Deception

• THE MAN OF SIN IS REVEALED:

- Before the **Great Tribulation** can be **identified** with certainty, a particular **person** - known as the **man of sin**, - must be **revealed**.
- Paul's point is clear: *"You are worried that we are in the **Great Tribulation** and that you missed the **rapture**. But you can know that we are not in the **Great Tribulation**, because we have not yet seen the **man of sin** revealed."*
- WHO IS THIS MAN OF SIN?
 - An **individual who** will come to **great prominence** in the **very last days**.
 - This was how it was **understood** in the **earliest days** of **Christianity**.

"The fathers understood the Antichrist to be intended, but of this person they seemed to have formed no specific idea."
 ... Clarke

The Man of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ Let **no one** deceive you by **any means**; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the **man of sin** is revealed, the **son of perdition**, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

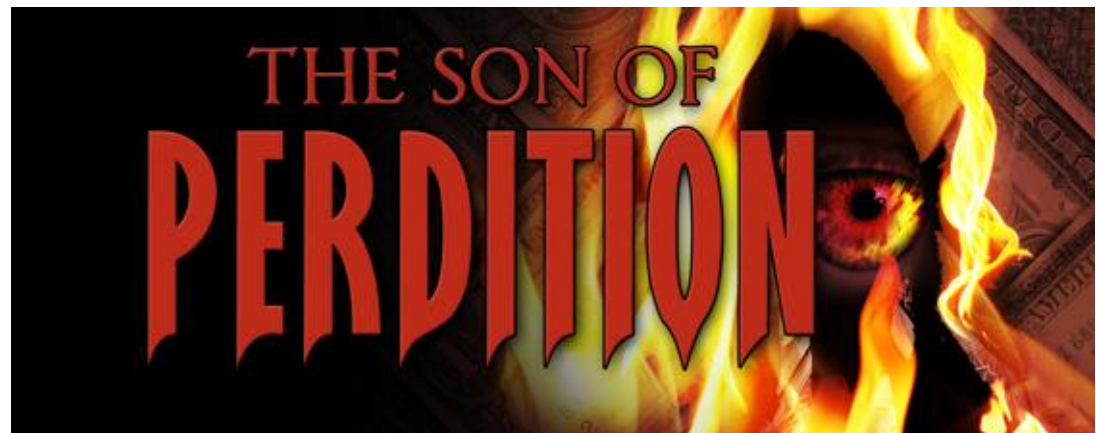
--- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5... NKJV

• The Man of Sin - Deception

• THE SON OF PERDITION:

- PERDITION means **destruction**; complete loss of well-being.
- It is really the **opposite of salvation**.
- To call him the SON OF PERDITION means **his character** is **marked** by this **destruction**.

"The phrase "son of perdition" essentially means the doomed one." ... Moffatt



The Man of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:4 - OBSERVATIONS

³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ **who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God** or that is **worshiped**, so that **he sits as God** in the **temple of God**, **showing himself** that **he is God**.

⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5... NKJV

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11
Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14

• The Man of Sin - What does he do?

• WHO OPPOSES AND EXALTS HIMSELF ABOVE ALL THAT IS CALLED GOD OR IS WORSHIPPED:

- The **man** of **sin** demands **worship** for **himself** that **belongs** to **God** only (Luke 4:8). This **demand** for **worship** is also **described** in Revelation 13:1-6.
- ALL THAT IS CALLED GOD:
 - Every **deity** not just the **God** of **Scripture**
 - Anything that is **worshipped** - *even science*

• SO THAT HE SITS AS GOD IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD:

- The **man** of **sin's** demand for **worship** will be so **extreme**, **he** will set **himself** up as **God** in the **temple** at **Jerusalem**, **demanding** this **blasphemous worship** from **everyone**.
(Revelation 13:14-15 and Matthew 24:15, 21, 29-31)

This is a literal temple is clear from the text, and has been understood as such by even the earliest Christians.

TEMPLE

Naos, inner Holy of Holies."
Not *hieron*, temple complex.

Chuck Missler

The Man of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:4 - OBSERVATIONS

³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ **who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**

⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5... NKJV

• The Man of Sin - What does he do?

• SHOWING HIMSELF THAT HE IS GOD:

- The **man of sin** is truly an **Anti-Christ**. **Satan** has **planned** the **career** of the **man of sin** to **mirror** the **ministry** of **Jesus**.
- Both **Jesus** and the **man of sin**
 - Have a **COMING** (2 Thessalonians 2:1 and 2:9).
 - Have a **REVEALING** (2 Thessalonians 1:7 and 2:3).
 - Have a **GOSPEL** (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11).
 - Say that **they** alone **SHOULD BE WORSHIPPED** (2 Thessalonians 2:4).
 - Have support **their** claims with **MIRACULOUS WORKS** (2 Thessalonians 2:9).
- Clearly, the **man of sin** is **Satan's parody** of the **true Messiah**. Yet in the **end**, the **man of sin** can only **show himself** that **he** is **God**.
- The **coming** of **Jesus** and the **judgment** of **God** will make it **clear** that the **man of sin** is **not God** at all.

The Man of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:5 - OBSERVATIONS

³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

⁵ Do **you** not **remember** that **when I** was **still** with **you I** told **you these things**?

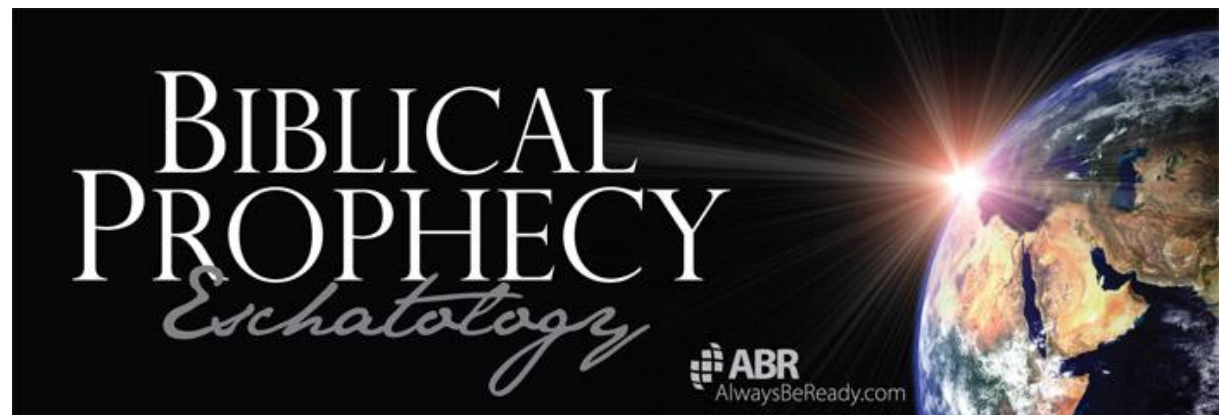
--- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5... NKJV

• The Man of Sin - Remember

• WHEN I WAS STILL WITH YOU I TOLD YOU THESE THINGS:

- **Paul** was only with the **Thessalonians** a **few weeks** (Acts 17:1-10).
- But **Paul** thought it **important** to teach these **brand new Christians** about **Biblical prophecy**, and **he taught them** in some **detail**.

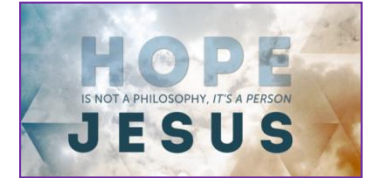
WHY DO YOU THINK BIBLE PROPHECY IS NOT TAUGHT IN THE CHURCH TODAY?



Lesson 11 - Outline

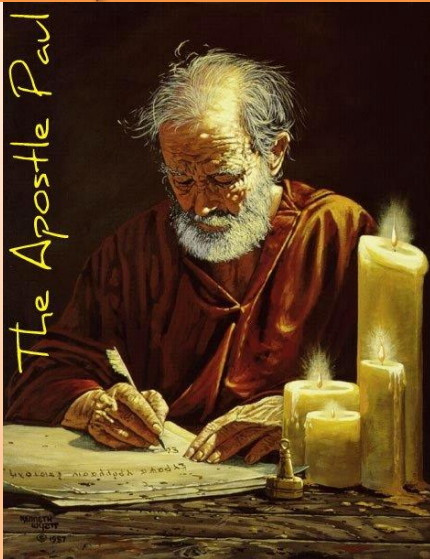
■ Thessalonians: There Is Hope!

• Lesson 11: Blessed Hope: *Part II*



✓ STRUCTURE

- » Lesson Preview *Introduction*
- » The Local Deception *2 Thessalonians 2:1-2*
- » The Man of Sin *2 Thessalonians 2:3-5*
- ➔ » The Mystery of Sin *2 Thessalonians 2:6-12*



The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 - OBSERVATIONS

⁶ And now **you know** what is **restraining**, that **he** may be **revealed** in **his own time**. ⁷ For the **mystery of lawlessness** is **already at work**; only **He** who **now restrains** *will do so until He is taken out of the way*. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-9... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - The Restrainer

• AND NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IS RESTRAINING:

- For now, **Satan** and the **man of sin** are being **restrained**.
- The **principle** of **their working** is now **present**

• **THE** MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS IS ALREADY AT WORK.

- **THE**: definite article
 - **Highlights** the definite **aim** of the **devil** is to **overthrow** the **law** of **God** and **establish his own rule**
 - Not **merely disorder** and **violation** of the **law** in **general**.
- **MYSTERY**: Now divinely revealed
 - Paul uses the term in connection with revelation

Romans 16:26; 1 Corinthians 2:6-12; Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-5; Colossians 1:25-27
- **LAWLESSNESS**: **asserting** the **absence** of **moral absolutes**; **right** and **wrong**. ...*Sound familiar?*
- But at the **right** time, the **Holy Spirit** who now **restrains** **their** full **revelation** will be **taken out of the way**.

The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 - OBSERVATIONS

⁶ And now **you know** what is **restraining**, that **he** may be **revealed** in **his own time**. ⁷ For the **mystery of lawlessness is already at work**; only **He** who **now restrains** *will do so until He is taken out of the way*. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-9... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - The Restrainer

• THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS IS ALREADY AT **WORK**.

- **WORK**: The **active operation** of some **supernatural power**.
 - While the **individual** has not yet been **revealed**, the **spirit** that will **dominate his career** is **already operative**.

• ONLY HE WHO NOW RESTRAINS WILL DO SO **UNTIL HE** ...

- **UNTIL**: There is a **time limit** on the **present restraint**
 - The **Day of the Lord** CANNOT HAPPEN while the **church** is still in the **world**.
- **HE**: The **One restraining**.

WHO IS **HE**?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ROMAN EMPERORS | <input type="checkbox"/> Satan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ROMAN EMPIRE | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HUMAN GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> Providence of God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PAUL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Holy Spirit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ELIJAH | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 - OBSERVATIONS

⁶ And now **you know** what is **restraining**, that **he** may be **revealed** in **his own time**. ⁷ For the **mystery of lawlessness** is **already at work**; only **He** who **now restrains** *will do so until He is taken out of the way*. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-9... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - The Restrainer

• IS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY:

- The **Holy Spirit** will not **leave** the **earth** during the **Great Tribulation** (**Day of the Lord**).
- The **Holy Spirit** will be **present** on the **earth** during the **Great Tribulation** because **many** are **saved, sealed, and serve God during this period** (Revelation 7:3-14 and 14:1-5)
 - This can't happen **without** the **ministry** of the **Holy Spirit**.
- The **Holy Spirit** is **taken out of the way, not removed**.

Where is the Holy Spirit now?

"The special presence of the Spirit as the indweller of saints will terminate abruptly at the *parousia* as it began abruptly at Pentecost. Once the body of Christ has been caught away to heaven, the Spirit's ministry will revert back to what he did for believers during the Old Testament period."

--- Thomas

The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:8 - OBSERVATIONS

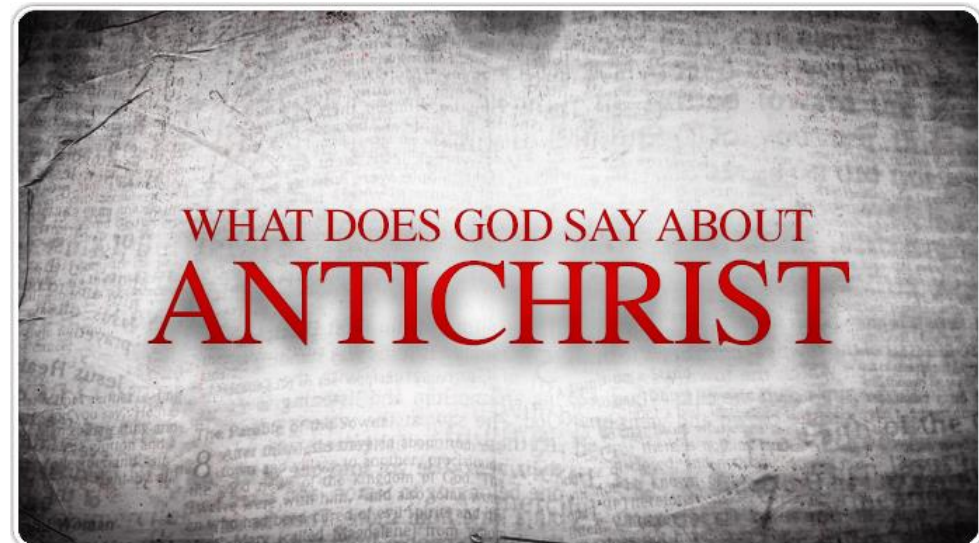
⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the **lawless one** will be **revealed**, whom the **Lord** will **consume** with the **breath** of **His mouth** and **destroy** with the **brightness** of **His coming**. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-9... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - The Lawless One

• AND THEN THE LAWLESS ONE WILL BE REVEALED:

- **Paul** states TWO certain facts, in verse 8, about the **man** of **sin**, here called the **lawless one**.
 - **FIRST**, it is certain that the **lawless one** will be **revealed** when the **Holy Spirit** removes **His restraint**.
 - **SECOND**, it is certain that the **lawless one** will be **destroyed** by the **mere brightness** of **Jesus** at **His coming**. (Matthew 17)



The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:8 - OBSERVATIONS

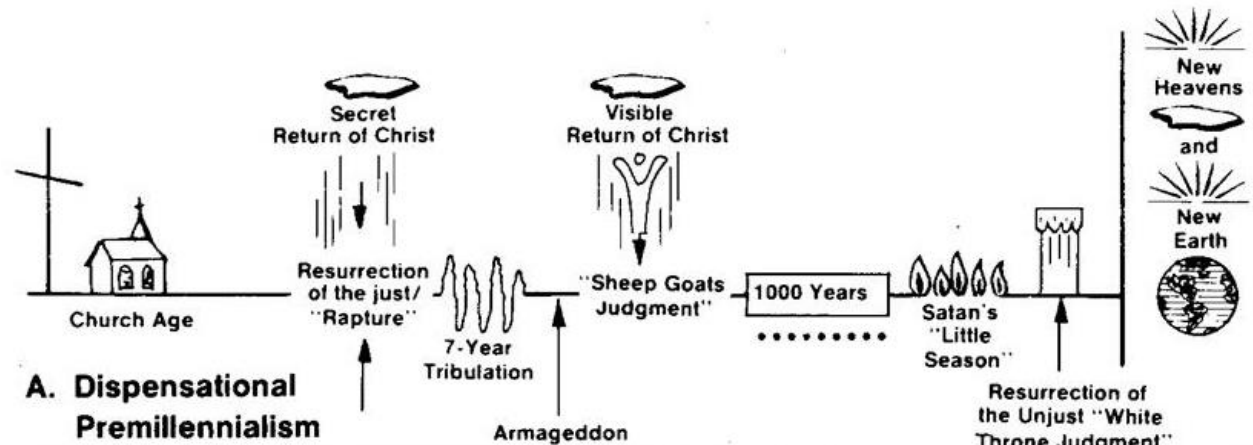
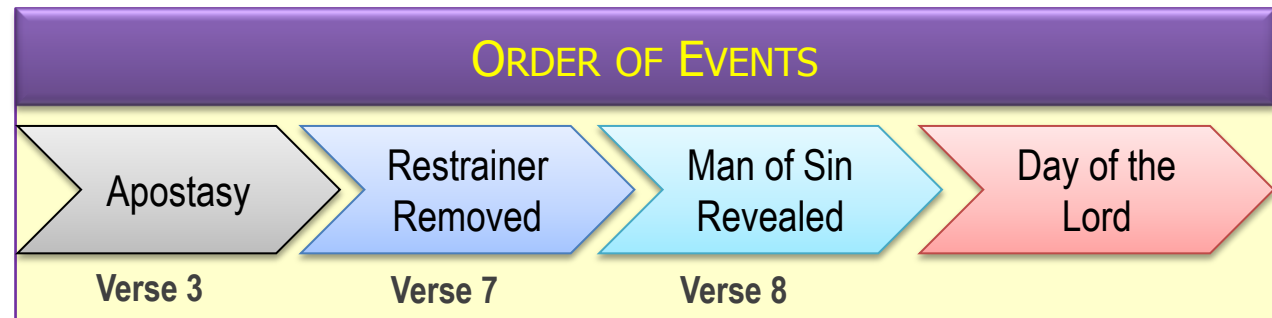
⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the **lawless one** will be **revealed**, whom the Lord will **consume** with the **breath** of **His mouth** and **destroy** with the **brightness** of **His coming**. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-9... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - Sequence of Events

• **AND THEN** THE LAWLESS ONE WILL BE REVEALED:

- **AND THEN**: Emphatically **assets** that the **career** of the **lawless one** will **run** its **course** FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL of the **Restrainer**. Yet, **his final doom** is also **affirmed**.



The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:9 - OBSERVATIONS

⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The **coming** of the **lawless one** is **according** to the **working** of **Satan**, with **all power, signs, and lying wonders**,

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-9... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - Coming According to Satan

- THE COMING OF THE LAWLESS ONE IS ACCORDING TO THE WORKING OF SATAN:

- The **antichrist** will come with **POWER**, with **SIGNS** and with **LYING WONDERS**. ... *Comprehensive description of MIRACLES.*
- If **someone** has **spiritual power**, **signs**, or **wonders**, those are not enough to **prove they** are from **God**.
- Just because its **supernatural** does not mean its **God**.
- All of this is **according** to the **working** of **Satan**, as **described** in Revelation 13:13-17.

COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF MIRACLES

POWER: Denotes the cause of the miracle - the inherent power producing it.
SIGNS: Point to the significance lying behind the miracles.
WONDERS: Indicates the abnormal nature and astonishment they produce.

Seed-War
Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed; He shall
bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:10 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁰ and with **all unrighteous deception** among **those who perish**, because **they** did not **receive** the **love** of the **truth**, that **they might** be **saved**. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - Deception

• IN THEM THAT PERISH:

- **Their cause** for **perishing** lies within **themselves**
- **Their rejection** of **God's provision** ... John 3:19

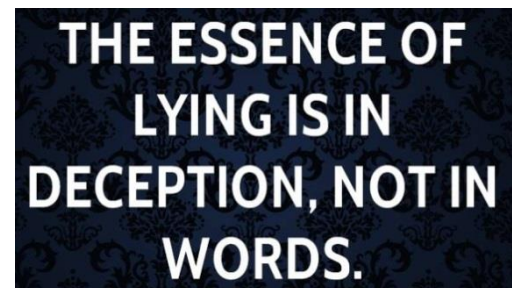
¹⁹ And this is the **condemnation**, that the **LIGHT** has come into the **world**, and **men** loved **DARKNESS** rather than **LIGHT**, because **their deeds** were **evil**.

--- John 3:19 ... NKJV

SOMETHING TO PONDER

No one is in hell for their sins.

People are in hell for not accepting the sacrifice for their sins!



The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:10 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁰ and with **all unrighteous deception** among **those who perish**, because **they** did not **receive** the **love** of the **truth**, that **they might** be **saved**. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - Deception

LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU!

- I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me. **IF ANOTHER SHALL COME IN HIS OWN NAME, HIM YOU WILL RECEIVE.** JOHN 5:43 MKJV
- Jesus said to them, **TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU. For MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME**, saying, I AM CHRIST (The MESSIAH), and will **DECEIVE MANY.** MAT 24:4-5
- **And Many False Prophets Will Rise and DECEIVE MANY.** MAT 24:11 HNV
- I fear that, **AS THE SERPENT DECEIVED EVE BY HIS CUNNING, YOUR MINDS MAY BE CORRUPTED** from a Complete and Pure Devotion to Christ. 2COR 11:3 HCSB

The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:11 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for **this reason** God will **send them strong delusion**, that **they** should **believe the lie**, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12... NKJV

• The Mystery of Sin - Strong Delusion

• GOD WILL SEND THEM STRONG DELUSION:

- God uses **their** choice of **evil** as the very **instrument** to **punish their sin**.
- **They** were first deluded, which was **their** sin; then **God** **sends them** STRONG DELUSION, which is **their punishment**.

... Proverbs 5:22

His own iniquities entrap the wicked **man**,
And **he** is caught in the cords of **his** sin.

--- Proverbs 5:22 ... NKJV

- In the **end**, the **Antichrist** is only **God's messenger**.

• THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE **THE LIE**:

- Specifically, **God** sends **them** **THE LIE**.
- This isn't just any **LIE**, but the **LIE**, the **LIE** that has enthralled the **human race** since **Adam**.
- This is the **LIE** that **God** is not **God** and **we** can be **gods**.



The Mystery of Sin - 2 Thessalonians 2:12 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that **they all** may be **condemned** **who** did not **believe** the **truth** but had **pleasure** in **unrighteousness**.

--- 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12... NKJV



• The Mystery of Sin - Condemned

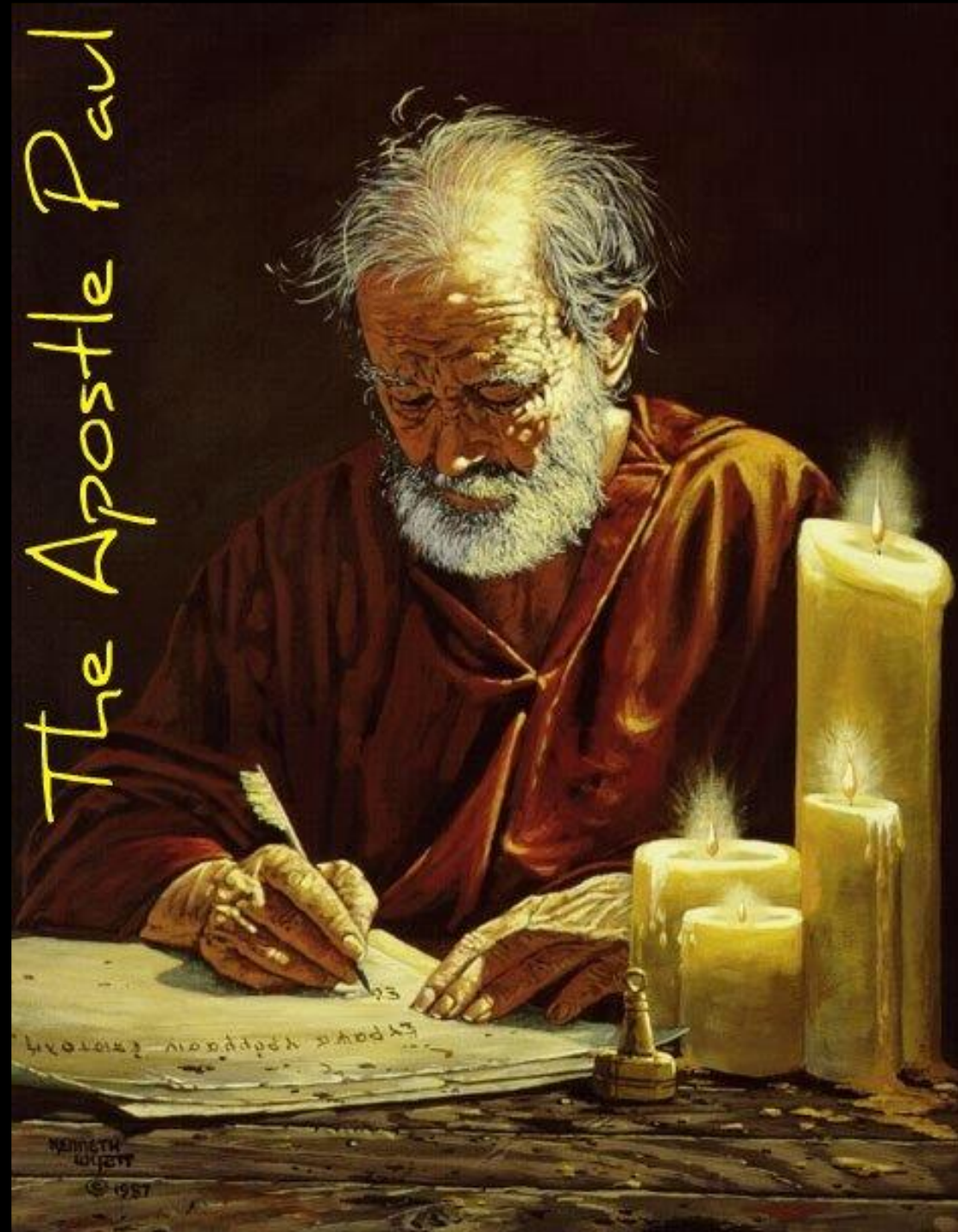
• THAT THEY ALL MY BE CONDEMNED:

- As **God** gives **rebellious man** THE LIE **he desires**, it isn't out of **His generosity**.
- No, it shows **God's judgment** on **those who reject** the **truth**.
 - As Romans 1 points out, this is **God giving man** up to the **depravity** of **his heart** (*his PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS*).
- **Willful rejection** of **truth** has **resulted** in the **love** of **evil**.
- **Evil** had **become** **their good**. SOUND FAMILIAR?

²⁰ Woe to **those who** call evil good, and good evil; **Who** put darkness for light, and light for darkness; **Who** put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

²¹ Woe to **those who** are wise in **their own** eyes, And prudent in **their own** sight! --- Isaiah 5:20-21 ... NKJV

HAVE YOU REALLY TRUSTED CHRIST?
Are you vulnerable to this deception?



The Apostle Paul

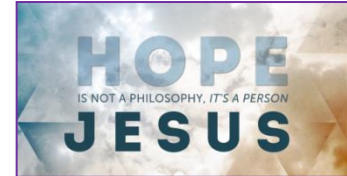
Thessalonians

"There Is Hope!"

End of Lesson



Instructor: Philip Giorgio
www.GiorgioMinistries.com



Thessalonians: There Is Hope!

Lesson **12**:
Blessed Hope: *Part III*
[**2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**]

Next Lesson



Next Lesson

■ Thessalonians: There Is Hope!

- Lesson 01: Introduction [THESSALONIANS]
- Lesson 02: Inspiring Hope [1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10]
- Lesson 03: Working Hope: *Part I* [1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12]
- Lesson 04: Working Hope: *Part II* [1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-20]
- Lesson 05: Purifying Hope: *Part I* [1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-13]
- Lesson 06: Purifying Hope: *Part II* [1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-12]
- Lesson 07: Comforting Hope [1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18]
- Lesson 08: Future Hope: *Part I* [1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11]
- Lesson 09: Future Hope: *Part II* [1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28]
- Lesson 10: Blessed Hope: *Part I* [2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-12]
- Lesson 11: Blessed Hope: *Part II* [2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12]
- Lesson 12: Blessed Hope: *Part III* [2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17]
- Lesson 13: Living Hope [2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-18]

