

# 2 Thessalonians

## CHAPTERS 2

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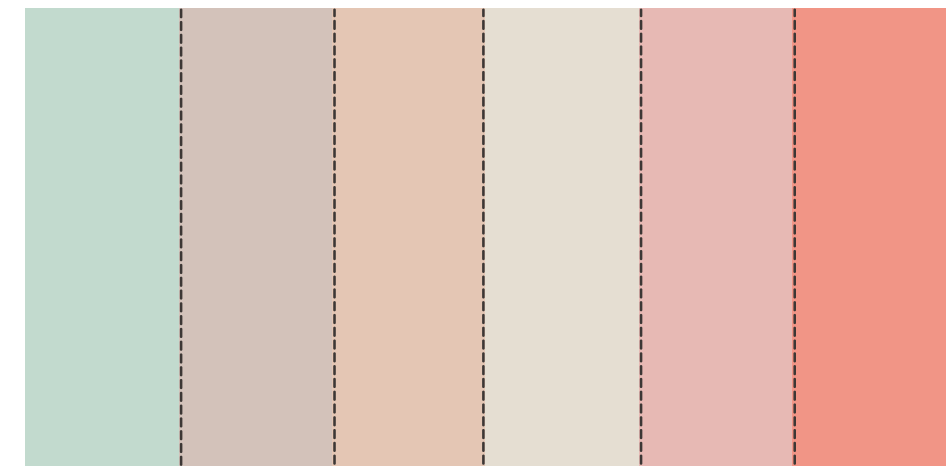
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# WEEK SEVEN: *The Great Apostasy*

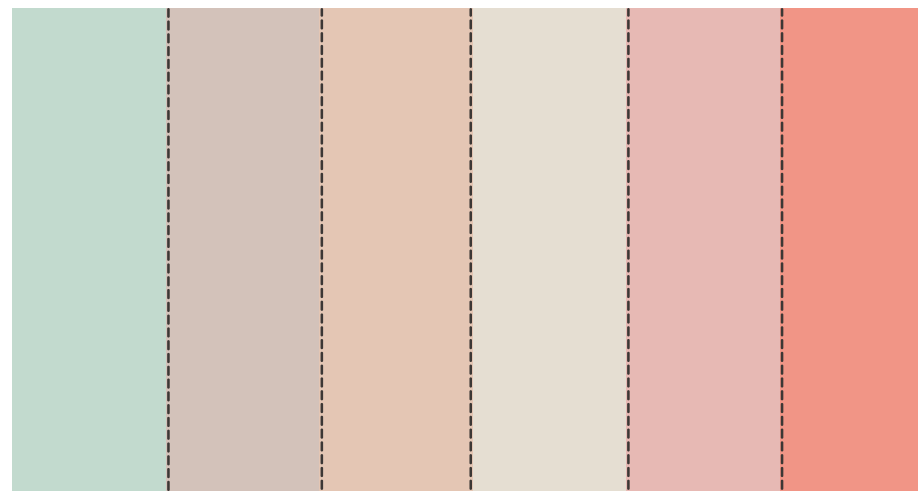
**Don't Be Shaken--Stand Fast**

*Read 2 Thessalonians 2*



# 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work."



# Genesis 3:1-5

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

*“Where am I being deceived?”*

1. Doubting the Word of God (v. 1).
2. “God is holding out on you.” (v. 1)
3. “God is a liar.” (v. 4)
4. Presentation of a counterfeit alternative  
(that worships self.) (v. 5)

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1

“Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,”

Context. Context. Context.

The Holy Spirit builds on what we've  
already learned.

# 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore comfort one another with these words.”



## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

“we ask you, 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.”

*The Thessalonians thought they had missed the rapture and were in the tribulation period. Why?*

*False apostles (teachers) had come in to try to deceive them!*

Just so you know, whenever you are shaken or troubled (in a scary way), that is NOT from the Lord.

Jesus is our Prince of Peace.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

“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, 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.”

# Matthew 24:3-5

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

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Gr: *ap-os-tas-ee'-ah*

I. a falling away, defection, apostasy

Acts 21:21

“but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.”

## 2 Timothy 4:1-5

"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."



Why?

“For men will be lovers of themselves.”

2 Timothy 3:2

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*The Anti-Christ appears because men  
wanted to worship themselves.*

## John 5:42-43

"But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive."

*The Spiritual State of Jerusalem  
in the Last Days  
according to the Bible*

## Revelation 11:7-8

When they [the two witnesses] finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

*The Third Temple:*

*A Counterfeit Alternative  
Offered by Satan  
that Worships Self*



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YOM ATZMA'UT - ISRAEL  
INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE  
ONE DAY WAR

# Acts 7:47-50



“However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:

‘Heaven is My throne,  
And earth is My footstool.

What house will you build for Me? says the Lord,

Or what is the place of My rest?

Has My hand not made all these things?”

# *Israel's Rejection Not Final*

"I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!"

## 2 Thessalonians 2:5-8a

“Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 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. And then the lawless one will be revealed,”

# What do the Scriptures say?

1. Paul told the Thessalonians these things in person.
2. Something is restraining the revealing of the Anti-Christ.
3. that (or because) he may be revealed in his own time.
4. "The mystery of lawlessness is already at work."
5. He (or he) who now restrains will do so until,
6. He (or he) is taken out of the way
7. Then the lawless one will be revealed.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:8b

“whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”

## 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

# Revelation 17:8

The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.



## 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15

"But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle."

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