

# 2 Thessalonians

Week 3 The Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ part 2

February 7, 2024

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

We pick up tonight with verse 5, where Paul refers to the fact that he taught them about these things previously. What things? The Lord has not returned yet- because the man of lawlessness has not yet been revealed.

There have been many men and women of lawlessness throughout history, but there is one who is going to come to rule the world. But he is being held back until the proper time- the time that is in accordance with the plan of God.

1. **Lawlessness in the world. Vs. 7,8.**

It is a secret or a mystery lawlessness. It is working behind the scenes. Unknown and unappreciated. It is not resourced in any man- but rather in spiritual entities. The universe is in rebellion against God and much of what happens is beyond our ability to fully understand, see or interpret. Ephesians 6:10-13; 1 Peter 5:7-9

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The conspiracy against humanity and against the LORD himself will one day arrive in fullness. For now however, the Holy Spirit will hold it back until the church is taken out of the way.

The Lawless one will be revealed to the world once the church is with the Lord, But the Lord will return to do battle against the antichrist. This is the battle of Armageddon.

Rev. 14:14-20, 16:12-16, 19:11-21

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2. **What will be the characteristics of the antichrists work? Verse 9.**

In accordance with the workings of Satan - who masquerades as an angel of light. He will claim to be the messiah. He will use lies and deception. Counterfeit signs, and wonders. Wickedness (having a love for evil and propagating that love). Fear.

Technology is and will be a big factor in spreading the agenda of the antichrist.

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There may come a time when we must detach ourselves from technology. at least resisting its influence on us. We will have to trust less and less of what it offers.

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Those who refuse to love truth will perish. Before they do perish, they will think they are on the right side of things. It will be just as it was in the days of Noah.

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3. **The Lord will send a powerful delusion. Vs 11,12**

In God's working, when people are set on living in deception, He will hand them over to it.

A delusion is a persistent, false psychotic belief regarding the self or persons or objects outside the self that is maintained despite indisputable evidence to the contrary.

This delusion may have already started.

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