

## 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2 part 2 "That Wicked One"

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In part 1 of this study, we read that the apostle Paul saw the necessity of writing to the early Christians; he specifically stated that he did NOT expect the immediate appearance of the Lord, that it would not come, "except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

2TH.2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2TH.2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

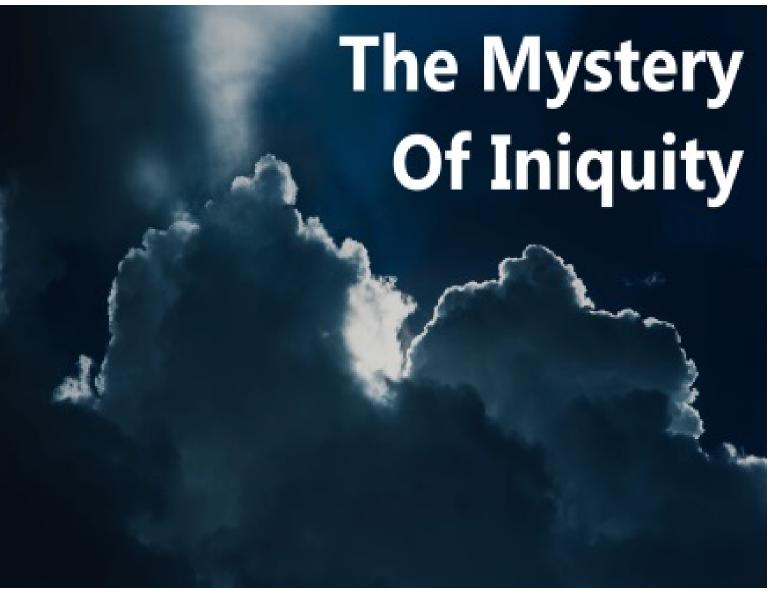
2TH.2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. "And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time." He says, in other

words, the Lord's just holding things back until the Antichrist will be revealed.

"For the mystery of iniquity" That's what the Antichrist and his kingdom are --so diabolical, so devilish, so fiendish, that it's going to be a mystery of iniquity!

"Doth already work!" The Devil was busy working in Paul's day too, wasn't he? The apostle John also made note of this: "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists..." (1JN.2:18)

"Only He who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." The original meaning of this old



English word "*let*" meant "*prevent*", or "hold back". Till now, God has been holding back the floodtide of evil and iniquity, the flood of satanic forces!

But one of these days soon the restraining power of God will be removed like a dam, *"taken away"*, and a great tide of iniquity will flood the World under the reign of the Devil himself - in the



person of the Antichrist!

In this "second" Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul clarifies what he had written earlier in 1Thessalonians, especially chapters 4-5 about Messiah's Return to gather His believing church. Paul explains that the apostasy must come first and the Evil one be revealed.

These two events were standing in the way of Messiah's Second Coming, restraining and delaying the day of Lord! But when that person finally makes his appearance, he will be revealed for who he is, "that Wicked" one. And the Lord will come and destroy him in the awesome power and splendor of His Coming. (See Rev.19:20) 2TH.2:8 And then shall that Wicked be <u>revealed</u>, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

You notice "Wicked" is capitalized in most **Bibles? It means that** Wicked One. Again, Paul writes (third time) that he will be "revealed" then – by his appearance in the Temple, for one thing, and, in our modern world, the broadcasting of his image will spread his influence far and wide. He's certainly going to be "revealed" when he invades the Temple, and possibly, long before that.

Thank the Lord we heeded the signs of the times and were prepared. There are only seven years left!

We don't know for sure now, but at that time (middle of the final 7 years), we will. Even earlier, when the 7-year Covenant (of Daniel 9:27) is signed, we'll know that he's around, whether it's signed in secret or publicly or whatever.

(For more information about these final 7 years, see the chart at the end of this post.)

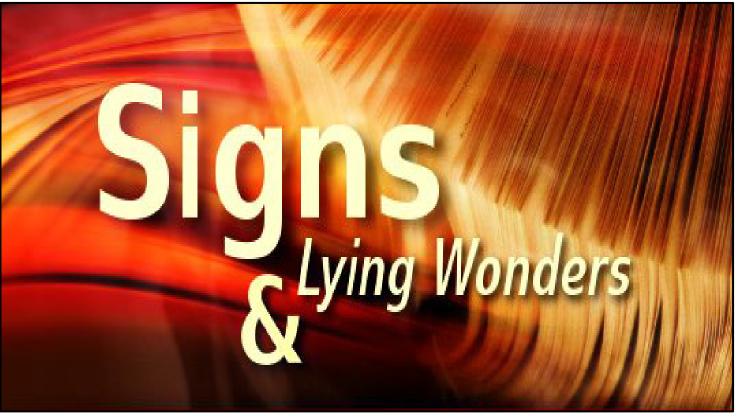
2TH.2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

Rev.13:2 ...and the dragon (the devil) gave him (the Beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority

Dan.8:24 And his power (the Antichrist's) shall be mighty, but not by his own power. (It's the devil's power.)

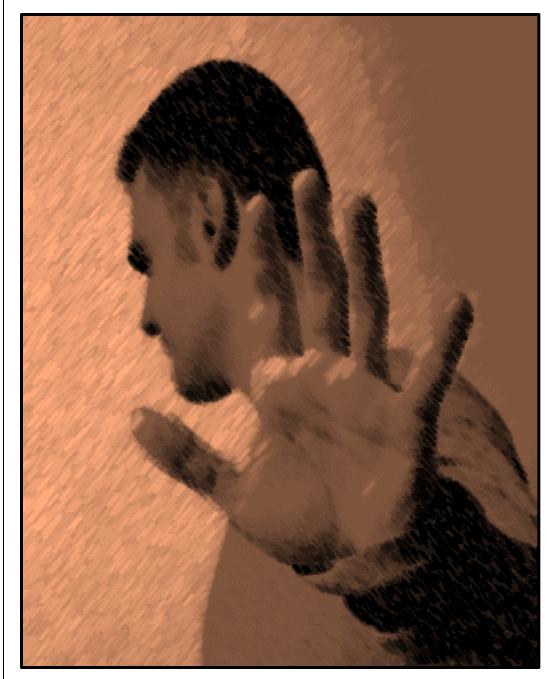
Mat.24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

2TH.2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.



**2TH.2:11** And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, **that they should believe a lie**: *that they might all be damned who believed not the Truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness".* 

God Himself will send them strong delusion and deceive them because they refused the truth. They were wicked and deserved to believe a lie because they didn't want to believe the Truth! So, God will allow them to be deceived and deluded, and as a result they will be sent into perdition!



The apostle Paul foresaw that in the Last Days, "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine (the truth); but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears (ears that want to be tickled with lies!); and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables!" (2Ti.4:3, 4) The time has come, those days are here, their ears have turned from the truth and are turned unto fables! --Like the pseudo-science of evolution, for example!

"Because they received not the love of the truth..." And if you don't like the truth, your only alternative is a lie! –And a plunge into perfidy (or "damnation" as Paul calls it)! If they don't understand the Gospel, if they reject it, then the Lord allows the devil to afflict them with spiritual blindness.

**Elsewhere is written,** "In whom **the god of this World** hath **blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2Cor.4:4)

When they reject the Truth of the Gospel, they've rejected the love of Christ and committed the

unpardonable sin—of rejecting the Holy Spirit. (Mt.12:31, 32)

**2TH.2:12** That **they all might be damned who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1Jn.4:5 They are of the world: therefore, speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, (like the Antichrist's) him ye will receive.

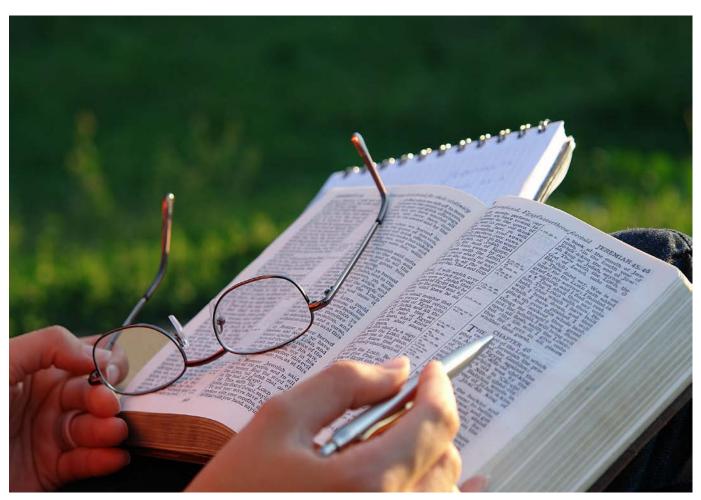
Do you think most of the world is going to believe? Yes, they will, but not in Jesus. They're going to believe, all right, they're going to believe in the Antichrist that he's the Messiah, they're going to fall down and worship him and accept his Mark in their foreheads or in the palm of their hands and be doomed, because they refused to believe in the true Messiah, and they rejected the message of Jesus.

They'll believe in a lie, the false Messiah, his false prophet and his false image; they'll obey, worship him, and take his Mark --firm believers and followers of their god, the false one, the Devil in disguise! They'll show their true colors then, what they've been all the time, children of the *"Wicked" one*, even some who appear to be so religious, such as those *"which say they are Jews but are not, but are of the Synagogue of Satan!" (Re.3:9)* 



## **Conclusion:**

Don't expect Jesus to come along pretty soon, any moment to catch you out of this world on a bed of roses and help you escape from the Tribulation and the Antichrist, his forces, the Mark of the Beast and compulsory worship of the Antichrist! We're sorry if it comes to you as a surprise that you might have to live through the Tribulation, but that's what the Bible teaches! That's the Truth! And we have read it to you here from several Scriptures: in the Words of Jesus, the Words of Paul, the Words of John, various ones, the Words of God's Holy Spirit written in His **Holy Book!** 



Not the adulterated polluted word of some who promote that soft-soap of the false peace prophets, telling you "peace, peace", when there is no peace. -- "Peace and safety" when there's sudden destruction! Don't believe them! Jesus said, don't believe it but believe what <u>I</u> tell you! (*Mat.24:23-27*) This is the way I'm going to come! You'll know it when I come! I'm not going to come secretly, here, or there, but the whole World is going to know it when I come, you're going to know it! And the whole World's going to see you go up and be with Me in Heaven!



And prior to the Second Coming, Paul explains that the Antichrist has to come with his tribulation and his image, his invasion of the Jewish Temple, claiming that he's God, forcing everybody to worship him, the Devil himself in the flesh!

The Devil finally trying to do what he always wanted to do, be what he always wanted to be, God Himself! And causing the World to worship him, not voluntarily, but by force! It's all written right here in the Sacred Book! We've read it to you, it's the truth! Now the rest is up to you, will you believe and receive it? Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is the free gift of God. (*Ephesians 2:8-9*). Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"



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Take time to study the possible order of events on the following page.

