

2 Thessalonians 2 – remember three times referenced- 1) rapture 2) tribulation  
3) second coming

v.1-2 Gathering together to Him- refers to the rapture from *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

- Day of Christ- some had been saying that tribulation had started

- don't be shaken by spirit- prophetic utterances- 1 Thessalonians 5 said not to despise prophecies but also to test all things- How can they be tested ? Only one way , the Word

v.3 Let no one deceive you- the word means not just deceive but to lead astray

- Covid vaccine is not the mark of the beast, doesn't have a chip, doesn't change your DNA

- falling away- apostasia- departure from faith is the normal translation but it can also mean removal, I think this is a dual meaning that there will be a falling away from the faith when the church is removed

- *Revelation 3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'; and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked;*

- in Revelation 17- God tells us of " Mystery Babylon ", this is in part the compromised church that is left after the rapture that is open to anything

v.3-4 man of sin/son of perdition

- see *Matthew 24*- Jesus makes reference to the prophecies of *Daniel 9 &12*

- read *Revelation 13*

v.6-8 He Who restrains is the Holy Spirit working through the church, when that influence is removed, the power of the antichrist will have full reign- see

- *Rev 4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*

v.9-10 working of Satan - with power (dunimas ), same word used for power of Holy Spirit, sign and lying wonders (illusions- Revelation 18:23 says that the antichrist will deceive through sorcery- pharmacia- drugs )

v.11 God sends a delusion- not in an unjust way, they have already rejected the love of truth in previous verse- God now sets their heart

- *Isaiah 29:9 Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; They stagger, but not with intoxicating drink.*

*10 For the LORD has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, namely, the seers.*

### - BELIEVE THE LIE

- *Genesis 3:4-5 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,- same lie Satan has told from the beginning, many variations from you are god to you are not responsible to anyone, situation ethics, etc.*

v.12 They choose unrighteousness

v.13 we are chosen by God from the beginning- no is ever chosen to be lost

- see Hebrews 7 -regarding Levi in Abraham's loins

- John 4:42 and 1 John 4:14- refer to Jesus as Savior of the world

- *1 John 2:2- And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world*

- *1 Pet. 1:1 through 1 Pet. 1:2 (NKJV) 1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:*

- both sides- God's and man's

- chosen by sanctification by the Spirit

- chosen by belief in the truth

v.14 we are called

- by the gospel- message of the cross draws people
- for obtaining glory- being used- *2 Corinthians 4*

v.15 **Stand fast** and hold the traditions- not just any traditions but the Word which has been delivered to us

- **hold fast to the Word**

v.16 God has loved us- this is His motivation for providing salvation

- given us everlasting consolation
- good hope by grace- “ I know the thoughts I think of you...”
- comfort our hearts and establish us in every good word and work