

Escaping Judgement

2 Thess. 2:1-12

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Understanding the Text

Historical context (original audience):

- Someone might say, “This looks like ‘tribulation’ to me!”
- To say the things described in this text refer to the _____, forces something on the text that neither Paul nor the Holy Spirit who inspired His words intended.
- The Great Tribulation is NOT the _____ of the _____
- Written six months after 1 Thess.
- Addressing confusion about the Day of the Lord and a false letter

Literary context (passages surrounding):

- I. Introduction & encouragement (chpt. 1)
- II. Instructions (chpt. 2-3)



A. Correction of prophetic _____ (the Day of the Lord) 2:1-12

B. Admonition to hang on to truth (stand firm) 2:13-17

Structure:

Correction of prophetic error (v. 1-12)

- I. Prophetic _____ (concerning the Parousia – the return of Jesus)(v. 1-2)
- II. _____ (v. 3-12)
 - A. What must happen first (v. 3-4)
 - i. “the _____ comes first,” (v.3b)
 - ii. “and the man of _____ is revealed” (v.3c). Described as:
 - a. the son of _____ (perdition) (v.3d)

- b. Opposes, _____ himself against every 'god' or object of worship (v. 4a)
- c. Takes his seat in the Temple of God, proclaiming himself to be _____ (v. 4b)

B. The Thessalonians should _____ additionally: (v. 5-10)

- i. The man of lawlessness is currently _____ (v. 6a)
- ii. The _____ of the lawless one at Jesus' _____ (v. 8)
- iii. _____ activity in the Lawless One (v. 9a)
 - a. Powerful _____ and _____ (v. 9b)
 - b. Deceiving the _____ (v. 10)
- iv. God's _____ ultimately fulfilled through this (v. 11-12)

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Literary context (passages surrounding):

III. Introduction & encouragement (chpt. 1)

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Structure:

Correction of prophetic error (v. 1-12)

III. Prophetic **crisis** (concerning the Parousia – the return of Jesus)(v. 1-2)

IV. **Correction** (v. 3-12)

A. What must happen first (v. 3-4)

i. “the **rebellion** comes first,” (v.3b)

ii. “and the man of **lawlessness** is revealed” (v.3c).

Described as:

a. the son of **destruction** (perdition) (v.3d)

b. Opposes, **exalts** himself against every ‘god’ or object of worship (v. 4a)

- c. Takes his seat in the Temple of God, proclaiming himself to be **God** (v. 4b)
- B. The Thessalonians should **remember** additionally: (v. 5-10)
 - i. The man of lawlessness is currently **restrained** (v. 6a)
 - ii. The **death** of the lawless one at Jesus' **coming** (v. 8)
 - iii. **Satan's** activity in the Lawless One (v. 9a)
 - a. Powerful **signs** and **wonders** (v. 9b)
 - b. Deceiving the **lost** (v. 10)
 - iv. God's **purposes** ultimately fulfilled through this (v. 11-12)