

The Church and The Blessed Hope **“Explanation for Last Days Deception” (B)** **II Thessalonians 2:1-12**

Introduction - Three reasons Paul wrote II Thessalonians. They were:

1. **Discouraged** by persecution, Ch. 1.
2. **Deceived** by false teachers, Ch. 2.
3. **Disobedient** to divine commands, Ch. 3.

The problem (vv. 2-3a). Two events must happen before “*the Day of the Lord.*” (vs. 3) What?

1. “The” Falling Away, vs. 3.

Note in Greek, a definite article, “*the.*”

- I Tim. 4:1; II Tim. 3:13 & II Tim. 4:3-4.

2. The Rapture of the church and the restrainer removed, vs. 1 & vv. 6-7.

- Only God can hold back Satan!
- Note, Holy Spirit Old Testament & New Testament church age.

3. The Anti-Christ Revealed, vv. 3-5 & vs. 8a.

1. His names:

- “Man of Sin” or “lawlessness”, vs. 3.
- “Son of Perdition” or “destruction”, “Judas,” vs. 3.
- “That Wicked”, vs. 8
- In Daniel 7, 9 - “the Little Horn” & “the Prince who is to come.”
- “The Anti-Christ.” Why? I John 4:3.

2. Ten United Nations of Europe. Rome

3. Covenant with Israel for seven years. The 70th week of Daniel.

4. “I am God” - vs. 4, 3 1/2 years (the title “Anti-Christ”). Daniel, Matt. 24 & Rev. 13.

5. 666 & time of trouble.

6. World War III

His subtle reprove, vs. 5.

4. The Return of Jesus Christ, vv. 8-12.

A. His judgement of Anti-Christ, vv. 8-9.

This verse spans the seven year career of the Anti-Christ.

- Rev. 13:4, “Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with Him?” Answer, Jesus Christ!

B. His judgement of unsaved, vv. 10-12.

- “The Lie,” vs. 11
- “The Truth,” vs. 12

1. The Falling Away

2. The Rapture & Restrainer Removed

3. The Anti-Christ Revealed

4. The Return of Jesus Christ to judge the Anti-Christ and unsaved.