

Questions

1. Read Matthew 24:1-31. What are its parallels with our passage?
2. How anchored do you believe you are in biblical truth to discern truth over a lie? How about specifically with the end times? How could you pursue being better anchored?
3. "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work" (v.7). In what ways do you think the spirit of the antichrist is already active in our day?
4. God through various means is restraining the lawless one until his time. How is it important to remember God's sovereignty as we consider future events?
5. How, in this passage, does the man of lawlessness seek to counterfeit Jesus?
6. What does the rebellious apostacy consist of? How can we protect ourselves from the coming rebellion?
7. How does this passage equip you to live busy with good works and the work God has given you in the present?

THE ^{LN} WAITING LAST ^{LIVING} FOR DAYS ^{LN} JESUS

2 THESALONIANS & 2 PETER

**Prerequisites
for The Day of
the Lord**
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
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Paul doesn't want us to be deceived into thinking the day of the Lord has arrived, so in our passage he tells us that the rebellion and the man of lawlessness must come before that day.

What's more, Paul wants us to know these things so that we don't get lured into sign-seeking but would be busy with good works and the work God has given us.

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

The Rebellion (vv.3, 9-12)

In verse 3, the word "rebellion" in the original language is the word "apostasia".

In verses 9-12, Paul provides some details on the rebellious apostacy. The Rebellious Apostacy consists of:

- _____
(v.10, 11, 12)
- _____
(v.9)
 - His Coming and Works (vv.6-10)
- _____
(v.11)

God is sovereign, and man is responsible. The reason why the lawless one deceives them, and God gives them over to the lie is, because they refuse to love the truth and so be saved.

The Man of Lawlessness (vv.3-4, 6-10)

Although Paul does not use the language of Antichrist, every way in which this man is described fits whom John identifies as the Antichrist. The Antichrist rejects Jesus, and God who sent him, and claims himself to be God. And Paul wants to protect us from being deceived by showing us how the Antichrist is a counterfeit Christ.

Paul tells us about this counterfeit Christ by way of:

- His Identity and Ethos (vv.3-4, 7)