

THE COMING DAY

A BRIEF STUDY OF 2 THESSALONIANS 2 - PT II

*"Let no man deceive you by any means:
for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first,
and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"*

~ 2 Thessalonians 2:3

1. Future Events

- a. When Mary was alive, she was under the law. Did she know? Yes. - Gal 4:4, Lk 2:54-55
- b. Jesus preached a "kingdom come", but first trouble - Mt 24:3, 29-30
- c. Peter said they were in the last days ready for the "day of the Lord" - Acts 2:20
- d. Abomination of desolation - Mt 24:15 (rf. Dan 9:27, 12:11) → Rev 13:3-9
 - i. Then great tribulation, immediately after, signs, and return.
- e. The wrath of God comes with the vials of plagues in Rev 16 in "one hour"
- f. The return of the Lord in fire occurs in Rev 19 where he destroys the beast - Rev 19:9-10
- g. The reign of the Lord declared in Rev 19:6, begins in Rev 20:4

2. Thessalonians Trouble

- a. Their hope of glory was acc. to the mystery - Col 1:27
- b. This based upon the resurrection of Christ - 1 Th 1:9-10, 2:19-20, 3:12-13, 4:16-18, 5:23
- c. *Why shaken in mind?* It requires strength to act on faith w/o sight and face resistance.
 - i. They turned the world upside down and were called troublemakers - Act 17:1-10
 - ii. Were they living in the day of Christ? Was the present all they could hope for?

3. That Day Shall Not Come ... why?

- a. Paul exhorts them to continue in faith describing that their hope will not come until ...
- b. *"there come falling away first"* - A future event. Something must happen.
- c. *"man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition"* - This is a future event (Rev 13)
 - i. 2:4 → The abomination of desolation
- d. 2:6 - *"Now you know"* what do they know? What is keeping the day of Christ, their hope.
 - i. *"withholdeth ... he might be revealed"* - this is the man of sin revealed!
 - ii. *"in his time"* - is not the day of Christ, and not now, but the day of anti-Christ.
- e. 2:7 - *"he who now letteth"* - letteth = withhold, prevent, keep. It is a he, who?
- f. 2:8 - *"taken out of the way"* = *"Wicked be revealed"* = *"be revealed, son of perdition"*
 - i. How do we know? The Lord consumes the beast and the prophet in Rev 19:9-10
 - ii. Yes, even him that is described in Rev 13 and commits the abom. Of desolation.

4. The Mystery of Iniquity

- a. The revelation of the mystery of iniquity found in 2:3,6,8
- b. The man of sin is the man of iniquity - the mystery means he has not yet been revealed.
- c. *"doth already work"* - What day is it?
 - i. Not the day of Christ (our reign with him), the kingdom now, the day of judgment, nor the day of the anti-Christ (has not yet been revealed).
 - ii. The Thess trouble was a token of their enemies unbelief - 2 Th 1:4-6, 3:1-2
- d. What day is it? The day of iniquity that causes the world to sin, reject Christ - Eph 2:2
- e. It is a present evil world, a day of iniquity and sin, but from God a dispensation of grace.
- f. We have been called to glory acc. to grace - not now on the earth - 2Th 2:13-17, Ti 2:13