

"Never Forget that God Is in Control"
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 * October 11, 2020

Removal of believers, 2:1-3a, 5

_____ down – "we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter" (2:1-2)

Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
AND our being

" _____ " – Greek word used only twice in NT, here at Hebrews 10:25

"Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?" (2:5)

_____ **of evil, 2:6, 7b**

Holy Spirit is the restrainer

6 "And you know what is restraining him

7 Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

_____ **and the Man of Sin, 2:3b-4, 7a, 9-10**

Rebellion = a falling away - rebellion against God

Man of lawlessness = the _____

1 John 2:18

First Beast in Rev. 13:1-10

Man of lawlessness will

- present himself as a god to be worshipped (v. 4). See Rev. 13:4, 8
- perform wonders through Satan's _____ (v. 9). See Rev. 13:3-4
- lead the world into rebellion against God (v. 10). See Rev. 13:6-8

"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work" (2:7)

_____ **of Jesus Christ, 2:8, 10-12**

When Jesus returns,

Man of lawlessness will be _____, 8

The unbelieving will be doomed, 10-12

Fill in the blanks: Calm, Gathered, Restrainer, Rebellion, Antichrist, power, Return, defeated

Application:

- Do you trust God to take care of you despite forces of evil at work around us?
- How do you see the Holy Spirit restraining evil in the world today?
- In what ways is our present world prepared for the Rebellion?
- How does the promise of Jesus' return inspire you to live faithfully?

